Chris Hunefeld January 2024's NSR President

01/09/24

Gray skies and fog were in the air, it was as cold as a twitches snit as I pulled up to the Brandenburg Gate. **Ray** and **Joanna Call** greeted me, as I proceeded through. This was it. The first meeting I've led in 18 years. Boy, does time fly.

As I entered the Clubhouse, I saw **Andy** reading a book. **Andy** really has been doing a great job of leading us, doing everything to make us guest Presidents happy, as I had no idea how much set up and take down as well as scheduling and figuring out what to wear. If you have a chance, please give **Andy** your appreciation.



Ray's got the gate, come on in!



Andy quoting Ben Franklin.

Submarine sandwiches, make mine tuna, as well as a fresh green spinach salad and ruffles with ridges, greeted us at the buffet. At my table we all caught up as to how the holiday's were for everyone.

Past President Me rang the bell at 12:30 pm. **Shannon** was scheduled for the Pledge, 4 way Test and a thought for the day, but was ill. I called up **Andy Chesley** to fill in. **Andy's** thought was from Ben Franklin: "Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every New Year find you a better man." Obviously the quote from the 18th Century needs an update. **Andy** had more quotes but gave up!!

Omniscient Andy then led us in a rousing rendition of "Auld Lang Syne". After he was asked what that means? We didn't know, so I looked it up. The title of the song is

in Scots language, which is similar to English, and it literally means "old long since". The phrase can be interpreted as "since long ago" or "for old times' sake". There will be a test next Tuesday.

President Chris then brought back the tradition that **Ray Call** brought back, of everyone greeting and shaking hands with others not at your same old table. Boy everyone went on and on, I had to start the next segment to get them to sit back down!

Visitors and Guests.

Tena Carr, was introduced by **Frosty Gelbke**. **Kay Ruhstaller**, **is** our speaker and from The Family Resource Center, from which **Tena** is a longtime Board member. **Richard** had a dermatologist appointment so he missed our meeting.

Tamara Fooy introduced longtime Pacific Educator, 96 year old Doris Meyer.

Ray Call introduced his wife Joanna.



Tamara Fooy introduces Doris Meyer and Kay Ruhstaller.

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Upcoming Speakers

01/16/24 Dick McClure	"The Other Hearst Castle"	Village West Yacht Club
01/23/24 Dave Frederickson	"Milestone Moments on the Road to Decision '24!"	Village West Yacht Club
01/30/24 Tim Vial	Record Travel Columnist	Village West Yacht Club

President Ray also said the RI Theme this year is "Create Hope In the World." From our endowment in 2023, we awarded: The Emergency Food Bank, YMCA, Unbound Stockton, Leadership Stockton, Black Urban Farmers Association and super Fritz, a pediatric cancer program, 70 Backpacks for the Homeless Shelter Christmas Party as well as blankets and books, and **John Drebinger's** incredible and mysterious magic show! I'd say we've contributed to creating hope!

Speaking of the **Homeless Shelter Christmas Party**, December 20th, **Andy** reported how smoothly it went and the kids were delighted. **Lorie** and **Lauren**'s hard work along with the committee really paid off. **John Drebinger's** Magic Show was a hit as usual, but some kids had to go to class, so **John** will be returning to treat those kids! Wow, great job **John**!

Andy reported on **Judy Lovett's** Service on January 7th. It was well attended and heartwarming to see the heartfelt remembrances about **Judy**. She touched so many and Loved Rotary.

Upcoming Events and Speakers:

January 16th: Dick McClure of the Union Planning Mill will speak to us about, "The Other Hearst Castle". It would help if you watch the 1941 movie, "Citizen Kane" before the meeting.

January 20th: the Lincoln High School Speech contest will be held. Ray Call, Chris Hunefeld and Shelly Moreira will pick our representative at the District Contest.

January 23rd: Dave Frederickson will speak to us about "Milestone Moments on the Road to Decision '24!" He was directly involved in 10 Presidential Campaigns, at every level, from the precinct to the White House!

January 30th: Tim Vial, the Record's traveling correspondent will speak.

Historical NSR Photos and Events:

2005, NSR's offsite at the Sheriff's Department shooting range, arranged by Bob Hunefeld and Sheriff John Huber. Steve Groom shows off his two head shots. Bob Wingo, Chief of the Port Police, shoots his automatic weapon. Department store and









tennis pro Terry Cossette goes fully auto while Wayne Hose, Robert Walker and Sami Khoury shoot pistols. All this after a catered Dave Wongs Chinese food lunch! By the way, Wingo had to get stitches when he got his hand pinched by the weapon.





UPCOMING PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2006

7-Feb Father Michael Kelly Ireland

14 Tod Ruhstaller Valentines Day

21 Javad Jamshidi MRI Specialist

7-Mar Connie Callhan Judge, On The Judiciary

14 Justian Risso CASA (Court Appointed Child Advocate)

21 Phyllis Nusc GSE Romania Presentation

11 Richard Pombo US Congressman

18 Larry Ruhstaller/Anne Baird Political Debate

25 Brian Heffernan Commercial Real Estate

2-May Judge Linda Loftus Independence of the Judiciary

Looking at the speaker schedule for February through May in 2006!

Historical NSR Photos and Events







January 6th, 2009, Tom Biglione was President and we met at Brookside

Country Club, As you can see, Andy Chesley was leading the singing. Frosty Gelbke never had a lunch he didn't like and Jim Dugoni was in the house. Previous year President, Judy Lovett made an announcement about the Grants Committee or maybe her upcoming Wheelchair trip to Costa Rica.









Don't forget the Rotary Read In is February 29th. Call Jim to Read!!



Sunshine Bucks:

Tamara Fooy will be traveling to New Zealand for a family visit.

Andy Chesley gave an update on wife **Leslie's** condition. She is improving and is convalescing at home. Prayers for a speedy recovery **Leslie!**

Ray Call announced that **Joanna** is also on the mend. I know because she was sitting right there! Good news **Joanna!**

There will be a Rotary Night at the Pacific Tiger Basketball game against St. Mary's, Tuesday, February 6th, 8pm. Tickets \$14.

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John on picture patrol with Kay's presentation.

Speaker:

Tamara Fooy introduced Kay Ruhstaller of the Family Resource and Referral Center. Tamara's mother Joan Richards founded the Center and Kay now leads it. She said:

We are committed to the health and well-being of children in San Joaquin County, and the adults who care for them. Serving the community since 1980, our mission is to provide resources to parents and childcare providers to encourage healthy growth for the children in their care.



Kay Ruhstaller presents to the Board of Supervisors.

Raising a child to their full potential in our society today is

no easy task. Our goal is to provide the parents and child care providers that we serve with the resources they need to be successful in that very important goal. We want all parents to be empowered to choose a quality environment that meets the needs of their own child's development.

Our Core Values

These values are of equal importance as we demonstrate them in our daily work.

COLLABORATION – We work cooperatively and selflessly. We strive to unlock each other's potential and leverage each other's talents, to accomplish more together than alone. We show up and build trusted relationships.

COMPASSION – We are considerate, accepting, and respectful of those we serve and our teammates. We are passionate about the well-being of children, their caregivers, and the community.

CUSTOMER SERVICE FOCUSED – At the center of every decision and action is the well-being of the children, and the adults who care for them. We are professional, empathetic, non-judgmental and go the extra mile to provide valuable service in a caring and respectful manner.

DIVERSITY – Diversity is our strength. We value differences, appreciate, and encourage each other's uniqueness and expressions of beliefs, perspectives, and style. We all share the responsibility to create a positive culture of equity, inclusion, dignity, and respect for all.

INTEGRITY – We do what we say we are going to do. We place our highest, collective importance on honoring our commitments to children, their caregivers, our community, our partners, and each other. We hold ourselves to the highest standards of professional, ethical conduct.

Family-friendly advocate turns vision into legacy. It's a Part-Day YEAR-ROUND Preschool! Healthy meals and snacks provided. Joan Richard Learning Village participates in the <u>USDA Child Care Food Program (CACFP)</u>. This is the house that Joan built. This is the child that heard the story that was read by the parent, that attended the classes, that began in the house that Joan built. Joan Richards built that house -- Family Resource and Referral Center -- in 1980 with a \$52,000 state grant and two employees. Today, the child-care referral and educational center operates on a \$41 million budget with 150 staff members. Beginning Oct. 1, the house that Joan built opened its doors without her. Richards, 69, retired Sept. 28 as director of an agency dedicated to connecting child-care providers and parents with the tools they need to educate young children. To help get families get connected to the services they need, they became a 2-1-1 Service provider.

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As you can see on the flyer below it's 211 on your phone for all these services. It's a 24/7 service. There are over 50 ways 2-1-1 works. Laid off workers can ask for job assistance, dialing during quarantine emergencies for groceries, etc. Flu shot outlets. Evacuation routes in emergencies. Basic information on Health Insurance. Services available for crime victims. Travelers aid if you're stranded somewhere. Help for non English speaking to get health information. It has a continuously updated database. Housing assistance, updates on forest fires status. Crisis Counseling, volunteer opportunities, warnings of disease breakouts. After hour support for service agencies. State Homeland Security Plan. Advice to helpers on the best ways to offer help and services.

As I said the list goes on and on. An incredible Service agency started here in Stockton. Fantastic, thanks Kay for speaking today! Kay gladly signed a children's book.

Presiding archbishop Chris rang the bell at 1:15pm.



- **M** Child Care Assistance
- Senior/Elderly Support

Abuse Prevention



Text your zip code to 898211





The local 2-1-1 Service Provider is Family Resource Center, A member of 211 California. 3127 Transworld Dr., Suite 100 Stockton, CA 95206 209-948-1553 www.frcsj.org



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 - Judy Lovett Recognition
 - Tod Anton Scholarship and Fund Growth



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