



The Wheelbarrow

The Bulletin of the North Stockton Rotary Club

Meeting Tuesday at noon at the Stockton Hilton

2024-2025



Upcoming Speakers

01/01/25	District Assembly	Pre-PETs Conference	Offsite
02/04/25	Susan Dellosso	River Islands	Stockton Hilton
02/11/25	Dennis Beasley	Stockton Civic Theater	Stockton Hilton

Sunshine Bucks:

Diane Stauffer, our most active member lately, is off to her Winter retreat in Palm Desert. She will be there for three months. She is a Rotary Club member there! She asked that we all help **Karen** recruit speakers. Let her know if you have any speaker or program ideas, please!

Richard Carr: Only 1 1/2 weeks after back surgery, **Richard** is "back" at Rotary! Amazing! He says he feels like he did years ago, wow, please take it easy for a while **Richard!**



Andy and Diane Sunshine time



Ray Call remembers Wavy Gravy

Ray Call gave a report on the Lincoln High Speech contest results. There were three students out of 4 English classes, that showed up! Giving a speech is not for the light hearted. The speeches were good, full of Rotary history, but the students didn't infuse their own personal experience into it and didn't mention the theme, How Does the Magic of Rotary Change the World? The judges all voted for different winners, which required a meeting to pick the eventual winner. All three were financially rewarded. We will hear the winner's speech when he competes February 18th at our meeting.

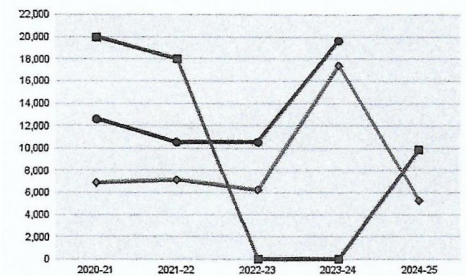
Foundation Chair **Ray Call** then gave a report on our Annual Giving. With our Club membership going from 60 to 44 members we are trending down in giving. But, we are ahead of the District per capita. Remember Foundation donations go directly to Rotary Projects and come back to us in 3 years!

CLUB FUNDRAISING ANALY FOR JULY THROUGH DECEMBER (2024-25)

District 5220

Annual Fund Goal	
2024-25	\$9,900
2023-24	\$0
2022-23	\$0
2021-22	\$18,000
2020-21	\$20,000

Annual Fund Contributions	
2024-25	
2023-24	
2022-23	
2021-22	
2020-21	



January 15th was a Board Meeting.

Regarding Presidential duties, in 2025 **Andy Chesley**, **Evan Stone** and **Jim Dugoni** will act as Presidents. 2025-26 Co-Presidents **Evan Stone** and **Karen Rogers**. 2026-27 Co-Presidents **Karen Rogers** and ???

Future Highlights

February 1, District Assembly and Pre-PETs

February 4, Susan Dellosso, River Islands

February 11, Dennis Beasley, Stockton Civic Theater

February 18, Speech Contest

February 25, Dark because of Social (Bourbon Taste?)

February 27, Rotary Read In - **Still looking for Readers, Call Jim Dugoni, (209) 607-9661**

March 4, Kristin Birtwhistle, United Way

March 11, Nate Knodt, Downtown Comeback Club

April 4-7, District Cruise Conference



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President Andy

January 28th is:
National Kazoo Day
Global Community Engagement Day
International Lego Day

On January 28th in History:

Jefferson Davis appoints peace commissioners to Hampton Roads Conference 1865. The **Hampton Roads Conference** was a peace conference held between the United States and representatives of the unrecognized breakaway Confederate States on February 3, 1865, aboard the steamboat *River Queen* in Hampton Roads, Virginia, to discuss terms to end the American Civil War. The only concrete agreement reached was regarding prisoner-of-war exchanges.

First ski tow (rope) was established in Woodstock Vermont in 1934. It was called the endless tow rope, powered by a Model T engine. It launched a new era in winter sports! Water Polo!

Bird of the Day: American White Pelican

One of the largest North American birds, the American White Pelican is majestic in the air. The birds soar with incredible steadiness on broad, white-and-black wings. The American



Ancient Rope Tow

white pelican is one of the largest birds in North America. It has a wingspan of up to 9.5 feet and a huge, pouched bill. Their large heads and huge, heavy bills give them a prehistoric look.



Need 100 more Readers



Must be mating season



Diane introduces Mary

Speaker:

Mary Little moved to Stockton in 1972 and began her career as a figure skating coach at the Stockton Ice Arena. After completing her AA at Delta, BA and MA at CSU Stanislaus, she went on to teach English, writing and reading classes at Delta College and the University of the Pacific. After retirement, she began taking art classes through OLLI at Pacific, subsequently starting up art classes for children at the Stockton Art League. She is also a member of tau Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma, and a docent and schoolmarm for the San Joaquin County Museum and Historical Society. She was honored to be a recipient of the Susan B. Anthony Award in 2022. She came today to tell us the story of the Stars and Stripes.



SJC Hist. Museum's Mary Little



Unified Brit/Scott Flags

In Genoa, Italy, accredited as a city state in 958 A.D. The red cross of patron Saint George, was the flag by 1100. By 1386 King Richard's Crusaders were wearing the cloth version on the front and back of their uniforms.

Meanwhile, the English warriors were constantly at war with the Scottish armies to the north. The flag of Scotland was a white x on a blue background. In 1606, James VI unified the two countries, and in doing so, combined the British and Scottish flags. The official flag of the British Navy from 1705 to 1801 was the Meteor Flag or The Jack.

Across the pond, in America the British colonists had been flying the British Flag for 150 years. The came the 7 years war, aka French and Indian War: 1756-1763.



Meteor Flag or The Jack



Union Flag compliment to United Colonies



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Andrea Doria flies the Union Flag

In 1776 our Navy took to the high seas and was flying the Union Flag. As the war continued, we were beginning to be taken seriously by foreign nation. November 16, 1776 the Andrea Doria was recognized by a Dutch Island in the West Indies: St. Eustatius. This was the first salute given the American flag by a foreign port. It was entry into the Society of Nations of a new Atlantic state destined to change the direction of history.

June 14, 1777 is now the day we celebrate as Flag Day. The war waged on. The old Union Flag with the British Union in the upper left corner became obsolete. When Congress convened in Philadelphia 7/14/76, this insignificant item among other more pressing issue was entered into the official journal. "Resolved that the flag of the



Dutch paintings of different American Flags

United States be made of 13 stripes alternate red and white, that the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation. The actual description of the American flag was hazy at best and even in 1778 Ben Franklin and Samuel Adams described the flag differently. Their description's agreed until the stripes were described as alternately red, white and blue.

Francis Hopkinson, a talented lawyer, judge, author, satirist, signer of the Declaration of Independence, and a New Jersey Congressman claimed he designed the Flag. He asked for 1/4th of a cask of wine and later 9 pounds in cash. The Congressional report stated that the fancy work of F. Hopkinson ought not to be acted upon.



As time goes on the dilemma and apathy continues. In 1792, Stephan Bradly brought a bill to the house calling for 15 stripes and stars. t the time there were 15 states. Many of the Congressmen were embarrassed that so much time be given to this trifle issue. The bill for 15 stars and 15 stripes was passed in 1794 and stayed in place for 25 years. The flag Francis Scott Key saw

over Fort McHenry had 15 stars and stripes. The flag was sewn by Mary Pickersgill and her family in 1813. It was 30 by 42 feet and made from 400 yards of hand made wool bunting. It would become the Star Spangled Banner and is in the Smithsonian Institute.

Time went on and there were 5 new states not represented on the flag. In 1816 a committee was put together to create a solution. They decided to add a new star, every year on the 4th of July, for every new state and keep the 13 stripes intact. This was adapted in 1818. This is still the legal charter of the flag. But there was still no specific design or dimension for the flag. In 1912 we had 48 states. President Taft issued an executive order stting the specific placement of the stars and 12 different sizes. In 1959, President Eisenhower issued an executive order to add Hawaii and Alaska's stars to the flag making the proportions appropriate.

The final word: These dimensions allowed for 11 sizes of flags to be used by the executive departments and Federal government. The largest flag is 20 feet in hoist and 18 feet in fly, the smallest is one and 32/100's feet in hoist and 2 and 1/2 feet in fly.

Fifty Stars and Thirteen Stripes



Wow, what a story. Thanks to Mary Little and the San Joaquin Museum & Historical Society.

President Andy rang the bell at 1:20 pm.

Still flying "O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave"



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