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The Speaker for July 17th: Michael Tubbs



Michael D. Tubbs Mayor of Stockton

Stockton: From bankruptcy to economic rejuvenation. Mayor Michael Tubbs will share structural solutions he's implementing in Stockton like universal basic income which has garnered international news and criminal justice reform.

On November 8, 2016, Michael Tubbs was elected to serve as the mayor of the City of Stockton, California. Upon taking office in January 2017, Michael Tubbs became both Stockton's youngest mayor and the City's first African-American mayor. Michael Tubbs is also the youngest mayor in the history of the country representing a city with a population of over 100,000 residents. Recognized as one of Politico's Top 50, Fortune's 2018, Top "40 under 40," Forbes' 2018 list of the "30 Under 30", and awarded the John F. Kennedy New Frontier Award, Tubbs' leadership paired with an ambitious progressive agenda has received national recognition. In his first year, Mayor Michael Tubbs secured \$20,000,000 to launch the Stockton Scholars, a place-based scholarship that aims to triple the number of Stockton students entering and graduating from college. Tubbs also brought Advance Peace to Stockton, a data driven program that works to reduce gun violence in communities. With an innovative public-private partnership supported by a \$1,000,000

grant, Tubbs launched the nation's first ever mayor led basic income pilot.

[Click here to read more.](#)

Silver Creek Country Club Golf Tournament



Date: Thursday, July 18, 1 pm Shotgun Start

Register: [Click Here](#)

Price: \$120 per player - includes green fees, cart, practice range, prizes, post-golf appetizers - SJ Rotary Club members and Guests \$42 per player for SCVCC members who are SJ Rotary Club members

[Click here to read more.](#)

Rotaplast Mission to Colombia 6/19-7/12

The Rotaplast Committee invites you to join our non-medical Rotary Club volunteers on their 2019 Mission to Apartado, Colombia by following the daily blog with pictures [by clicking here.](#) Thanks to you and other generous supporters this Mission is fully funded by the San Jose Rotary Club.

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Saving smiles, changing lives.

Musical Instrument Drive

Do you have a forgotten or unused musical instrument sitting at home that could be in the loving hands of a young San Jose student eager to learn to play? Help San Jose Jazz put it to use by donating it for a public school child who cannot afford his/her own instrument. San Jose Jazz's Progressions education program provides free after-school music training and homework support to over 150 kids in six economically-challenged Title 1 San Jose public schools, grades 4-8. Your donation will enable a deserving student to learn to play your instrument and to reap the academic benefits that music training brings. Please bring them to Rotary Summit Center on July 17 or 24. San Jose Jazz is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation and a donation acknowledgement letter for your instrument will be sent to you for your tax planning purposes.



Youth Protection Bit-O-Info



No one adult can be left alone with one young person. Support is provided by other adults involved in the program to protect both the youth and the Rotarian.

Pictures from the 4th of July Parade and Fireworks







Photos taken by Carl Cilker & Cindy Faulkner, Photography Committee. [Click here](#) and [click here](#) to see the full sets.

The Meeting Summary for July 10, 2019



The new Rotary year is underway, and Rotarians and guests were feeling a bit “jazzed” while being greeted in the lobby of the Rotary Summit Center by members of the Downtown Fireworks Committee, being served wine courtesy of BERT GEORGE, and enjoying music performed by the San Jose Jazz High School All-Stars. These good folks were acknowledged later in the meeting by our new leader, President KARYN SINUNU-TOWERY, who rang the bell at 12:15 p.m., calling to order meeting 5,200 of the Rotary Club of San Jose.



President Karyn began her year by acknowledging immediate past-president GARY SHARA, from whom she claims to have received this advice when she asked what she should do, courtesy a video clip from *Gone With the Wind*: “Frankly my dear, I don’t give a damn.” She also pointed out her “electronic chalk board” that will be projected on the big screen prior to the start of each weekly meeting that will indicate upcoming events, etc. She encouraged members to make her aware of any community events in which you are involved for possible posting on this slide.

We then received upbeat news delivered by KAREN PHILBRICK during a new segment titled, appropriately, Upbeat News. Each of these reports will be delivered by Rotarians throughout the year, sharing good news and stories about random acts of kindness.

Due to a full agenda, there were no individual introductions of guests, but all were given a warm welcome collectively. Red Badgers MICHAEL MELILLO and JOE SWEENEY handled the travelling microphones.

President Karyn outlined some recent Club highlights and her plans for the year under the theme: Rotary Jazz: Participate, Collaborate and Improve. Each meeting will feature information from one of these sectors: community, club, international, and Foundation. Among the plans and highlights for the year are the following: In honor of each speaker, a gift will be made to San Jose Jazz, and JAMES WILLIAMS told us about the many awesome things being done throughout the year by the organization beyond its popular Summer and Winter festivals, including music education and outreach; there is need for used musical instruments to be donated for use by students, and we are asked to do so at the meetings taking place on July 17 and July 24; our Club will support the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy in its effort to relocate the carousel from its current site at Arena Green to an area of the Rotary PlayGarden; we received a recap of the Independence Day Rotary Downtown Fireworks and the Rose, White and Blue Parade, in which our Club's parade float took first place; our Club also received a commendation from the California State Assembly in recognition of what all our members do in and for the community; Washington School teachers will be highlighted throughout the year; and a job board is being created to assist San Jose State University students find internships.



The Service to Seniors Committee, chaired by JUDY DIXON DEATON, with the assistance of A Catered Affair, will hold a BBQ on July 18 for about 60 residents at Morrone Gardens in San Jose from 5 to 8 p.m.

CLARENCE STONE (don't boo ... he's not THAT Stone) was first to be fined this year, but he will also be involved in the fining of many members going for the benefit of the Foundation Endowment.



NORM KLINE discussed the Amazon Smile program and the process by which one can register at: smile.amazon.com to search and select Rotary Club of San Jose Foundation as the charity of choice, allowing 0.5 percent of purchases on qualified items to be contributed to the Foundation.

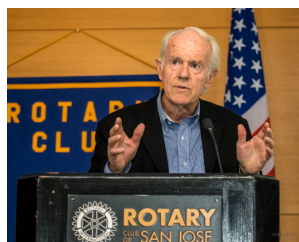
RON ZRAICK promoted the July 18 golf event taking place at Silver Creek Country Club with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Deadline to register is July 15.

BRIAN WELCH provided the first in a new series titled Rotary Beat: Law Enforcement. Today's information involved a warning about the surge in vehicle break-ins and burglaries as perpetrators are seeking electronic devices, such as laptops and Smartphones. Of note is that we should not think that such devices are safe in the trunk of a car, as Bluetooth technology can allow thieves to detect the location of these items.

President Karyn noted that next week's program will feature the topic of urban renewal with speaker Michael Tubbs. She then introduced today's speaker, actor and activist Mike Farrell, and mentioned that he has a fundamental belief that every person has value.



Perhaps best known for his portrayal of the character Captain B.J. Hunnicutt from the television series M*A*S*H, in addition to being an actor, Farrell is a writer, producer, and a human rights advocate who speaks throughout the country to share his position that the death penalty harms victims' families, puts innocent lives at risk, and wastes public resources that could be put to better use. A longtime opponent of the death penalty and an advocate of prison reform, Farrell has visited prisons and been involved in death penalty cases across the U.S. for more than three decades. He is the author of two books: Just Call Me Mike: a Journey to Actor and Activist; and Of Mule and Man.



Farrell began his remarks by stating that he was impressed by Rotary's Four-Way Test and praised our Club for all that we do throughout the community and beyond. Switching to the topic at hand, he credited Governor Gavin Newsom for recently signing an executive moratorium on California's death penalty, calling it a "brilliant and courageous act" by a political figure today. Among the many points made by Farrell during his sobering and statistic-filled remarks were: that the fundamental human right is the right to life; love, attention, and respect are three necessary things each person wants; misery creates dehumanization; the death penalty is "the ultimate insult" to human dignity; capital punishment "kills the innocent as well as the guilty;" the death penalty creates a "moral and spiritual cost to all of us;" that life is among our inalienable

rights; that “our job is to fully realize what the Founders left for us in aspirational form;” capital punishment creates desensitization, by which we “lose our humanity;” and that “no one is only the worst thing that he or she has ever done.”



The length of today’s program precluded there being a question and answer session, although Mr. Farrell remained after the meeting to speak to folks who had individual questions for him. Before adjourning the meeting at a bit past 1:15 p.m., President Karyn thanked our speaker then, as members exited, played a video of school children performing in Barcelona, Spain, to demonstrate what youth can accomplish through the gift of musical instruments.

Respectfully submitted (and all that jazz),

Brian Adams
Rotary Summaries Committee

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Membership Application

[Click Here](#) for the Rotary Club of San Jose's Fillable Membership Application.