





# The Wheelbarrow

The Bulletin of the North Stockton Rotary Club

Meeting Tuesday at noon at the Stockton Hilton

2024-2025



## Upcoming Speakers

09/10/24	TBD	TBD	Stockton Hilton
09/17/24	Offsite	Dick McClures Car Warehouse	Offsite
09/24/24	TBD	TBD	Stockton Hilton

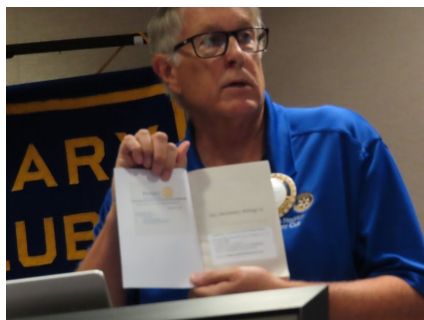
### This date in History:

**1609:** Henry Hudson sails into the New York harbor and up the river that now bears his name.

**1783:** The Treaty of Paris was signed, officially ending the War of Independence. Signers for the United States: John Adams, Benjamin Franklin and John Jay.

**1894:** Labor Day was celebrated as a legal holiday for the first time in the U.S.

**1970:** Green Bay Packers great coach Vince Lombardi dies at the age of 57.



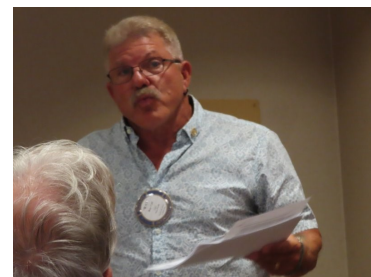
President Bill showing a dictionary

The **Dictionary Project** is underway. Dictionaries have been picked up. We can distribute them as early as September 5th. Contact the Principals at your schools to arrange the drop off.

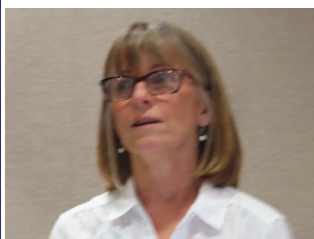
**President Bill** then brought up **Ray Call**, our Ray of Sunshine to update us on our **International Projects**.

The Nigeria Water Project has provided a fountain and 4 restrooms with clean water for 1000 people. Inspections have been done a approved.

**Ray** proposed a weekly bit where he will explain what the Foundation is. It's the charitable side of Rotary International. You can set up an auto pay account to reach the \$1000.00 goal for a Paul Harris Award. The Rotary International Foundation is rated in the top three of the world. The RI Foundation for NSR is headed up by **Ray Call**. The North Stockton Endowment, that does our Scholarships and community service is headed up by **Jim Dugoni**.



International Ray update



Laura Fortune spoke today.

**Speaker:** Today's speaker was **Laura Fortune**, President of the Stockton Garden Club. We're almost upon our 100th Anniversary! Founded in 1926, the same year as the Stockton Symphony, the Stockton Garden Club is one of the first such clubs to be established in California. As members we hope to encourage learning and a love of gardening in the community and to share information about restoration, improvement, and protection of our environment through Club interactions & activities, community outreach programs and knowledgeable and engaging speakers. Throughout our history we have donated thousands of dollars to reforestation through the Penny Pines program, sponsored three Blue Star Memorial markers in our community and have awarded numerous scholarships to local students.

### OUR KEYSTONE OAK TREES

**QUERCUS LOBATA** - Valley Oak Tree is the keystone species in the Central Valley of California and as such, has been chosen as our signature plant to represent our club's dedication to the conservation of native plants in California.



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## KEYSTONE PLANT

"A species on which other species in an ecosystem largely depend such that if it were removed the ecosystem would change drastically or cease to exist altogether."

California is home to more than 20 native species of oaks, including several that are found nowhere else on Earth. The Valley Oak grows into the largest of North American oaks. They grow in hot interior valleys of California where there is a water table within reach of the roots; growing quickly reaching 20' in 5 years; 40' in 10 years and up to 60' in 20 years. Mature specimens may attain an age of up to 600 years.

As keystone plants, oaks support vast amounts of insects, which in turn support myriad other creatures. They directly provide food and habitat for birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates. For instance, it is likely that up to 151 butterflies use the oaks as a host plant.

If you are planting an oak tree, make certain it's native to your region. Non-native oaks don't support the same kind of robust biodiversity as native species.

**For more detailed information on Valley Oaks including care, pruning, water needs, etc. visit:**

<https://californiaoaks.org/oak-tree-care/>



QUERCUS LOBATA - Valley Oak

**Field Trips** are fun ways to gather and get to know each other as we share in the beauty around.

Potential Field Trips:

- \* Zinc House Flower Arranging "Bring Your Own Vase" evening - TBD or "Herb Wreath Workshop"
- \* Oak Grove Regional Park & Nature Center
- \* Leaf & Lark Farm is a small nursery, greenhouse, orchard and urban farm. We offer vegetable starts, succulents, medicinal herbs, culinary herbs, fabric dye plants and California native plants. Fruit and flower U-Picks run from June-August.
- \* Lorinas Edible Garden, End of Summer/Fall Veggies - August 30/31st
- \* UC Davis Arboretum & Public Garde

We have noticed the loss of birds in America. The arid heat, the loss of bugs to feed the birds and even cockroaches are needed for our environment. We have a Nature Deficit Disorder. Our natural habitat is Oak Woodland Habitat. Find our trees, shrubs and perineal flowers on [Calascape.org](http://Calascape.org).

Planting milkweed in your garden will feed Monarch Caterpillars! Increase butterflies in your yard. So much info, so little time. Here's their web page, click and see:

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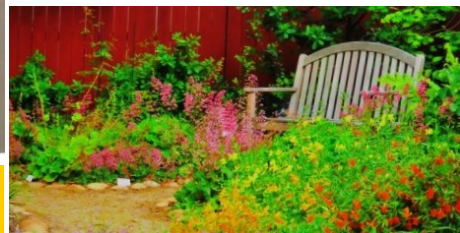


Garden Club in the house!



Diary of a Worm, perfect for Laura

President Bill thanked Laura for her wonderful and interesting presentation. The bell rang at 1:30pm.



## CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANTS TO THE RESCUE!



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