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## NORTH MODESTO

### Upcoming Programs

(by Zoom until further notice)

**Aug. 13** – report from the August board meeting

**Aug. 20** – Roy Stevens from Opera Modesto

**Aug. 27** – Yamilet Valladolid – from Golden Valley Health Centers, re COVID 19 in the Hispanic community.

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

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### Report from our Aug. 6, 2020 Meeting

President Robert Husman presiding

**Pledge:** Jennifer Mullen; **prayer:** Gary Goodman

**Guests:** We again welcomed several Key Club members: Dakota, Maria and Hya from Enochs, Mariana and Isabella from Vanguard, Derry and Xander (whose schools I didn't catch) and Kaylie from Gregori. One of our speakers, Ashley, was in Key Club at Johansen.

#### Announcements:

From Robert: The board met Wednesday and approved membership applications from Kristina Hansen and Eric Benson.

Let Robert know if you want a Kiwanis face mask. They are \$15 each. He is paying for them and so all the money that comes in will go to the club.

**Lori Rosman** said that she and Ken Nolte delivered the school supplies to six elementary schools, and the donations were much appreciated. There was some discussion about making this an annual project in conjunction with the Key Club(s).

**Interclubs:** Ken Darby reported that several of our folks joined Merced's Zoom meeting this week.

**Birthdays:** Gary Vukich celebrated #82 on Aug. 3.

Loren Suelzle is 77 today and the birthday song was as bad as usual. He'd already walked 5 miles this morning by meeting time. Loren also shared that Howard Sweet is slowly recovering from the corona virus. Ken Darby has a friend who had COVID 19 and was struck by sudden exhaustion.

**Wedding anniversaries this week:** Bob and Sharon Dunbar and Adrian and Karen Crane.

**Membership anniversaries:** Hans Husman, George Bairey and Richard Reimche.



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### Report from Aug. 6 Meeting Continued

#### **Happy Bucks/etc:**

**Ana Kanbara** shared that our birthday song performance is so bad that the Key Club members were talking about it at one of their meetings.

**Loren** will send a check to cover his birthday and accumulated happy bucks from previous meetings.

**Kevin Scott** spent six days at the hospital (Kaiser) and had a stent put for kidney stone. Doctors are determining the next step to get rid of it. Two observations: he was on the COVID free floor but could hear the song (Here Comes The Sun) that is played when a COVID patient is discharged. The food—predictably bad.

#### **Program:**

**Isabella Mendoza**, our regular guest from Vanguard, and two friends, Ashley Cabral, a freshman at Stan State, and Nia Brown, a freshman at Long Beach City College, put together an excellent presentation on “How Teens View and Are Affected By Race/Ethnicity.” Using social media, they surveyed more than 200 teens about their views and experiences. Their slide presentation is available here:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/12EXmed5nKUJC4eenUqDUDJ9JHQUWWWXytp4GOR\\_Ikjk/edit#slide=id.gc6f9e470d\\_0\\_0](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/12EXmed5nKUJC4eenUqDUDJ9JHQUWWWXytp4GOR_Ikjk/edit#slide=id.gc6f9e470d_0_0)

Among the results: 69 percent of the teens said race is not a factor for them in establishing relationships, but quite a number had experienced being bullied because of their race.

The presentations also included comments from those answering the survey and the experiences of the three speakers themselves. Ashley, who is from The Philippines, hears assumptions that she is Chinese

Nia has heard comments like “you’re pretty for a black girl” and was subjected to cruel comments in an AP class in high school. Nia said some people believe that racism doesn’t exist but “racism is very alive in America.”

Isabella said many people do not realize that she is half Hispanic because she looks more like her white mother. Her father’s family came to the U.S. from Mexico.

The speakers put together a list of solutions. See the next page. Their presentation earned a lot of compliments from our members, and Lori is looking into sharing it with other Kiwanians. A huge thank you to Isabella, Ashley and Nia.



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### Solutions

There are many things you yourself can do to make sure students feel safe and heard.

- Educate yourself on both sides of prevalent issues.
- Check your own biases. Everyone has them.
- Listen with a growth mindset and have open communication.
- Create safe spaces where students can feel heard and will be able to express themselves.
- Have resources for students and staff to educate themselves and get help if needed.