



# Kiwaniis®

## NORTH MODESTO

### Bulletin

## April 1st<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Meeting

**Presiding:** President Robert started the meeting at 7:08am. President Robert was at the Graffiti Car Museum along with a group of in-person Kiwanians. Pres battling with in person and zoom control

**Song:** Charlie Christensen.

**Pledge:** Lori

**Prayer:** Jeremiah Williams

**Guests:**

Selene Little (CPA Key Club Sec Elect), Eulalia Borba (CPA Key Club VP Elect),  
In Person: Taylor, Mary Ann Sanders. Bob Dunbar (honorary guest for the day)  
And Ed Garcia, Jessica Narayan, Greg Pensinger who are our speakers.

**Announcements:**

Love Modesto coming up April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021. NMK has its own Modesto Ave clean-up project. 24th April. Please contact Jeremiah Williams at (209) 568-3096 to get involved. They have a large variety of community service projects. To review projects, go to <https://www.lovemodesto.com/communityservice>  
All projects are designed to be COVID restriction compliant.



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Food distribution event at King Kennedy Center, Mellis Park, 601 MLK Drive. tomorrow Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pre prepared food boxes. **Help needed**, arrive at 8am for 9 am start and distribution continues until noon or 1 pm. Contact Jeremiah Williams at (209) 568-3096

2020 Covid edition T shirts still available.

Zoom joiners.... we have a fine bucket.

Brent Burnside announced that on Tuesday there is an important meeting to get official OK for the August 20, 21, 22nd Graffiti Car Show.

Board meeting next week at Perkos on Standiford and Oakdale, in person. 6:45am.

NMK Facemasks still available \$15. Contact President Robert.

Please be sure and pay your NMK dues ASAP, if you haven' already. The statements were sent out a few months ago, even including a return envelope.

### **Volunteer Efforts:**

President Roberts weekly question: What has anybody done for the community?

Mike Baldwin helped a homeless man get back to his family in New Jersey. It is this kind of work that solves the underlying issues of homelessness.

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### **Happy/Sad Bucks:**

Roger Suezle - sad/offended buck for missing birthday. Not on roster. March 14th. Age 74.

Rich Humble 50th anniversary.

Phil Fugit. Post Covid trip to Mexico and new Audi Etron.

Eric Benson. Electric Mustang. Willing to pay Lots of money per cylinder on his new car but since it doesn't have any he will offer just \$5 per tire.

Dirk; happy to be here.

Charlie Christensen. Bathroom Remodel and neighbors offering facilities.



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Jeremiah - much applause but not sure why

Brent - trip to Las Vegas. Good to be here in person. God Bless the women in the club.

Lori - Robert needs to pay a fine for missing her birthday which is this very day! 59 years. The zoom/in-person birthday song was an even greater strain on the senses than usual.

### **Birthdays:**

Don Viera 3/30/51. Not present

### **Wedding Anniversaries:**

Kevin Scott 43 years, dinner at Marcellas. Some rocket activity \$45 fine.

### **Membership anniversaries.**

Non

### **Program:**

Judy Herrero, Introduction of speakers.

The speakers: Ed Garcia and Jessica Narayan from the City of Modesto and Greg Pensinger from the Downtown Streets Team, which is a nonprofit.

### **Camp to Home program.**

The program concentrates on the road to self-sufficiency for the homeless.

The current point in time count has been done differently in this Covid year. Homeless count increased 15% per year recently.

Each individual has different needs, physical, mental disabilities, financial difficulties. Some do not want to accept help.

Housing and shelter are important, but the root causes of homelessness include lack of employment and lack of family support system.

The program wants to expand its engagement team, support shelters, expand employment help and case management.

They are offering a road to self-sufficiency.



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As of latest count 1590 individuals in Modesto

Beard Brook park was designated as a camp area and then MOES, Modesto Outdoor emergency center, under 9th street bridge. Tents, Social Services providers, Porta potties.

Attempt to move people from unsheltered to permanent housing.

Camp to Home focuses on unsheltered and moves them through steps to self-sufficiency.

Robust Job training program is biggest part of the program.

Individuals are working on the downtown streets team doing litter abatement. New modules have been added to increase work experience that people can get.

Partner with organization to find permanent employment.

Greg mentioned that our new member Michael Baldwin has been instrumental in helping.

Greg told the story of some of their successes.

Downtown Streets team entered Modesto along with 16 other communities that have adopted this model.

Jessica explained three of their needs.... Hire, House, Donate.

Looking to get 25 individuals hired full time.

Need safe housing options for 25 individuals to secure permanent housing.

Need donations to help program continue into 2022.

Always need more partnerships.

Giving people the fulfillment of a job helps greatly with their confidence, self-worth and self-respect and this helps in other aspects of their rejoining society especially the dignity with which to reconnect with their own families.

Contact information for Greg Pensinger of the Downtown Streets Team is [greg@streetsteam.org](mailto:greg@streetsteam.org) | mobile: (650)833-8663

**Anything else for the good of the order?**

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John Sanders mentioned that they would have a tour of the Car Museum for those who attended in person.

We had 22 in person and 30 on zoom.

### **Adjourn:**

Remember: We are the people who make change in the community.

President Husman adjourned the meeting at 8:07 am.

### **Upcoming Programs:**

April 8 – report from board meeting

April 15 – Curt Willems, Executive Director, Casa de Modesto, about their future plans and their difficult year.

April 22 – for Earth Day: Vicki Rice, recycling program coordinator for the City of Modesto.

April 29 – NMK scholarship award winners (George Bairey, Britta, Lisa, etc.)

**President:** Robert Husman

Vice President: Aaron Kellums

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president: Jim Graham

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**Treasurer:** Jim Felt

### **Board Members:**

**2019-2021** – Laura Maki, Brian Sanders, Gary Wasmund, Bob Riedel

**2020-2022** – Troy Wright, Loren Suelzle, AJ Figueroa, Ana Kanbara