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NORTH MODESTO

Bulletin from March 16th, 2023

President Jennifer Mullen presiding. Bell rung at 7:04AM.

Song: Gary Goodman

Pledge: Harrison Power

Prayer: Larry Hughes

Are you wearing some green? In honor of St Patrick's day.

Following the 'Luck of the Irish' , President Jennifer had two Scratcher Lottery tickets per table which went to the longest and shortest serving members at each table.

Guests:

Sabrina Christensen is back from UNLV where she is studying Theater Production.

On zoom....Brita Skavdahl, Gary Zimmerman, Marty Villa

Good of the community:

Nico Flores was back at the museum helping move stuff. He also turned up in uniform.

Adrian Crane found a wallet in Riverbank and delivered it to an address in Salida.

Interclub: Ken Darby

We had a visit to Castle Air Museum last week with Robert, Jim, Larry, Lori and Pete.

Modesto visit will be Tuesday April 11th. 15 sign ups for a good showing there.

Then greater Merced and Sonora.

American Graffiti Festival:

The monthly planning meeting was yesterday.

There will be a split turnaround in downtown.



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Sign ups started on the 15th and we got 100 on the the first day.

Even the guy from Idaho with the noisy car, who made several phone calls as well; so he is very keen.

Parade will be June 9th, Festival will be June 10-11th

Announcements:

Jennifer Mullen: Museum Fundraiser Chicken; drive thru on 3/25 at the Museum from 2-6PM
The Modesto Marathon needs volunteers to help at a water station on Sunday morning, 3/26.
Email Adrian.

Special Ed Field Games will be on Friday, April 28th and we need volunteers. See Jim Felt.

April 29th we will host a Pancake Breakfast for Love Modesto. Volunteers are needed to help cook, crack eggs, and spread the word about Kiwanis!

Tim Ragsdale is still collecting SLR film and digital cameras for MJC photography school.

BIRTHDAYS:

March 11th Doug Vandennenden

Roger Suezle. Tuesday March 14th. 76 years. Dinner at Javi's. Doesn't remember his 21st.
Doesn't remember his fiftieth either! 2 dollar birthday

ANNIVERSARYS:

None

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

Gary Wasmund, 36 yrs, 1987

SOCIALS: Randy Cook

Chili cook off this Saturday. See you there.

A Rotary joint mtg is in the works.

The slate for the rest of the year is....

March 23	Past President Meeting
March 26	Modesto Marathon
April 13	Scholarship Meeting



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April 15	Special Olympics - JFK School
April 20	Joint meeting with Rotary - Graffiti Museum
April 28	Special Ed Field Games
April 29	Love Modesto Pancake Breakfast
May TBD	Christian Beret's Clean Up Day
June 7	Graffiti Stuffing Party
June 9	Graffiti Parade
June 10-11	Graffiti Festival & Car Show
July 4	4th of July Parade
July 22	John Sanders Twain Harte Craft Show
September 8	De-Installation & Dinner
October 28	Wine Day - Lodi
December 2	Breakfast with Santa
December 4	Book Sorting
December 6	Toy Wrapping and Social
December 9	Christmas Basket Distribution
December 21	Club Christmas Meeting

HAPPY AND SAD BUCKS:

Steve Perry, Happy for a trip to Pensacola, and sad for a car accident.

New Member Introduction.

Laura Maki presented new member Pat McGrath.

She received her apron from her sponsor Judy Herrero.

The 'Six Objects of Kiwanis' were read with musical accompaniment.

Pat McGrath transferred in from Modesto Kiwanis. She is very familiar with Kiwanis through her own service in the previous club as well as through her husband Terry McGrath who is a legendary Kiwanian in the district.

Pat says '...just likes to do community service'.

PROGRAM:

Judy introduced the program for Steve.



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Learning Quest.

Karen Williams and Josh Cruze.

Karen has been with the literacy programs for 26 years. Reading is the foundation for learning. High school equivalency. HSE. Like GED.

On a video, a Student, Evelyn Toombs explained how important it was for her to go thru the program. Evelyn dropped out in 7th grade. Had to go back and get her GED tests.

We have 50,000 adults in our county who don't have a GED. It would take about 3 years to go through the credit recovery program to get a GED but Learning Quest can improve on that.

Josh has been with the program for 7 year.

Learning Quest has contracts with the sheriffs dept and probation.

They have seen that when they help change someone's life for the better they change their whole families; kids, siblings.

One student Robert, spent 25 years in prison. Came out with no sense of tech. Learning Quest was able to help him use a computer as well as get a GED. Now has a good job and is reconnected with his children.

Another, Bethany, was in an abusive relationship. Got a GED and is now in a masters program at UC Stanislaus and looking to a doctorate program.

They also have an English Language services program. Conversation groups. Lately Afghan refugees are a group that needs English services and help to adjust to our culture.

One nice story was a Nicaraguan lady who was helping make bookmarks. Once it was explained what a bookmark was she was particularly interested. Then they gave her three books, and she was thrilled.

Another, a Mexican women who was an accountant in Mexico but needed improved English so joined an English class. Additionally in the class she got help on advocating for her autistic son for whom she had had trouble navigating the system. After getting information on how to apply for help she practiced in English to describe their situation and were then able to go to the school and get services.

Adult literacy, teach adults how to read.



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During Covid, many older tutors did not come in. These older tutors have not returned so now they need more tutors. They only have about 40 of the 80 tutors they need.

An Afghan couple and 4 children came to the USA as refugees. All the children are now in college. To add to their difficulty, they were visiting family in Kabul in 2021 when Afghanistan fell and were stuck there through the chaos.

Learning Quest also has a program for dyslexic children. 13 children but only 11 tutors!

Help parents to help their children. Homework, phonics, sight words. Very important to leverage the parents abilities.

Currently helping about a 1000 people a year.

Quick Sad Buck.

Bob Dunbar, \$1 sad that the Labrador is now second in popularity to the French bulldog!

Final Announcements

Wear green tomorrow, St Patrick's.

Don't forget the Chili cook off.

MARBLE DRAW: Gary Goodman, got the white marble. Sorry Gary!

LUNCH MONEY: Skipper

Meeting Adjourned at 8:02AM

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