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Bulletin

June 17th, 2021 Meeting

Presiding: Presiding: President Robert Husman, called the meeting to order at 7:08am. After a delay to rearrange parking for a paving crew.

Welcome to NMK.

President Robert was at the Graffiti Car Museum along with a group of in-person Kiwanians and the zoom feed.

Moment of silence for Bob Braden who passed yesterday, June 16th and Bob Gotelli who passed on June 9th. Our Kiwanis family keeps them and their families in their hearts.

Song: Gary Goodman.

Pledge: Jennifer Mullen

Prayer: Jeremiah Williams

There was a call to have a microphone followed by a discussion of hearing aids.
31 in attendance plus quite a few on zoom.

Guests:

Lily, Enoch's Keyclub and district outreach chair

Selena, secretary

Susan Walbridge from Sonora.

Announcements:



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Peace paths project is progressing.

Call on Marty announced that we have dates...Peace path painting Friday June 25th and Friday July 2nd. Time of 7am because it is hot. If you signed up, you are expected!

Randy Cook is still on vacation but remember Blazing saddles. June 26th Saturday 6pm.

4th of July Parade: Jeremiah Williams announced the 148th Annual 4th of July Parade will be held, Saturday July 3, 2021. Starting at 9:30am, downtown. In the evening there will be a fireworks extravaganza at John Thurman Field. The parade is sponsored and run by the Modesto Kiwanis. Happy Birthday America!

Brent announced that the graffiti committee met. Next meeting 7am Perkos July 21st. If you are asked about the parade you can say 'Parade... details to be announced'.

Interclubs

Turlock Black Bear Diner. 7am tomorrow (Friday 18th). Gathering at the Graffiti Museum at 6:15am and then heading to Turlock together. Please contact Ken if you would like additional information.

Volunteer Efforts:

Gary helped out a homeless man.

Susan, worked at a drive thru fundraiser in Sonora.

Brent, always at work on the care show, and a happy in advance buck for Aug 20 thru 22nd.

Birthdays: None.

Wedding Anniversaries:

Steve ashman 6/16

Laura maki 6/16

Membership anniversaries. None.

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Happy/Sad Bucks:

Gary Goodman reminisced on Bob Gotelli and put in a sad \$20.

Loren knew Bob Braden since 1981 at Mid Valley Engineering. Did layout work. Loren got him back into the club after he worked the car show.

Lisa Lodi said that he was not in hospice for long. Sad \$5.

Jim Felt. Happy buck for Bob Gotelli. Bob was always searching for golf balls. That is now known as 'Doing a Gotelli'.

Steve Collins. Happy \$5 for seeing real faces, his first in person meeting in 16 months. Also, Steve has known Bob Gotelli since he was at JC with him.

John Sanders. Happy \$5 that Bob Gotelli and Mike Kelly started Modesto Youth Soccer. Also, that Ross Carol is repaving the parking area.

Lori. Gave a \$50 bill for a Kiwanis family House brick for Terry McGrath and his 50 years of Kiwanis service. Terry has a medallion too.

Karen Bettencourt. Happy buck for good dads. Father's Day this weekend.

Kevin Scott. Happy 20 for vacation in NY. WTC museum. Lunch at coffee shop and saw Bruce Springsteen. Recommends 911 museum.

Program:

Steve Collins introduced Ryan Foy who studied performing arts in New York and is originally from Denver.

Ryan is a founder of the Modesto Children's Museum.

It offers hands on, Learn thru play and STEM related educational fun.

Caregivers can get involved.

70% of Stanislaus kids are not K ready. This lack of preparedness continues thru 3rd grade with reading and onward to college and jobs. We must invest in kids. Creating this amenity does that.



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There are options in Stockton, Lodi or Bay Area but we wanted to create local amenity and instill a love of lifelong learning.

Families will travel up to 2 hours for this kind of thing so why not create it here.

The organization bought 928 11th Street, the old Fat Cat location.

You can take a video tour of the 11500 sq ft.

Climbing center piece. Water play area planned.

Art studio. Maker place.

Many bathrooms, it was a night club!

ADA compliant.

Board of directors.

Original six board members are three couples...

Katie and Jake Barber.

Chelsea and Ryan foy

Jenna and Ryan Brady

There are now five additional recent additions chosen for their skills including Joanna Avila and Ashley Kimble and together the board makes a great team.

They have joined the national Association of Children's Museums.

Carol Scott is currently the acting exec. She has directed 3 other children's museums.

There is great support from community and schools.

The museum is currently keeping visible by distributing STEM kits to organizations such as Boys and Girls clubs and the community.

Is this economically feasible? Sales come from Day tickets, Annual passes and School field trips.

The fund raising goal is 5 million with 2.5 raised already. They need 2.5 more in the next 18 months. There is possible state and fed funding and possible naming donations.

Ryan is confident they are on a path to sustainability.

Opening is slated for 2023.

The museum is looking for 5 % market penetration and to being self-sustaining by 2028.

This area need something to improve quality of life and activities with educational content.

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Such things, including the Car Museum and the Childrens Museum improves Modesto livability. They will make sure it is available to all kids. 'Museums for all'. 'Discover and GO'. The word 'Museum' implies education and introduces kids to positive Museum experience. A suggested ticket price of \$10 too low and the market may well bear a higher price! Ryan is looking forward to the future and to eventually expanding the museum from the space available at the current location.

Raffle

Marble. Bob and table stacks.
Lunch. Karen Bettencourt. \$5.

Anything else for the good of the order?

Jeremiah, remember the 4th of July Parade is on Saturday the 3rd.

Adjourn:

Remember: ***We are the people who make change in the community.***
President Husman adjourned the meeting at 8:12 am.

Upcoming Programs:

-June 24th Save Mart Robots. Mat Teran from Star Ship Technologies. And Save Mart manager Jerald Smith
-TBA. Frank Plouff who will talk about a solution to homelessness.

President: Robert Husman

Vice President: Aaron Kellums

2nd Vice president: Jim Graham

Secretary: Lori Rosman

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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

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