

Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



May 21, 2020

Presiding: President Robert Husman, of course.

Flag holder: Lori Rosman; pledge leader: Sean O'Neal from Mississippi

Prayer: Marty Villa

GRAFFITI PARADE

Robert said the club has backed away from any involvement in a virtual Graffiti parade on June 12 after the promoter of it immediately jumped the gun and did not respect our guidelines. AG leaders met with Chris Murphy and we will run an ad in the upcoming Modesto View that says we are looking forward to the 2021 event. We are likely to be selling T-shirts and maybe posters. Larry and Patti offered to help with the mailing.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

--Today is Gary Goodman's birthday -- #76 -- and the birthday song is just as bad over Zoom as in person. Son-in-law Billy Schwarz and family joined in the well wishes.

--Bob Riedel and Eileen celebrated their 41st anniversary on Tuesday. They have purchased a new motorhome, a 1999 40-foot Beaver.

--Loren and Paula Suelzle are celebrating #37 today with lots of walking, a Kiwanis meeting, etc.

Lori reminded everyone that their fine checks should be mailed to PO Box 473, Modesto 95353. Robert said fines may have to go up next year because of lost income this spring ☹️

PROGRAM

Marty introduced our speaker, who he has known for years: Ken Sylvia, the new executive director of Youth For Christ locally. Ken thanked our club for years of supporting Youth for Christ and then shared his own story as a teenager acting as a surrogate parent to his siblings during their parents' divorce.

He said the organization works primarily with 11-19 year olds. "We're not weird Bible thumpers. We want to just love people," Ken explained.

The staff and volunteers work with young people in their neighborhoods, on school campuses and at juvenile hall. In the final six months of 2019, they served 2,700 youth and had an ongoing relationship with 835 of them.

Their mentoring and counseling work continues through the pandemic, with much of it done via Instagram, Facebook, Zoom and other online programs.

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Ken said it used to be that adults had credibility with young people simply because of their age. Now, it can take much more to establish a trusting relationship. He is concerned that many students are suffering during the stay-at-home orders and described one teen for whom her weekly one-hour conversation with her mentor is the highlight of her week.

Looking to the future, he hopes to have a mass recruitment of volunteers, expand more services to all four counties that the organization serves (Stanislaus, Merced, Tuolumne and Mariposa) and boost the after-care mentoring program to juveniles after they get out of juvenile hall.

People can learn more about Youth for Christ at an online program scheduled from 12 to 12:45 p.m. June 9. Contact Ken at ksylvia@scyfc.com to get an email invitation to the free Zoom presentation.

HAPPY BUCKS

Marty Villa -- With Britta moving to Nebraska, we need a place to store the toys and art basket items that have already been purchased for Christmas. Marty is happy that Skipper Fricke is providing the space in his garage, and Marty and Allan Ramsay will be moving the items this afternoon.

Adrian Crane is happy to have gotten out of town for several days with a couple of friends to the Owens Valley wilderness area.

Loren tattled on Richard Reimche, saying he got an "illegal" hair cut in Lodi.

Lori is happy that she completed four days of Lt. governor training via Zoom at home and didn't have to go to Rancho Cucamonga for it.

Sean is happy to have survived brutal encounter with poison ivy.

Marci Boucher joined us from afar and said she is busy working from home. Milwaukee has 5,000 cases of COVID 19 but she is not in the city itself. Her daughter will be getting married July 11 but they'll wait until next year for the party to celebrate.

Upcoming Thursday Morning Programs

May 28: Carla Strong, executive director of Howard Prep, (formerly Howard Training Center) "Surprising the World"

June 4 – report from this month's board meeting

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June 11 – Kirk Brennan, Stanislaus County deputy district attorney handling real estate fraud. Will the pandemic and economic troubles spawn more scams and schemes? They are concerned

June 18 – Ruben Imperial, director of Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, about mental health challenges linked to the pandemic.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 3 – The new date for Love Modesto.

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Current Board			
President	Robert Husman	2017-2019	Randy Cook, Tim Ragsdale
1st Vice President	Britta Skavdahl		George Bairey, Bill Heyden
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Past president	Adrian Crane	2018-2020	Bob Riedel, Gary Wasmund
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Event Committee Chairs			
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
Committee Chairs			
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
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