

# Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



**April 23, 2020**

We Zoomed again, under the capable guidance of the President Robert Husman.

Lori Rosman introduced her guest – Mike Ayala from Sonora Kiwanis. They are looking at this format for their meetings too. It was nice to have Eric Benson join us again.

Tim Ragsdale led the pledge; Marty Villa offered the prayer.

## **PROGRAM**

Our member Laura Maki, dean of Science, Math & Engineering at MJC, arranged for and introduced our speaker – Arnold Chavez, director of the Great Valley Museum. Arnold took us on a virtual walking tour of the new Great Valley Natural Lab, located beside the beautiful Science Center on the West Campus.

It was constructed over about 11 months and Arnold tracked the progress via photos. Here is the link to the time-lapse video of the construction he mentioned in his talk --

[https://youtu.be/RxGloXZEX\\_k](https://youtu.be/RxGloXZEX_k)

It was arranged to mimic our Central Valley and the plants/rocks/etc. that would be seen in the valley up to the foothills and the mountains. Professors from various disciplines helped in the plan. A geology expert selected the rocks, including a grinding rock. Other highlights:

--kill deer whose eggs were protected in the building process

-- a concrete circle that will become a human sundial (think shadows)

-- a greenhouse where students will grow plants, including those to feed some of the live animals inside the museum

-- A seating area to offer tours for students and other groups

-- Two dig pits for students to learn about archeology. A T-rex skull can be unearthed in one.

While MJC buildings are closed due to the pandemic, people are allowed to walk around the campus, including through the natural lab.

Arnold said the closure has prompted the museum staff to look for new ways to reach people online and otherwise. A series of curbside science kits, aimed at elementary school age students, was distributed and another will be coming out soon. (Hint, hint – check the museum Facebook and Instagram page. Monday may be release day).

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## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Loren Suelzle moved that nominations for officers for 2020-21 be closed and the slate accepted. Bob Riedel seconded. The motion passed by a show of hands. Next year's board will be:

Immediate Past president: Robert Husman

President: Britta Skavdahl

1st VP: Aaron Kellums

2nd VP: Jim Graham

Board Member 2020- 2022: Jim Felt

Board Member 2020- 2022: Loren Suelzle

Board Member 2020- 2022: James Goss

Board Member 2020- 2022: Ana Kanbara

Secretary: Lori Rosman

Treasurer: Cathy Line

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/SHARING

Gary Goodman talked with Skipper, who is marking 15 years in his job with Food 4 Less and who recently got a raise.

Tim Ragsdale urged everyone to read the new public health order from Stanislaus County which gives guidelines on what can be open and what can't and guidelines for operation. It is available at: <http://www.schsa.org/publichealth/pages/corona-virus/>

Robert said that when we resume meetings in person, he will ask the Elks Lodge to set up for four people per table. Members can help with the set-up, as needed.

Background become an important/fun topic when on a video conference. Brian Sanders is most creative. Jennifer has a blurry copy of the Golden Gate Bridge and Robert Husman is in a pilot's seat in the sky. Larry Hughes suggested that he had the messiest bookcase in the background but Eric Benson challenged him. Our Thursday morning fun continues!

**Next week's program:** Brittany Thayer, executive director of The Chemo Crew

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 3 – The new date for Love Modesto.

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<b>Current Board</b>			
President	Robert Husman	2017-2019	Randy Cook, Tim Ragsdale
1st Vice President	Britta Skavdahl		George Bairey, Bill Heyden
2nd Vice President	Aaron Kellums		
Past president	Adrian Crane	2018-2020	Bob Riedel, Gary Wasmund
Secretary	Lori Rosman		Brian Sanders, Laura Maki
Treasurer	Cathy Line		
<b>Event Committee Chairs</b>			
NMK Field Games	Jim Felt	CASA Golf Tourney	Jim Toal
Chicken A Go Go	Charlie Christensen	Breakfast with Santa	Jennifer Mullen
Christmas Baskets	Marty Villa	Graffiti Festival	Brent Burnside
<b>Committee Chairs</b>			
Community Services	Richard Reimche	Member retention	
Young Children Priority	Jeremiah Williams	Social Committee	Randy Cook
Youth Services	Sabine Saso	Programs	Steve Collins, Judy Herrero
Sponsored Youth	Brent (E), Ken Nolte (V)	New Member Bios	George Bairey
	Bill M (Central),	Soccer Club Liaison	George Bairey
	Odette & Marty (Davis)	Web Master	Trish Christensen
Spiritual Aims	Marty Villa	New Member Orienta-	Roger Suelzle, Steve Collins
Scholarships	Bill Ryan	Fiscal Oversight	Jim Graham
		Sunshine/cards	Judy Herrero
Membership Growth	Robert Husman	InterClubs	Ken Darby
Insurance Commissioner	Bill Ryan	Publicity Chair	Kyle Barker, Trish C