

North Stockton Botary



01/14/25

Tuesday, January 14th we returned to the Hilton. I chose the vegetarian lunch and had a perfect salad with this time with a smooth balsamic vinaigrette.

At 12:25 Evan Stone rang the bell, subbing for Andy, who was subbing for Bill. He called up

Frosty Gelbke to lead the pledge, 4-way test and give us a

thought for the day.

Evan Stone

NSR 21-22 President

Speaking of the horrible fires in L.A., he related a story from his youth to us. He said, "Please take a moment to think about the people's lives that have been changed forever." He continued, "I was involved in a real life changing event, Christmas of 1955. I

Frosty Gelbke, Rotarian since 1979, told us a personal thought for the day.

was 10 years old, and that means my 80th birthday is right around the corner. We lived 13 miles south of Yuba City in an area called Dingville. We had a 30 acre ranch raising Prunes and Walnuts. On Christmas Eve my folks put my sister and myself into the family car and took us to my grandparents, just north of Yuba City. My parents then headed back to the farm. They heard that the levee had broken and the water was headed south towards the area of our home. We lived in a three story farm house. They moved what they could to the 3rd floor. On the way back to get us, they ran into the flood water. My Dad was able to push the car out of the water. After trying several different roads, they managed to get back to us. We stayed with some friends for several days in Woodland, until we were able to rent a small half of a duplex in North Yuba City. We never were able to move back to our farm house, we lost almost everything, including the pet cow I was raising for my 4H project. We moved back to Fair Oaks outside of Sacramento and I returned to the 5th grade.

This event changed me forever!! Hold your family close and please pray for the people in the LA area who have had their lives changed forever." Thank you **Frosty** for the heartwarming story.

Evan also said that the fires are damaging beyond words. He then lead us in singing, "My Country Tis of thee." A song that was our unofficial National Anthem, with six verses. Sung to the melody of God Save the Queen, not the Sex Pistols version. The Brits didn't appreciate us using it. In 1931 The Star Spangled Banner became our National Anthem.

Health Updates:



As reported last week: After so many years of bending over backwards to help everyone, Richard Carr had to go to Stanford for back surgery. Richard went home over the weekend and is doing amazingly well. He's getting in and out of chairs and walking easily! Great news Richard!

Bill McDonald: **Bill** has resigned as Club President. His cancer has spread and he will undergo radiation and Chemo therapy. The meds are helping him, our fingers are crossed for you **Bill**.

08/23 Richard and Dictionaries

Bill and **Shirley** will be donating \$10K to the Endowment go to the First Tee for their outreach program. Bravo **Bill** and **Shirley**.

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01/21/25	CEO Scott Watkins	Stockton Symphony and Peter Jaffe Conductor	Stockton Hilton
01/25/25	Mel Hansen Memorial	Outstanding Rotarian in every way. Saturday 10am	DeYoung Shoreline Chapel
01/28/25	TBD	TBD	Stockton Hilton



Sunshine Bucks:

Evan started Sunshine Bucks announcing his youngest (20 year old son in April), has enlisted in the Army and will be off to Fort Jackson! He did all the enlisting and prep on his own! Congrats Evan to you and your family.

Michelle Haner: Her neck therapy is done, the neck brace is off, wow, what a journey!

She also went to her Mother's 92nd birthday and had some Mom, sister time. Also her daughter Leanne, who just graduated

from OSU and was hired in Sacramento, has already secured a new job in the assistant planner for SJ County and will be in code enforcement! Great Leanne!



Shelly Moreira: Just back from 1 week in Maui with her Mom, and son. The her sister is affected by the LA fires and it reminds Shelly of her experience with the Lahaina Fires she witnessed.

Karen Rogers: Is very happy with her new friendships and responsibilities through our Club. As a former teacher she communicated with children, and now is experiencing working with adults, and enjoying it!

Diane Stauffer Hasn't sponsored a new Rotarian in a while and is excited and happy to have met Jamie, soon to be our newest member. So are we Diane!

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Diane Stauffer brought Nate Knodt as a guest and future speaker. He was with San Joaquin Transit District and also Stockton Unified, specializing in transportation and community planning. He is also the facilitator of the Downtown Comeback Club.

Diane and Nate Knodt Since Andy isn't here, Evan decided to continue the Bird of the Week part of our program for him! First up is our old friend **Tweety Pie**! Tweety is a yellow canary in the Warner Bros



Looney Tunes and Merry Melodies cartoons. His characteristics are based on Red Skelton's famous "Junior the Mean Widdle Kid." He can be seen Saturdays between 8am and noon on your favorite TV Channel. And the phrase he's most commonly associated with?? "I taught I Tau a Puddy Tat!"

Next is the **Road Runner**. He is a blazingly fast bird that consistently makes coyotes look like fools, especially on Saturday mornings, same channel as Tweety! He loves out running Wile E. Coyote and his ACME hardware company. The phrase he's most commonly heard saying?? Beep, Beep!



Michelle Haner

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Jamie Sanchez:

It's now that we induct **Jamie Sanchez** as our newest member to North Stockton Rotary. Having met her Sponsor **Dianne Stauffer** at a Junior League Christmas lunch, she was exposed to the possibilities that Rotary could offer her. She wanted to do more in the community. where she's operated "Truth and Beauty Skin Care," located behind Bank of Stockton's Quail Lakes Branch, for 30 years. She has also just stated at San Joaquin Hospice. Welcome Jamie to North Stockton Rotary.





with Evan and Dianne

TO ALL DISTRICT 5220 ROTARIANS:

District 5220 has set up a Disaster Relief Fund for the LA Fires. As you are aware, the largest fire is around Pacific Palsades area and burning toward the south-east, but there are also several more smaller fires burning too. Thousands have been burned out, but their needs are immediate and then long term.

We have two Rotary districts that are being severely impacted, District 5280 and 5300, which are in our Rotary western Zones. All of our money will be directed to them for allocation. Both District Governors are actively involved every day.

If you, as an individual or as a club, would like to donate, all money should be sent by check to our District Disaster Relief Fund to Joe Cotta, our Disaster Relief Contact. Checks that are sent should be made out to District 5220 Disaster Relief Fund with a memo note -LA Fires.

Mail to: Rotary District 5220 - Disaster Relief % Joe Cotta 9414 Kost Road, Galt Ca 95632.

Any question please don't hesitate to call me at 559-474-7215.

Thank you for your support as people try to cope and deal with the devastation around them. Jane Winning District Governor 5220



Rotaractors, and guests. Registration and a full breakfast open at 8:30 AM. The program and breakout sessions begin at 9:00 AM.

Mid-Year Assembly and Pre-Pets on the left and and the best ever District Conference on the right.



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Future Highlights:

January 20: Our Annual Speech Contest at Lincoln High. January 21: CEO Scott Watkins amd Maestro Peter Jaffe from the Stockton Symphony January 25: Mel Hansen Memorial, DeYoung Shoreline, 10am. February 27: Rotary Read in. Sign up with Jim Dugoni.

Speaker:



Jason Perry speaking to NSR



Diane and Jason posing for me

Jason Perry, general manager for ASM Global Stockton, is an experienced General Manager with a demonstrated history of working in the entertainment industry. Skilled in Budget Analysis, Booking, Venue Operations, Sales, Marketing Strategy, Public Relations, Corporate Partnerships and F&B. Managing with a wide overview of the entire operation, driven with a team management style.



Newly named Adventist Health Arena

Born and raised in northern New Hampshire, attending college at University of New Hampshire where he began his career in sports & entertainment at the Whittemore Center Arena in 1997. From there Ja-

son went to open the new arena for the Carolina Hurricanes in Raleigh Durham before returning to Manchester New Hampshire where he helped open a new arena. Jason spent the next 18 years in Manchester going from box office manager to director of sales & marketing to assistant general manager. In December 2019 Jason accepted the opportunity to interview for the general manger role in Stockton and after only spending 8 hours in California he agreed to accept the position, relocating to Stockton during the height of COVID in 2020. When he arrived he noticed a lack of the Cities interest in their facilities. He began pointing out and educating the Supervisors and Council members that the facilities are revenue drivers for the city. Things like closing

parking lots after a show, will not keep the attendees in town. They want to walk to dinner and the nightlife. He organized a more event coordinated time line. Also maintenance and a five year plan to keep everything in top shape. Example, they don't represent the Civic Auditorium. The City does. The lack of maintenance has closed the top floor, limiting one of our better venues. Of course millions of dollars would be needed to upgrade the Civic. It shouldn't get to that point. Bringing the Stockton Lantern Festival here was a moderate success the first year. A completely unique show to Stockton, it faltered the second year. Attendance is down across the board. The first year it was calculated that 32.5 million dollars went back into the city. All general fund money stays here. They had 263 events posted last year at three different venues. The Stockton Ballpark, The newly named Adventist Health Arena, which Jason is very proud of getting named, and the Bob Hope Theater. h also explained the age old problem of the 100 mile radius, that keeps acts booked in SF and Sacto from also booking here. The promoters in SF

and Sacto argue that they will lose revenue to Stockton. The solution Jason had was to pay a percentage for every ticket to cover their loss. Unfortunately, it makes the ticket price extremely high in Stockton, which often times cannot afford the price.

It's great to have Jason here, with new ideas and energy for our entertainment pleasure and drivers for the general fund.

Next week is the Symphony Program here at the Hilton. Evan rang the bell at 1:36pm.



Evan at the helm



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