



# Kiwaniis<sup>®</sup>

## NORTH MODESTO

### **Bulletin from July 20th, 2023**

**President Jennifer Mullen presiding.** Bell rung at 7:07AM.

**Song:** Kyle Barker

**Pledge:** Cory Warner

**Prayer:** Robert West

### **GUESTS:**

Not sure about guests as zoom was slow to start the audio.

New members Nicole Boyarsky and Jewell Key

Kyle Barker introduced Ken who is visiting from Ripon.

### **On Zoom:**

Steve Collins, Mark Dunker, Gary Zimmerman, Jeremiah Williams, Britta Skavdahl.

Late Tom Swafford

Postcard from Skipper. His trip to Hawaii is fine free because he sent a postcard.

### **HAPPY/SAD BUCKS:**

Gary Goodman's father was a rabid fisherman. He liked surf fishing. Family surf fishing trip in honour of his father. Great fish dinner with kids and grandkids.

Bob Dunbar. Happy and sad. Oldest son will celebrate his birthday this week, sad that it is his 60<sup>th</sup>.

Tim Ragsdale. Invited to a Sony event in San Francisco. As an avid photographer he had a great time. He was also the best dressed and most experienced (oldest) one there. Happy 5.



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Robert West, Happy and sad. Happy to be here. Has a great job but the travel keeps him away from the meetings. He is a travelling chef with Sysco. Great job but he goes all over the area from the foothills to the coast.

Brent Burnside. On the lake at Tahoe. Did not mail a postcard as no stores on the lake.

Suzy Powers. Great week at Lake Tahoe. Happy \$5 that her foot is recovering. Saw Sammy Hagar at the age of 75, still a great show. Daughter joined her for the last day.

Jeremiah Williams. Stanislaus County Fair is done. Thousands of people enjoyed themselves. The heat did not impact too bad. Congrats to Jeremiah for taking on another post as member of the Fair board.

Charlie Christensen. Happy that the fine for his future European river cruise will be waived. Correction by Jennifer that the fine may be 'reduced'.

Randy Cook. Happy. Golfed in Tahoe.

Bob Riedel. Happy for the postcard information and he will send one from London when he goes there soon.

Lori Rosman, Happy that her daughter had a great soft ball tournament in San Diego.

Channa Kang, helped donate money to kids by working in the Kiwanis beer booth at the county fair. We overlooked her lack of a Kiwanis pin as she worked.

Karen Bettencourt took her boys on a vacation to Newport Beach.

Possum rescue by Bob Dunbar. His wife was up early feeding the dog and saw an animal in the pool. Bob was called and he scooped a possum out of the pool and pushed it to freedom outside the fence.

### **Announcements**

Sign up sheet for Sanders Twain Harte Cabin is still available. But contact Randy if you suddenly decide to go as they need to know the number.

Suzy Powers. Human Trafficking. World Day against Trafficking. Be aware of human trafficking and spread awareness. 'Sound of Freedom' at Brendan Theater.



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At our August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, American Graffiti shirts. All kinds of fun and prizes. Wear you car show shirts and T shirts and we will have fun photos and prizes.

We need a new joint program chair. Steve Collins is stepping down after many, many years as program chair. We can also have any program ideas from members. Big thanks to Steve Collins for his work.

Our August 17<sup>th</sup> breakfast meeting will be at MJC West Great Valley Museum.

Send a postcard if you are travelling in July or August and you can save a fine!

Our club address is **POB 473, Modesto, CA, 95353**

### **INTERCLUBS: Ken Darby**

No interclub visits in July, but some coming up.....

Monday August 14<sup>th</sup>, Greater Merced at the Elks Club. Lunch, 12 noon.

Inter-district visit to the Lodi club on Thursday August 24<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast at 6:40am It is a large club with 65 members, which will be an interesting change from the smaller clubs we usually visit in our district.

Wednesday Sept 20<sup>th</sup> Merced club. 6pm evening meeting.

Oakdale visit is still up in the air. Maybe in September, their club is 'dark' for the summer.

### **SOCIALS: Randy Cook**

Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Twain Harte. Barbecue at Sanders cabin. 4pm barbecue time. The Twain Harte Arts and Crafts fair or 9 hole golfing can be combined with the social to make a great day in the foothills. Barbecue of hamburgers or hotdogs.

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Friday September 8th De-Installation Dinner at the Man Cave.

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

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

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

Steve Perry, July 15<sup>th</sup>. Not here this morning.

Marty Villa, July 17<sup>th</sup>. Escaped the heat to the Monterey Peninsula. Temperature almost half. On his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday he was on a mission in Nicaragua.

Jeremy Goodspeed, 20<sup>th</sup>. We could have had a song but he was not here.

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:**

No anniversaries.

### **MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

David Giddings, 31 years.

### **PROGRAM:**

Judy introduced Joyce Gandelman, along with Byron Nelson from the Senior Advocacy Project. Joyce worked at the Modesto Bee and then went through Law School.

The big theme was the frequency of scams aimed at senior citizens. They come in via phone calls, social media and emails. Everybody has been scammed. For instance the grandparent scam. Pay up or be deported.



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Joyce quoted from (and passed out copies of) an article in this month's Consumer Reports magazine.

After Ken Darby described his frustrating experience with identity theft and told people not to bother reporting it to police department, Byron said people should report scams, even if the police don't seem to be able to do much. It helps authorities keep track of the scams that are going around and to identify new ones.

A couple of key points:

If you don't recognize the number on your phone, don't answer the call. If it is someone who really needs to reach you, they'll leave a message.

Also the proverbial -- if it seems to be too good to be true, it probably is.

A number of members wanted to share their experiences, which proved it is a high-interest topic but also cut into the speakers' time.

They also offer Legal aid for senior citizens. If you are 60 or over you are eligible for aid. They can help with elder abuse, scams, housing and credit issues.

### Reminders

**MARBLE DRAW:** Rich Humble, there were only two marbles and unfortunately he pulled the white one, sorry. Is next week a shoo-in or do all the marbles get re-added?

**LUNCH MONEY:** Drawn by Larry Hughes.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:012AM



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