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Bulletin

January 21st, 2021 Meeting

Presiding:

President Robert Husman, called the meeting to order at 7:06am.

Pledge:

Ken Nolte

Solo Song:

Voice Master Gary Goodman

Prayer:

Tim Ragsdale.

Guests:

Mariana Arella
Rose Galloway
Renuka Prakash
Maria Rosario

Events:

Richard Reimche announced 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>

Announcements

*Annual Pajama Program: Ken Nolte gave a recap of Vanguard's Key Club Annual Pajama Program, where they were collecting new PS's for people in need. Mr. Nolte provided a drop-off location for members to donate and happily delivered 46 pairs of PJ's to Vanguard. Renuka Prakash, Vanguard Key Club Advisor, added that the Key Clubbers collected an additional 75



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pairs of PJ's, plus an anonymous donation of \$100 to go purchase more pajama's for the event. A big thank you to all the participants and donors. Great job!

*Lt Governor Candidates: Lt Governor Lori Rossman announced that there is a Zoom DCM meeting tonight starting at 6pm. (oops sorry the bulletin didn't get out sooner so you all could have attended) Also, at next month's DCM meeting they will be looking for candidates for the next Lt Governor. Past Presidents, please contact Lori Rossman if interested. The group agreed that Lori is doing an awesome job serving as Lt Governor.

*North Modesto Kiwanis American Graffiti Car Show and Festival: Brent Burnside said to 'sit tight' through the month of February. All committee members are moving forward and following up on their assignments. Mr. Burnside and crew did another walk around of the Dryden Golf Course. Working with the City to see if they can make the appropriate grade in the driveway for a smoother ride to get the classic cars onto the course safely. Good news, the City did confirm that the Muni Golf Course (where we have held the show the last couple of years) would still be available this year if we wanted to continue to hold the show there. Currently the parade and car show dates are June 11-13, 2021. Think positive that we will be able to have our very successful and popular event 'live in June'.

*New Facebook for North Modesto Kiwanis: Judy Herrero updated the group on the new Facebook page. She encouraged everyone to 'like' the new page and share with your family and friends, so they can share also. She said you should have received an invite to the page that you can share with others. There are a few different administrators of the page and they hope to have a couple of new posts per week. This new page is designed to have a larger reach and get more exposure, so we can let the community know about our terrific club and events. Here is the link: <https://www.facebook.com/NorthModestoKiwanis>.

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

Jeremiah Williams was proud of the community that came together for a virtual service commemorating the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy: "STILL STANDING The Dream Lives On." Over 1600 people viewed the celebration, the only one of its kind in the area this year. Jeremiah was instrumental in organizing and leading the celebration, that included singers and community speakers.



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Kyle Barker provided the piano music. Featured guest speaker was Wendy Byrd, President NAACP, Modesto/Stanislaus who will be our speaker at the next meeting. She is not to be missed!

Mike Boyd is a member of the county's STAR program and they have been assisting with the COVID vaccine events.

Steve Collins said he dropped of PJ's for the Vanguard event.

Lori Rossman shared that Odette Fatal sat-in on the Davis High School Key Club meeting and said they are active in the community.

Birthdays:

None this week.

Membership Anniversaries:

Kyle Barker, member since 1994. Miss seeing Kyle in the Zoom meetings.

Bob Riedel, has been a member for 40 years! Must have joined when he was in Jr High. Mr. Riedel commented that "it has been a total pleasure and that there has been a lot of good work done during that time".

Happy/Sad Bucks:

Brent Burnside gave a happy/sad \$100 for the recent demolishing of all three (3) of the old Burnside Body Shop buildings off Kansas Ave. being torn down, to make room for the overpass. His shop was in that location for 30 years, prior to that it was Lincoln Mercury. "A lot of good memories there and very sad and surreal to see it gone." Gary Goodman added that "the new digs are super impressive."

Gary Goodman is giving a very happy \$100 in honor of Gary Wasmund's first ever hole in one! Woo Woo. They were playing golf at Jack Tone and yes, there were witnesses. Congratulations.

Program:

Sean O' Neal gave the very illuminating and funny Annual Kudzu Report, live from Mississippi, accompanied with great photos and narrative. If you missed this program, bummer, there is no way I can do it justice in the Bulletin. Besides, I was too busy laughing to write it all. They get over 60 inches



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of rain per year. This helps Kudzu grow over 12 inches a week which can pretty much take over tall buildings, trees and houses in no time. He did share some fun facts, like they have three out of the four most poisonous snakes, Copperhead, Rattlers and Cotton Mouth that love to hide in the Kudzu. Not to forget to be on the lookout for fire ants, super big sink holes, carpenter bees that are killing trees and oh, alligators! Also poison Ivy is all over. Sean was attacked by it and had a really bad reaction. He is all good now.

With all that, Sean's property still looks amazing. It takes him eight hours just to mow the grass and that is on a super big industrial powered riding mower. In his 'spare time' he hosts a summer camp for ten weeks for over 1200 kids. How terrific is that.

He invited us all to come visit and spend time in the wilds. His number is (731) 879-9187. He also gave his e-mail, which I missed, so if anyone can share with the club, that would be great. At the end of his presentation, he noted that he has looked into joining service clubs in his area and "there is nobody like NMK, it is the best thing I have ever been a part of." Congratulations to Sean and his wife Jennifer who will be expecting their second child, a girl, Ruby Sue, this February We miss you both very much.

Adjourn: President Husman adjourned the meeting at 8:18am.

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.

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