



# Kiwanis®

## NORTH MODESTO

### Upcoming Programs

(by Zoom until further notice)

**Sept. 3** – report from board meeting

**Sept. 10** – Marvin Jacobo – City Ministry Network and its efforts to help the community, reaching far beyond why you might imagine

**Sept. 17** – Donna Linder, Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters, all about the all-mail election on Nov. 3

**Sept. 24** – Wes Page and the Modesto Radio Museum

**Oct. 1** – Adrian Crane shares anecdotes from the World's Toughest Race, Eco-Challenge.

*If you aren't getting the Zoom invitations, email President Robert Husman –*

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### Report from our Aug. 27, 2020 Meeting

President Robert Husman presiding

**Pledge:** Larry Hughes **prayer:** Phil Fugit

**Guests:** Happy to again have a great showing of Key Club members:

- Monica In, Lt gov for Division 46N
- Dakota Caton and Hya Dominese (Enochs)
- Lelani Do and Kaylee Tran (Gregori)
- Isabella Mendoza (Vanguard)

### Announcements:

This Friday is the governor's visit – via Zoom. Lt. Gov. Lori will be sending out the link. Robert asks that we have a strong turnout. It will start at 6:30 p.m.

Dakota Caton from Enoch's and Key Club Division 46N asked for input on a fund-raising idea that would involve Key Club members making paper (origami) cranes for the children at Valley Children's medical facility, with the Kiwanis club pledging so much per crane. The online activity would be one way to introduce freshmen to Key Club. Robert said the board would discuss next week whether NMK should sponsor this activity.

From Robert: Sammy Dounglomchan requested prayers for his wife, T (Trieste Jakubicek), who has a very low white blood cell count, probably related to vegan diet. Sammy and T are both NMK members.

Judy Herrero is asking for help doing this weekly bulletin, preferably someone to alternate months. Let Robert or Judy know if you are willing. It takes about an hour to write and post.

**Weekly question from Robert:** What are you doing as a community service? Steve Collins made food deliveries this week.

Loren greets others on his five-mile morning walk.

Jim Felt says Cindy has been volunteering at Salvation Army food distribution events.



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### **Report from Aug. 27 Meeting Continued**

Robert has more NMK face masks available. Contact him if you want one and he'll make arrangements to get it to you. \$15, with proceeds to the club.

The Felts hosted Tom and Sharon Hansen, who had to evacuate because of the fires. Fortunately, their home was spared.

**Birthdays:** Charlie Christensen celebrated #54 on Saturday with a stay-in-Modesto day that included happy hours at various downtown restaurants and a night at the DoubleTree. He also received a big new Husky toolbox from Trish.

Tom Swafford wasn't with us to report on his celebration.

Britta Skavdahl's birthday is today. Yes, we sang to her --as badly as ever.

**Happy Buck via Chat:** Kevin Scott's kidney stone surgery went well, and he's doing fine.

#### **Program on Golden Valley Health Centers:**

Yamilet Valladolid, governmental affairs manager for the non-profit Golden Valley Health Centers, gave us the overview of what this organization does to provide medical and mental health care to families in Merced, Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties.

Its services are provided on a sliding fee scale. Last year they served 137,360 people at their 42 locations, many of them in rural and poor neighborhoods where no other doctors have chosen to set up practice. They emphasize health education, prevention and care for chronic illness at their clinics. Part of their goal is keep people from using emergency rooms if their health problem does not require it. The average cost of an ER visit nationally is \$3,400. A visit to a Golden Valley clinic is \$215.

Golden Valley offers dental services and behavioral/mental health services too. Because of COVID, they turned to telemed visits for many mental health appointments and those have proven very effective, in some cases improving people's access to care, Yamilet said.

Golden Valley operates clinics at five schools and those serve families, not just the students.

Yamilet said the clinics have responded to the pandemic in a number of other ways, including offering drive-through testing for patients and non-patients. A big push has focused on education, and they provided safety kits (containing masks, sanitizer and educational materials) to workers at nurseries and other sites. The education efforts will continue.



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