

North Stockton Rotary



Evan Stone
NSR 21-22 President



Ray O' the Gate, open says a me!



10/05/21

Pulling up to the Marina West Yacht Club gate, I was met by **Ray Call**, who let me in. As you can see in the marina pictures above, it was a beautiful fall day.

Lunch was waiting for us. A perfect meat loaf, with catsup on it, (as mid western **PDG Judy** pointed out), mashed potatoes, cucumber salad and string beans with chopped bacon! I made two Arnold Palmer drinks and I was ready to go!



Paul Bagan quotes Booker T

President Evan rang the bell at 12:31pm and we began the meeting. He called up **Paul Bagan** to lead the pledge, recite the 4-way test and give the thought for the day. He quoted Booker T Washington saying, "The world cares very little what you or I know, but it does care a great deal about what you or I do."

Richard Carr introduced **Ryan Billigmeier**, with Citizens Bank for the third time. Time to fill out the paperwork! **Paul Bagan**, a new member warned Ryan that Membership chair **Wayne Hose**, ex police chief, brought out the handcuffs when it was Paul's third introduction. Everyone laughed and Wayne said to Paul, "but you liked it!" Oh boy, we were off to a great start.

President Evan announced members birthdays in October: Tony Yadon, Tiffany Manning, Allison Lafferty, and Carlos De Jesus. Andy led us in Happy Birthday!

President Evan announced Rotary Anniversary's: Marcie Valverde—11 years, and Frosty Gelbke—42 years!!!!



Ryan Billigmeier and Richard Carr



Frosty Gelbke, NSR Member since October 1, 1979.

2021-2022 CLUB OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President:	Evan Stone	Scholarship:	Wayne Hose	Fundraising:	Kendra Clark	UOP Rotaract:	Jim Dugoni
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Community Service:	Lorie Liddicoat	Speech Contest:	Ray Call	Seeds of Hope:	Paul Hansen		

Upcoming Speakers

10/12/21	Paul Bagan	Stockton Heat, hockey team	Village West Yacht Club
10/19/21	Cal Trans	Homeless Encampment	Village West Yacht Club
10/26/21	TBD	TBD	Village West Yacht Club

Sunshine Bucks Bucket.

Mansoor and Parvin Soleimani motioned, but deferred until later.

Tod Anton stood and complimented our Wheelbarrow news letter as “fit to be from the storied San Francisco Club! Very kind Tod, it’s my pleasure. We salute you!

Calendar:

October 12 our speaker will be **Paul Bagan**, of the Stockton Heat Hockey Team.

10/10/11 thru 10/15/21 Annual Dictionary Distribution 1500 dictionaries to 8 yr olds! Dictionaries can be picked up at 6385 Pacific Ave., October 7th, Thursday or October 8th Friday between 4pm and 6:30pm. They will be sorted and readied for delivery. Chair Tod will give the Rotarians phone numbers to the school principal’s for coordinating the deliveries. Most likely you’ll just drop off the dictionaries.

10/16/21 Delta Sculling Club has an event. Please volunteer to watch the gate, as they helped us so much at our fundraiser. They are delivering boats and equipment to kids at this event. They say, “Sailing clubs for kids can transform inner city kids lives”.

10/16/21 The Walk for ALZ. Here’s the link to walk or donate: https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2021/CA-NorthernCaliforniaandNorthernNevada?fr_id=14331&pg=entry

October 25th - District seminar, contact **Lorie** for particulars. After will be a tour of a sweet potato vodka distillery in Modesto.

October 30th - Foundation Dinner, Modesto. Let **President Evan** know, he’d like to get a table together.



NSR member since 1959, Terry Cossette joined us for lunch! Great to see you Terry!

Announcements:

All October NSR’s Rotaract is gathering snow gear for SJCOE kids this winter. Contact **Lorie Liddicoat** directly to schedule: 209.915.9913 or email at loriediazliddicoat@gmail.com if you can donate.



Mansoor and Parvin Soleimani

Long time members, **Past President Mansoor and Parvin Soleimani** now had something to say to us. Mansoor started and said: My Fellow Rotarians: Every good thing in our life finally comes to an end. We have to say goodbye to you all today. Parvin and I are having very emotional and mixed feelings about departing from North Stockton Rotary. I joined the Rotary in 1981, 40 years ago. I have to tell you about the circumstances that I joined. We had to stay in the US while we received our Doctorate at UOP, Iran took the Americans hostage. We didn’t have any jobs and money to leave on. I used my sewing talent to open up a tailor shop. The hardship at the time was unbearable but we had no other choices. Some of you may still remember Dr. Mark Jantzen, UOP Dean of the School of Ed., as well as a distinguished member of this Rotary Club. One day he came into my tailor shop and told me that, “Mansoor, you should join the Rotary!”



The Wheelbarrow



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I was familiar with the Rotary in Iran. I told him, "I can not afford to pay the membership." He said, "I will pay the first year of your membership." And he did. Now it is 40 years later I am remembering him and his generosity. Rotary accepted me with an open arm and in reality Rotary rescued me and my family from the hardship of those dark days. It has truly been an amazing journey for me. I am leaving Stockton but Stockton and Rotary are in my heart.

And now Parvin:

In 1989 my husband Mansoor sponsored me to become a North Stockton Rotary member. At that time, I had a full time job, and was a proud mother to two beautiful daughters, 10 and 4 years old.

This membership came about when women in 1989 got the right to join the Rotary in the US. I was the third woman to join. The first two left soon, and I became the first woman who was also married to a Rotarian in our club.

When Mansoor became President in 2017-2018, I learned about the great responsibility of the President and the board members. I have very good memories and enjoyed being Rotarians, e have made wonderful Rotarian friends. We love you and miss you. Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts.

The Soleimani's are moving to Walnut Creek, behind gates, but close to family. We will miss you both very much. Thanks for being such good Rotarians and friends!

Community Service:

North Stockton Rotarians and UOP Rotaract Club joined forces to help [Emergency Food Bank - Stockton/San Joaquin, California](#) Fridays. NSR will be volunteering every Friday morning starting at 8:30AM. Please consider joining us in volunteering. [#RotaryInAction!](#)

Lorie is also District membership chair. DG Madden and her are promoting "Each one bring one". Expose people to the great work of Rotary by bringing them to a meeting.

We have a vacant **secretary position** open. Please jump in, you'll be on the fast track to fame and fortune!

Fundraising:

Chair Kendra Clark said: There is a phrase, "It takes a village to raise a child", the same can be said for fundraising!

I am excited to kick off the 2021-2022 fundraising year and look forward to a great year ahead, but it will take a village!

I would like to invite you to join the Fundraising Committee and help be a part of the village to raise funds and have some fun!

The committee will meet the second Monday of each month at 6pm.

Agenda :

Holiday Fundraiser brainstorming

Books Bands and BBQ brainstorming

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83058522078?pwd=N1JYNmM5T2Vwc29TcWFNY3BHTnNMUT09>



Mansoor, Parvin and Evan



A well deserved Standing Ovation for the Soleimani's!



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Speaker: Andy Chesley, speaker chair and incoming President, introduced **Claude and Jon Pellarin**, developers and co-owners of the Village West Marina & Resort. Their slogan, *It's more than just a Marina, It's a destination*. Claude said his Italian family came to Redwood City and opened a market during the depression. With no chicken meat available, they bought a chicken farm. Time passed and they came out of the depression and developed the farm into duplexes and their developing company was born. He said he was raised on the delta and sees so much potential in our incredible waterways. He has looked for a delta destination for 20 years. When the Village West Marina came up for sale, they bought it. He moved his whole family. Including his 91 year old mother here from Redwood City. They all now reside in Brookside. He also moved his corporate offices to Brookside, having bought two buildings in the Brookside Industrial Park.



Claude and Jon Pellarin



New Marina Layout



Fuel & Food stop



Top Rated Marina



Apts on the water



The Club Facility

The Village West Marina has The Garlic Brothers Restaurant, Bob's at the Marina, First Class Yacht Sales, Delta Marine Sales, Sunset Sweets, Village West Yacht Club and Freedom Boat Club as tenants.

They have renovated the Marina by adding 1 bedroom, 1 bath units with full Kitchens and an incredible view of our delta and Mt Diablo. The cost is \$150 a/night during the week and weekends nights are \$175. They've added a convenience store to the fueling dock, a deck to lounge and fish off as well as rerouting the road to allow better access, trailer/RV parking and a dog run to the Marina.

The actual berths and occupancy has been updated, ridding the abandoned boats, (they were smashed in the open. You better pay your rent!), as well as floatation docks for ski boats, so they can stay all year round. They have a new rental business. You can rent pontoon boats, Kayaks, Stand up paddleboards and hydro bikes!

They applied and got a Gold 5 anchor rating from the Global Marina Accreditation by meeting all their requirements. One of three marinas that do in California.

They also are renovating the old In shape tennis club. They're calling it the Club. The public is invited to join. They have removed 4 tennis courts, to provide 100 parking spaces.

There are 4 tennis courts, 4 pickle ball courts and a large swimming pool and veranda area. The 1st floor is a 3600 sf fitness center and the 2nd floor is a ballroom, all glass with delta views. This event center is available to the public for rental.

What an exciting and real improvement for Stockton!

Claude was asked if the courts are lighted, and they are not. The neighbors wouldn't appreciate it.

President Evan thanked The Pellarin's for the interesting presentation, rang the bell and we were out at 1:27pm.



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