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## NORTH MODESTO

### **Bulletin from July 21<sup>st</sup> , 2022.**

**President Aaron Kellums, presiding.** Bell rung at 7:05am.

**Song:** Gary Goodman

**Pledge:** Susan Powers

**Prayer:** Tim Ragsdale

#### **Guests:**

Former key club Lt gov, Dakota introduced by Ken Nolte.

James Dietrich , from Palm Springs. He is a Kiwanian there and past president.

Taylor Brown, guest of Aaron Kellums.

Sabrina Chmielecki guest of Susan. Powers App submitted.

And it was good to see member Joseph Cosgrove

#### **Good of the community**

Lori Rosman, stayed at home with Covid.

Judy Herrero, started the shopping for art baskets.

Susan Powers, working on breast cancer walk August 3rd. Making Strides.

#### **Announcements.**

Roger Suezle explained the Casa concert on Wed 17th August. 7:30pm at the State Theater. Paul Thorn is the musician. Tickets are available at a negotiated or bid price. See Roger.

#### **Interclub.**

Ken Darby announced.....



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July 26th. Stockton. 12 people signed up. Out of district inter club, visit See Ken Darby to join in the fun.

August interclub at a DCM which includes the Governors visit.

### **SOCIALS.**

Upcoming socials from Randy Cook

Trip tip Barbie this Saturday from 6pm at the Man Cave. Welcome Sean on a visit from back east.

Also

September 16<sup>th</sup> , Friday. De-Installation; it is coming on fast.

October - What else – Oktoberfest.

October 29<sup>th</sup> Wine Day in Lodi.

December = Book and Gift wrapping.

### **Birthdays.**

Steve Perry 15th

Marty Villa, 17th

Jeremy Goodspeed, 21st

### **Wedding Anniversary**

Jason Conway 21st, Gina

### **Club Anniversaries**

Dave Giddings, 30 years

### **HAPPY BUCKS.**

Bob Dunbar. Happy for John Sanders bringing him to the club the last weeks. And Happy to have driven this time, first drive since January.



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Ana Kanbara, Happy 20 for 3 weeks vacation. Also attended kclub DCM. Key club advisor of month was Robert Husman.

Bryan Marks , trip to Hawaii.

Steve Collins, happy he called Bert Barker on the phone and had a chat.

Loren Suezle, sad buck.

Karen Parson-Bettencourt, 5 yr anniv of surgery, still here!

Michael Baldwin, trip to Georgia, training, Kiwanis meeting

James Dietrich, Happy to not be in Palm Springs.

Dakota, circle K at Stan State.

Susan Powers, Tahoe vacation for 5 days.

Adrian Crane, 3 weeks in England visiting relatives.

Bob Reidel, thanks to Michael for car parking help at car show.

Gary Goodman, personal golf related fundraiser. Kenny and Roger.

### **PROGRAM**

Opera Modesto.

Roy Stevens from Opera Modesto. He and his wife Ana Liese jointly run Opera Modesto and are frequent guests.

Roy grew up in Modesto and was Valedictorian of a class of 7 from Paradise elementary ,

At Modesto High he was academically inclined in science subjects and thought it would be crazy to be an artist.

But he went into the arts. Has 4 sisters who got him into the performing arts by making him dress up and perform.

At the age of 18 got a 50 dollar scholarship that got him to take voice lessons which blossomed into a career. Changed his life. Became an international opera singer.

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Inadvertently became leaders of Modesto Opera Company.

Modesto has symphony, ballet and opera. Only city in eastern CA with all three.

In the arts we have a golden age occurring in Modesto. Many great figures in arts have come from here. Roy emphasized that this is world class community.

The opera presents at Gallo center for the arts

Gala concert in the spring of 2023 will be their 40 year celebration.

Pop favorites are what the audiences want but the company can play new material if they call it an educational program and they always get great support for those.

Young local artists create fabulous backdrops. Dancers for Central West Ballet participate. International stars come. During Covid did recorded concerts at Gallo Center. Received awards for these productions.

During Covid their Summer opera institute for teens continued with 394 zoom sessions in 8 days.

They filmed a 'Green screened' concert.

Produced the film and story book 'The Race' based on Aesop's fables. Won awards.

Roy then introduced Lola Fletcher one of the singers.

Lola has been with the opera for 5 years. Reluctant to join but then became enthusiastic.

Has done Carmen, Magic flute and La Boheme.

In the 'Around the World' concert she sings a Hungarian song in honor of her great grandfather from Hungary. Lola then did a wonderful rendition of this Hungarian Song with accompaniment by Margaret Zabel on piano.

Roy reminded us that they need support for their work with teens. They charge a \$200 tuition but it costs \$1000 to put on the course.



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Finally, Roy advertised the Edgar Allen Poe festival in spring. Starting on a Friday 13th. Gary Goodman outdid himself by responding 'How aproPOE'.

### **DRAWINGS.**

**Marble Draw** – Gary , a white, sorry.

**Lunch Money** – Sabrina Chmieleski our guest won the cash pot. Does it still buy lunch?

Meeting Adjourned. 8:11.

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