

North Stockton Rotary



Bill McDonald



12/10/24

Tuesday, December 10th we were back at the Hilton. I chose the vegetarian lunch and had a perfect salad with balsamic dressing. **Shelly Moriera** was at our table and asked if anyone wanted coffee. We all looked at each other, coffee? It's Starbucks and we found it!

Evan informed me that we were down to our third string President. With Bill and Andy on IR, (Injured Reserve), Evan would be running the meet-

ing. The bell rang at12:30 pm. Evan led the pledge and 4 way test. Evan's thought for the day had to do with the passing of former outstanding man and Rotarian, Mel Hansen. I couldn't help thinking of Judy Lovett and Mel. Two incredible Rotarians and best friends. Mel ran the RI Foundation for years and Judy took it over for him. Mel's Seeds of Hope program delivered seeds to Africa and South America, generally being brought by Rotarians traveling, fed thousands of people. It was a genius idea really. Expired seeds generally were tossed, Mel contacted distributors and these are the seeds he distributed. His greatest accomplishment came when Home Depot or Lowes connected with him, they had pallets of seeds!!



Judy Lovett and Mel Hanson at the 2017 All City Luncheon

Andy Chesley had picked this Maya Angelou poem to honor Mel, and Evan read it:

When Great Trees Fall.

And when great souls die,
After a period peace blooms.
Slowly and always
Irregularly, spaces fill
With a kind of
Soothing electric vibration.
Our senses, restored, never
To be the same, whisper to us.
They existed. They existed.
We can be. Be and be

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RI Foundation:

Guests:

Diane Stauffer brought her first guest to our club. She was at her Junior League Luncheon and met **Jamie Sanchez**, owner of a skin care business in Stockton. She is interested in giving back and came to see our club!

Sunshine Bucks:

Richard Carr got up and admitted he missed two meetings. He was in Phoenix, Arizona with his family for Thanksgiving. His son lost his job, found a new one with better pay and hours, and he cooked them a feast!

Richard also met the girlfriends kids, more grandkids!

Diane Stauffer: Speaking of grand kids, **Diane** said she's 79 and finally a grandma! She also told us **Jamie** is her first guest for NSR. Good job **Diane**!

Joel Carignan: Stood and said he'd had one of the worst weeks ever. He decided to come to Rotary for a pick me up and things can only get better!



Jamie Sanchez, Diane's guest



Joel's explaining the bad week.

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Sunshine Bucks:

Evan Stone: Evan was grateful for his Thanksgiving Holiday. Family, Food and Football! Doesn't get any better!

Chris Hunefeld: Barely choked out that with the radiation over for now, his mother's cancer is inactive at this time. We'll be back to check in 3 months. She's a marvel at 96 years old!

He also announced his remodeling of the buildings on Pacific Ave is, after 4 years, about to be finished!!

Guest Jamie Sanchez: Seeing that our speaker was from the hospice, who took care of her Mom, as well as her sister, she loves our community and wants to give back, and she was so glad to meet **Diane** and be at our meeting! Welcome Jamie.

Evan brought out our voices and we sang Nat King Cole's, Chestnuts Roasting on an open fire. Just like the record!

Upcoming Events:

December 17: Evan Stone, Spectacular Disclosures!

December 24th: Dark December 31st: Dark

January & February: Rotary Peace Conference in Rohnert Park and the Richard King Endowment Dinner

at the Blackhawk Museum, Danville.

Just a reminder: to everyone that we are providing desserts for 41 apartments to take home on this Sunday the 15th at 3pm. Liberty Square Apts., 804 N. Hunter Street. They can be home made or store bought, a package of cookies or small cake, etc. There are 28 single veterans & 13 small families. If you are attending the event, and bringing desserts, please let me know how many apartments you are covering. If you can contribute desserts but not attend, please call me about delivering to my home in the day or 2 before. (209) 986-5900. I need to know how

many so that I can cover the rest. Evan will be Santa! Thank you, Michelle Haner Ms. Haner@comcast.net



Ray Call reminded us that we're at years end and there's still time to give to the

Foundation. The money goes towards International Projects and Half the money we give comes back to us for our local projects.

December 10th in History:

National Human Rights Day and then luckily it's National Lager Day!



RI Foundation Chair Ray Call





Who me?



Speaker: Rebecca Burnett, CEO of Hospice of San Joaquin spoke to us.



Here's the link to see everything about the Hospice of San Joaquin. <u>Hospice of San Joaquin</u>. In 1980, community volunteers came together to explore starting a hospice program in San Joaquin County. Recognizing the need for support for terminally ill patients who had exhausted curative treatment, they founded Hospice



Rebecca Burnett spoke to us.

of San Joaquin as a non-profit organization. In 1989, after nine years of being a volunteer organization, Hospice of San Joaquin became Medicare and Medi-Cal certified. In 1990, Hospice of San Joaquin was honored as a Daily Point of Light recipient by the President's Thousand Points of Light National Campaign for its volunteer services. At the same time, bereavement services were expanded to include programs for adults and children, school-based programs, grief and loss training sessions, individual counseling, support groups, and the annual memorial service, which included a butterfly release. The first children's bereavement camp in San Joaquin County,

Camp Caterpillar, was initiated in 2004 to support children who have experienced loss. We currently have a Camp Caterpillar in Stockton and Lodi. We are hoping to start serving the city of Tracy next year.

The Tree of Lights campaign, a holiday memorial program, was launched with the support of PG&E and Delta Community College. This initiative has grown to include Tree of Lights events in every city in the county, fostering a sense of community and shared remembrance. It has become the most successful

Tree Lighting event among hospices in California, a testament to the collective spirit of our community. In 2004, The Hospice House was licensed by the Department of Health Care Services, offering an additional dimension of care for terminally ill patients. The Hospice House provides a higher level of care

than can be provided in the home. The Butterfly Auxiliary members dedicate their efforts to fundraising to create long-term financial support for the Hospice House. In 2017, Hospice of San Joaquin, seeing a need in the community for care before coming on hospice service, started the Pacific Palliative Care program. This program manages symptoms for patients who are not terminally ill but need the expertise in symptom management that Hospice of San Joaquin staff has.

The success of Hospice of San Joaquin is attributed to the dedication and vision of its founders, staff, volunteers, board members, and community supporters, who have made a significant impact in providing compassionate end-of-life care in the region. She emphasized they are non profit. Their funds come from grants and donations. They have a \$2.4 million dollar nut every year.

Here are the services they offer:

Hospice Care
Pacific Palliative Care
Pediatric Care
Hospice House
Caregiver Support
Spiritual Care
Full-Circle Aftercare
Telehealth through Zoom
End-of-Life Option Act (EOLA)

Dr William McDonald: If you would like to help Bill out as he takes on prostate cancer, he asks that you donate to the Rotary Foundation or the North Stockton Rotary Endowment.



Christmas Rotary Fellowship!

Evan rang the bell at 1:27 pm, after having Rebecca sign a Children's Book and thanking her for speaking.

