



Kiwanis[®]

NORTH MODESTO

Bulletin from July 24, 2025, Meeting

President Laurie Maki presiding.

Song: Gary Goodman

Pledge: Brent Burnside

Prayer: Tim Ragsdale

Scribe: Judy

Side note: We had a wonderful buffet breakfast with eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, pancake, and more. Thank you to Howard Prep, Jesus and his team.

GUESTS: Pat Glatke introduced John Murray, who has turned in his membership application.

INTERCLUBS – Larry said the last one of the Kiwanis year will be Sept. 3 in Merced. 6 a.m.

SOCIALS: Randy Cook:

This Saturday, July 26 – Twain Harte festival and fun at the Sanders cabin. MaryAnn needs to know what people will be bringing so if you weren't there to put info on the signup sheet, please let her know.

Aug 7 – our weekly meeting will be at the Great Valley Museum on the MJC West Campus.

FROM BRENT: IT'S NOT TOO SOON TO PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR: The 2026 American Graffiti Festival & Car Show will be June 12-14.

Jeremiah brought several golf-related items that had belonged to Steve Collins. If members are interested in an item, they are invited to make a donation to the MJC theater program or Opera Modesto.

BIRTHDAYS:

Jeremy Goodspeed had a birthday on July 20.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Jason Conway and his wife on July 21

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES:

None this week.



Kiwaniis®

NORTH MODESTO

HAPPY BUCKS:

Brian Sanders was distressed to learn that he had slipped to the 4th position in standings for the Master Division for Sling Golf. He and Debbie went to a major tournament in Pennsylvania which Brian won, putting him back atop the division. They spent a few more days and visited the NFL Hall of Fame and attended a Cleveland baseball game.

Karen Bettencourt has several things she's happy about – school will be starting soon; her 36-year-old-son announced his engagement and she had a nice chat with Judy Darby at Wednesday evening's Graffiti party. Among the things she learned: Judy was just out of the hospital where nurses had given Ken a nickname – the Silver Fox. That made Ken a red-faced Silver Fox this morning. Karen also said her family enjoyed the bullfighting at the county fair.

Jim Felt was looking for a place to kill time while their house was being cleaned so he enjoyed the new Brad Pitt film F-1. The noise in the movie covered up the snoring sounds from the young man sitting in front of him.

Marty Villa reported that there was lots of parking available at the garage by Fuzios, a fact he learned after going to the wrong place for our meeting this morning. He had a happy \$20 for the birthday song we sang last week, when Marty was participating in the meeting via Zoom.

Jeremiah is happy that both the July 4th parade and the Stanislaus County Fair are behind him for the year. The fair did well this year after losing \$\$\$ last year due to a heat wave.

Randy missed last week's meeting because he was golfing with Nikko.

Pat Glatke was happy to get to know prospective member John Murray and his wife, Pat, at Wednesday's Graffiti celebration.

Judy H thanked Pat for answering the car show phone while Judy was in NY.

Brian S acknowledged Jeremiah and the city for approving an extension of the Virginia Corridor, which will ultimately create a 10-mile protected bike lane that reaches MJC West.

Brent shared that the last of the receipts and expenses are in showing that the car show grossed \$311,000 and netted \$185,000.

Laurie thanked Brian for leading last week's meeting. She was in San Diego for a work conference and got to play the Torrey Pines Golf Course. The next job duty was a deans' retreat in Knights Ferry.



Kiwanis[®]

NORTH MODESTO

PROGRAM:

Our host, Jesus Munoz, provided history on his arrival in the United States from Mexico and also a history of the founding of Howard Prep, formerly known as Howard Training Center. It was incorporated as a nonprofit in 1953 to support people with mental and developmental disabilities.

Its programs have evolved over the years, in part due to changes from COVID and in state laws regarding minimum wages. He explained the community integration program, which gives clients the option to choose the activities they will be involved in that week. The agency provides training in kitchen and meal prep and works to place clients in jobs in the community. A recent success story is a client who has been hired to work at the Patterson cemetery.

Another program, called Home At Last, offers independent living through shared housing arrangements.

Jesus shared a booklet that describes Howard Prep's goals for renovating and expanding its facilities. He said the organization has financial needs but he also welcomes ideas for improvement. For more info <http://howardprep.org/>

MARBLE DRAW: Lori Rosman had the right ticket but she pulled a white marble.

COFFEE MONEY: Jim Felt