

Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



April 30, 2020

President Robert Husman did the best he could to preside over our Zoom gathering. Some people just won't stay muted 😊

Nice to have former members Eric Benson and Sean O'Neal with us again.

PROGRAM

Brittany Thayer, executive director of The Chemo Crew, shared her story and the activities of this local non-profit that provides help of various kinds to people undergoing treatments for cancer.

Brittany was first diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia when she was a senior in high school. Her first treatment was an oral form of chemotherapy. She spent a year in college but had to come back and she underwent a bone marrow transplant, which still did not successfully end the cancer. Finally, she underwent more treatment (a new one had been found by this time) and she remains in remission, and she and her husband have two beautiful children. "Cancer is very personal to me," she explained.

The Chemo Crew was founded in 2011 by a Modesto woman who received enormous help from her family and church friends while she was undergoing chemo treatment. She realized that not all cancer patients are so fortunate.

The crew provides "Chemo Kits" to newly diagnosed patients and then follows up with offers of help for chores like mowing lawns, house cleaning and so forth. Brittany is the only paid staff member. The organization depends on an army of volunteers to assemble kits, do the chores and provide referrals. Brittany said that we have a lot of services and support programs in the community but cancer patients don't always know about them.

The Chemo Crew works through hospitals in Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties to reach patients. Brittany says it costs about \$500 per month per location to provide the kits, which cost about \$20 each.

Donations to The Chemo Crew can be made through their website, chemocrew.com or sent to them at The Chemo Crew, 3430 Tully Road, Ste 20-256, Modesto 95350.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

No birthdays this week but Sean's was two weeks ago. Eric & Carol Benson celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary – at home, of course. Ray Sanders has been with NMK for 42 years.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/SHARING

Lori Rosman announced that she has been elected Lt. governor for a second term and then the Lt. governor designate is our own Robert Husman! Congratulations and thanks to both of them. Lori was participating from their home office because Jon is back at his work office.

Loren Suelzle is happy (and so is the dog) to have their backyard refurbishing finished.

Steve Perry is sad to announce the sudden passing of Modesto pediatric dentist Andrew Soderstrom. Steve also said he is part of a task force developing plans for soft reopening of some Modesto area restaurants. The plan has gone to the governor's office, along with proposals for other sectors of the local economy.

Lisa Lodi has purchased a second place in the development in Arizona. There will be room for the golf table to visit!

Kevin Scott is happy that the USS Eisenhower, where his son-in-law is currently stationed, has not reported any cases of COVID 19.

There was a discussion about when businesses might reopen and reports of experiences with people wearing or not wearing fabric masks.

Upcoming programs:

May 7 – Report from board meeting on May 6. Also, Marty Villa is preparing a short interview with Jeff Pishney at Love Modesto that will be shared.

May 14: Sam Pierstorff, "America's only Ninja Poet Reports"

May 21: Ken Sylvia, "What's Going on at Youth for Christ"

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

CALENDAR OF 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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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
Insurance Commissioner	Bill Ryan	Publicity Chair	Kyle Barker, Trish C