



The Wheelbarrow

The Bulletin of the North Stockton Rotary Club

Meeting Tuesday at noon at the Stockton Hilton

2024-2025



Upcoming Speakers

01/07/25	Carol Ornales	CEO Visionary Home Builders	Stockton Hilton
01/14/25	Jason Perry	GM of ASM for Ball Park, Event Center & The Fox	Stockton Hilton
01/21/25	CEO Scott Watkins	Stockton Symphony and Peter Jaffee Conductor	Stockton Hilton



Jamie Sanchez prospective new member with sponsor Diane Stauffer

Sitting in **President Andy** led us in the song "White Christmas". A traditional favorite.

Guests: Jamie Sanchez: was so glad to meet **Diane**, with all her enthusiasm at Junior League and plans to join North Stockton Rotary! Fantastic Jamie!

President Andy passed on a story about Calvin Coolidge to us. 'Quiet Cal' as he was known, was challenged by a reporter saying she bet him she could get him to say more than 3 words. He said "You Lose". Groan!

NSR Injured Reserve List: President Andy broke his wrist trying to push his 40lb dog off the bed.

Sunshine Bucks:

Shelly Moriera: Said her son is coming home and is skilled and can do handyman work if anyone has a need. He will be celebrating his 36th birthday and they're going to go see Hamilton.

Diane Stauffer: Had her first sleepover with her granddaughter. She's 3 months old and she slept through the night! Wow!

President Andy asked if you would like to help Bill out as he takes on prostate cancer, you could donate to the Rotary Foundation or the North Stockton Rotary Endowment.

Scholarship winner Nga Pham sent a beautiful letter thanking North Stockton Rotary. A heartfelt and extremely respectful letter it really showed how much it ment to him. Well Done.

Rotary Foundation Doing Good In The World

- Ray Call: Paul Harris Recognitions
- Jim Dugoni: PHF + 5
- Steve Groom: PHF + 6

Rotary Foundation:

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. He also awarded **Jim Dugoni** his +5 Paul Harris and **Steve Groom** his +6 Paul Harris. Fantastic men!

December 17th in History:

Andy gave **Evan** some Vermont Maple Syrup for filling in last week. **Andy** brought it from the Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival.

Also on this day, the Wright Brothers flew the first motorized

flight in history. It lasted 4 minutes. I think they really started something...

Also this day was the first encounter of the Pilgrims and the Native Americans. Also the start of a great American Tradition.

Also the first ten amendments to the Bill of Rights took effect on December 15, 1791 after ratification by Virginia.



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Evan Stone of Verve

Spoke to us today about what's the State of the Information Technology Industry?



Past President Evan Stone spoke to us today about the State of Technology, his livelihood. He started with the history of his career, ascension from cyber security at UOP, succeeding and then losing his job when he cracked the case. He had learned enough to be dangerous. He got hired at Verve to be a trainer in 1994. He was their first trainer, then he went to be a technical trainer. He was in on the ground floor. After two or three years he was hired by Novell. They did small business service hardware. He was assigned to their biggest client Internationally.

He then started his own Computer Business and did it for 10 years. He then went back to Verve. Every new area they go into he ends up heading it up. He is now an aligner, he identifies what companies need for the coming year. Verve now has 36 people, with 25 of those in the service department.

So what is the State of IT Industry? To know that you have to recognize the pace of technological change. It's increasing rapidly. From the monster main frames to modern PCs, size, speed, affordability and software are changing dramatically. Business's information can now be stored securing in "The Cloud". The Cloud is an assortment of data centers.

With the rise of Artificial Intelligence, the creation of Automated Workplaces with Chat Agbt and the cloud, you need Verve because this is all getting too complicated! You have generative AI, (you have to start it), and Reactive AI (it has the ability to react to certain events. How can you keep up with the technological changes?

With the millions of square feet the clouds require, two main concerns are electricity and water. An extreme amount of power is required. The heat from the Cloud computers is so intense that radiated water coolers must run through the facility.

Security in the Cloud is a huge concern. Evan said it's more secure in the cloud than in your building. Data has verification codes to make it more secure. It's also very important for Verve to stay ahead of the curve.

Evan, thanks for the talk, it was a little over my head and I tried to put your message across.

President Andy thanked **Evan** and had him sign a computer. **Andy** asked for any more input and **Richard Carr** had to relate his tradition of Maple Syrup gift he receives every year from a weekend of constructing a cabin in Vermont, before he was married, for his friend. Very sweet!

Also, Don't miss the Zion Chamber Orchestra Festival, Jan 12th, 19th and the 31st. Led by Paul Kimble, this beautiful music, written by Prokofiev, Khachaturian, Beethoven, Benjamin Britten and finally a finale of Disney Delights with the Pops Choir, will tickle your ear bone. \$20 a concert or all 3 for \$50. Shows start at 5pm, last show starts at 7:30pm. Located at the Zion Lutheran Church, 808 Porter Avenue. Phone is 209 477-0259 or email ZionOrchestra@comcast.net.

Also, Murder On the Orient Express is at the Stockton Civic Theater. **JANUARY 16 – FEBRUARY 2, 2025**

A classic murder mystery play based on Agatha Christie's renowned novel. Set aboard the luxurious Orient Express train, renowned detective Hercule Poirot finds himself embroiled in a perplexing case when a wealthy American passenger is found murdered in his compartment. With a limited pool of suspects, including aristocrats, businessmen, and socialites, Poirot must navigate through a web of lies, secrets, and deceit to uncover the truth behind the murder, call [\(209\) 473-2424](tel:2094732424)

Happy New Year!



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