





# The Wheelbarrow

The Bulletin of the North Stockton Rotary Club

Meeting Tuesday at noon at the Stockton Hilton

2024-2025



## Upcoming Speakers

03/18/25	Michael Weis	University of the Pacific	Stockton Hilton
03/25/25	Club Social, dark at noon	Whiskey Social hosted by Ray Call	Diane's House
04/01/25	Just foolin around		

### Sunshine Bucks Continued:

**Chris Hunefeld:** Stood and announced his mother will celebrate her 97th birthday March 12th!



**Bird of the Day:** The Famous Grouse. **The Famous Grouse** is a brand of **blended Scotch whisky** produced by The Edrington Group in Scotland. It was first produced in 1896 by Matthew Gloag & Son. The blend includes single malt whiskies from Highland Park and The Macallan. It is one of the most popular blended whisky formulas globally, with around 43 million bottles sold annually. This leads to the Weekly Whiskey question: What does the word whiskey mean? The word **whiskey** is an anglicization of the Classical Gaelic word **uisce** (or **uisge**) meaning "water". It can be traced

back to the Medieval Latin phrase "**aqua vitae**", meaning "water of life." Whiskey = Water of Life. This could be why Johnny Carson said: "Happiness is having a rare steak, a bottle of whiskey, and a dog to eat the steak."

### Why drink Whiskey?

Well, since you asked, Whiskey is a diet drink, anti-oxidant. Whiskey may help prevent cancer. Whiskey may lower the risk of heart disease. Drinking 1–6 glasses of whiskey per week can lower risk of dementia. Whiskey can relieve stress. Whiskey can prevent the risk of stroke!



Tot, 97 years young!

### Future Highlights

**March 18, Michael Weis, University of the Pacific**

**March 25, Whiskey Social hosted by Ray Call, at Diane Correia's House**

**April 4-7, District Cruise Conference**

**President Ray** announced there will be a board meeting after this meeting. It's to discuss participating in the Pediatric Surgery Project in Gunter India that the Sunrise Club presented to us last week. Since some DDF funds returned to us, I have a strong feeling we will give them to the Sunrise Club. We will see.

### Speaker for today:

**Nate Knodt** representing the **Downtown Comeback Club**. **Karl "Nate" Knodt** started his career as a radio/television producer and broadcaster from KHSL—TV in Chico. He has background in teaching at Edison High School. He then began working for the Regional Transit District in the Planning Department in 2002. He started as a senior planner and from there was promoted to Manager of Planning and then Director of Planning for the Regional Transit District, (RTD).



Nate Knodt DCC Secretary & Facilitator

Currently Nate is the Community and Transportation Planner and Environmental Advisor (Knodt & Associates). He is currently with Stockton's AB617 CSC, SJCOG Climate Collaborative Coalition, EJCW, Café Coop, and Solari ranch.

Nate is currently Board Chair of the Central Valley Asian Chamber of Commerce, Board of Peer Recovery Services, and organizing member of WFWA.

Nate is here today to talk to us about the Stockton Downtown Comeback Club that was founded 29 years ago by



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Stockton Developer Dan Cort to promote awareness of and favorable policies toward the revitalization of Downtown Stockton. DCC is primarily an in-person meeting group. We do not stream Live or conduct zoom meetings. DCC has no RSVP's, Fines, Fees, Dues, Songs, Rituals, Placing money in a tuba or toilet seat!

We meet at local downtown restaurants at 7:30 am every Thursday. Restaurants include: New Lindo, Sheila B'zz Café, The Fed, University Hotel in Bistro Café and Irma's Place.

Events promoted and talked about: The Stockton Lantern Festival, Stockton Kings games, Stockton Ports Games, Pacific Athletics, Stockton Symphony, Haggin Museum, St Mary's Church Posada Walk, Mexican Heritage Center, and Bob Hope Classic Movies.

Business's promoted: New Woman's Boutique, New Mini-Mart, New Wall to Wall Curiosity Gift Shop, New Discount Clothing and Gift Store. Historic Pacific Storage building, now a new owner and Stor-Quest Self Storage.



The Downtown Comeback Club of Stockton (DCC), open to all, is committed to the ongoing revitalization of Downtown Stockton!

It is our purpose to advocate, network, facilitate, promote a vision and gather & disseminate information.

DCC MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO

**everyone**

and there are no

**MEMBERSHIPS, RSVPS,**

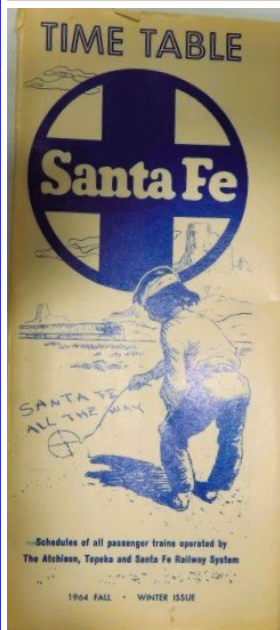
**attendance**

**FEES, FINES, DUES, SONGS, OR RITUALS,**

*No stuffing money into a Toilet Seat or Frombone*

no obligation to purchase a meal or beverage

**AND YOU MAY ARRIVE LATE AND LEAVE EARLY!**



Ray introducing Nate Knodt



Board Meeting after

So weekly from an email list of 360 people, about 20 on average meet around downtown and talk Downtown. Putting a positive

spin and publicizing new local business is well deserved for our Community. Thanks Nate! President Ray put down his Whiskey and rang the bell at 1:25 pm.

**1996-1999:**

- 1996** Developer Dan Curt founds Stockton Downtown Comeback Club meeting in "Toilet Seats" and Ben "Armando" in "The Marketplace"
- 1996** First Night Stockton New Year's Eve Downtown Celebration begins.
- 1998** Stockton Downtown Alliance (SDA) begins operation after Council approval and a three year planning and organization period assisted by DCC.
- 1998** ACE Commuter Rail Service begins commuter service to San Jose.
- 1999** Stockton named an "All American City" for first of three times.
- 1999** Stockton celebrates 150 Year Anniversary "Centennial Celebration" with cross country wagon train arriving at Victory Park.
- 1999** Walter Paul Smith Center opens July 4 with Stockton Symphony playing a public outdoor sunset concert.



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