



# Kiwaniis®

## NORTH MODESTO

### Bulletin

## January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Meeting

**Presiding:**

President Robert Husman, called the meeting to order at 7:05am.

**Pledge:**

Jennifer Mullen

**Prayer:**

Jeremiah Williams was persuaded to pull to the side of the road and lead us in prayer.

**Guests:**

Wendy Byrd; Program

Grant Genasci - Introduced by Lisa Lodi. – Grant is a teacher at Johannesburg High

Ryan Hanie – Introduced by Adrian Crane

Dakota Caton - Enoch's key club secretary and new district Lt gov elect

Mariana Arellano - Vanguard Key Club secretary

Zoei Quach - Grace Davis key club president

In addition we had our own Kiwanis members from out of state:

Randy Cook and Bob Reidel called in from Beaver Creek Colorado.

President Robert reminded them of the P.O. Box 473. CA, 95353 for out of state fines.

Britta Skahvdahl called in as usual from Nebraska

Also it was good to see Gary Zimmerman, Murray Breeze and Steve Perry.



# Kiwaniis<sup>®</sup>

## NORTH MODESTO

### **Announcements:**

There was a key Club DCM on Saturday. Dakota was elected to Lt gov elect. He gave a great speech.

DCM last Thursday but without Lori Rosman here today we will hold off on the report.

Judy Herrero mentioned our new Facebook page and the video posted by key clubber Keziah Vibieda.

### **Volunteer Efforts:**

President Roberts weekly question: *What has anybody done for the community?*

Judy Herrero was a judge for academic decathlon. All was done online and worked smoothly.

Kevin Scott helped neighbor with gutter clean out.

Adrian Crane, fixed kids bikes.

### **Announcements.**

We all need a good Crab Feed now and Richard Reimche has the details on the upcoming HowardPrep (formerly known as The Howard Training Center & a nonprofit NMK has supported for many years) Crab Feed for Feb. 5th & 6th. The event promises to be all-you-can-eat, with a parade and auction, all virtually. Tickets \$50. Info available at

<https://www.howardprep.org/events>

Lisa Lodi mentioned that there will be a small cruise in recognition of Pete Hischer who was a keen car guy and has a star on the cruise walk of fame in Modesto.

### **Birthdays:**

None this week.

### **Wedding Anniversaries:**

Steve and Linda Collins, their 58<sup>th</sup> congratulations.



# Kiwaniis®

## NORTH MODESTO

### **Membership anniversaries.**

Judy Herrero 2014

Jeremiah Williams 2003

Mark Dunker 1967

Loren Suezle 1983

### **Happy/Sad Bucks:**

Had to pass as short on time.

### **Program**

Steve Collins introduced the program:

Wendy Byrd president of Stanislaus County NAACP which is our local chapter of the NAACP.

Wendy came to Modesto in 1983. Her first job was to look at alternatives to cruising!  
She is the president of the local chapter of NAACP and delivered an important message at MLK day.

Goals are to educate, advocate and build relationships.

NAACP was founded in 1909. Whites, Blacks, Jewish, ordinary people coming together to do extraordinary things.

Several journalists involved. Multiracial group, now 112 years old. 2200 chapters.

½ million members before George Floyd's death, 1 million after. Modesto has 300 members.

The president serves 2 year terms. Wendy is in her 4th term.

There are 17 different committees.

Sponsored city council forum and mayoral forum. Provided poll watchers.

Health committee. Works on issues related to Covid socialising and anxiety.

A lot of work on social and mental health issues.

Economic development committee. Job finding and education.

Youth council. Leadership development and civic engagement. Video presentations were created.

PO Box 473, Modesto, CA 95353

website: [NorthModestoKiwaniis.org](http://NorthModestoKiwaniis.org)



# Kiwanis<sup>®</sup>

## NORTH MODESTO

Religious affairs committee. Interfaith outreach. Seventh day Adventist's, Jewish Temple and many others have been involved. Currently offering social distancing notices, Covid care packs and sanitizer to places of worship.

Education committee. Offers homework help. Worked with MCS on expulsions and discipline rates. Equity and racial justice task force. Ethnic studies curriculum.

Veteran affairs committee

Legal redress committee. Looks at complaints of racial discrimination especially including housing. Employment discrimination.

Advocate for police reform. Transparency on police affairs and complaint handling. Wendy serves on police relations committee to improve community relations.

Serves on MCS key communicators committee. Says Modesto City Schools Superintendent Dr Noguchi is doing a good job on communication. Working to improve student success.

Wendy served on Modesto City charter review committee.

Wendy is willing to sit down and discuss with any group.

Questions:

*Can you comment on the 'Sideshows' that seem to be occurring more frequently where young people entertain with dangerous car stunts:* There is a lack of things for young people to do.

There was a youth study 1990 with ten recommendations including after school activities but we now need to focus on youth activities again.

*Are you doing anything with vaccine education:* Yes, Covid vaccine outreach is in the plans.

Marty Villa worked with Wendy on some issues and says that she is a very good collaborator.

Wendy still plays golf which created a lot of interest all of a sudden!

Jeremiah offered thanks for Wendy's efforts over the years.

**Adjourn:**

Remember: We are the people who make change in the community.



# Kiwaniis®

## NORTH MODESTO

President Husman adjourned the meeting at 8:10am.

### **Upcoming Programs:**

Feb.4 – report from board meeting

Feb. 11 – Michael Baldwin Sr., a compelling story of redemption.

Feb. 18 – Rev. Darius Crosby about the Police Clergy Council

Feb. 25 – our own Jim Perez, talking about his experience in the vaccine trial for Astra-Zeneca's COVID vaccine.

### 2020-2021 Board

**President:** Robert Husman

Vice President: Aaron Kellums

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president: Jim Graham

**Secretary:** Lori Rosman

Treasurer: Jim Felt

### Board Members:

**2019-2021** – Laura Maki, Brian Sanders, Gary Wasmund, Bob Riedel

**2020-2022** – Troy Wright, Loren Suelzle, AJ Figueroa, Ana Kanbara