



The Wheelbarrow

The Bulletin of the North Stockton Rotary Club

Meeting Tuesday at noon at the Marina West Yacht Club

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Evan Stone
February 2024's
NSR President



Busy Gate, not the pearly gates!!



Puffy white clouds float along our delta



Natures beauty on display today

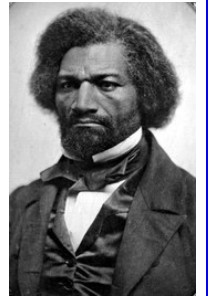
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Natures beauty floated above us as we drove through Richard's gate. We stared at the magnificence of Winter's palate and proceeded to the Club.

At the gate was the indestructible **Richard Carr**. Lunch was an excellent selection of Chinese Food, I ate two much, but was ok after a half an hour.

The bell rang at 12:30, and **Past President Evan Stone** began the meeting.

Andrew Chesley led the flag salute, 4-way test and the thought for the day! He quoted Frederick Douglas. He said, "If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom, and yet depreciate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters. This struggle may be a moral one; or it may be a physical one; or it may be both moral and physical; but it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will." Take that PG&E!



Frederick Douglas

Presiding President Evan emphasized our freedom of speech in America and had us sing the National Anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner." Nobody said, "Play Ball, I guess it's to early."



Dennis, Augusta Victoria & Lexie

Guests and Visitors:

Tamara introduced her husband and Stockton Rotarian **Rick Fooy**. Along with **Rick** were Stockton Rotarian and Speech Judges **Graham & Sharon Tweedy** with **Monie Ky**.

From Lincoln High School, Speech Teacher **Brianna Heinrich** and from Bear Creek High School, speech teacher **Victoria Castro**. **Augusta O'Leary** and **Dennis Baroni** from Stockton Sunrise Rotary were also there.



Ray, Monie, Sharon & Graham

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02/20/24	DG Waqar Risvi	Annual District Governor Visit	Village West Yacht Club
02/27/24	Grant Presentations	Lisa Hunefeld Grants and Delta College Program recipients	Village West Yacht Club
03/05/24	TBD	TBD	Village West Yacht Club

Evan had everyone greet and meet others at the other tables.

Sunshine Bucks:

Chris Hunefeld: Daughter Allie just turned 30! Went on a Miami Birthday Trip and loved the city.

Ray Call: Dented Joanna's car and got it into the shop.

Karen Rogers: Realized that one of the speech contestants today is her former student! Good job Karen!

Tamara Fooy: Announced her grandson just turned 8 years old.

Michelle Haner: Just back from another trip, this time on a Caribbean cruise. She was definitely sporting a tan in the middle of winter. She also confirmed she and **Shelly** were on the same plane.

Andy Chesley: Saturday was a book sorting morning at the Chesley residence. **Andy, Leslie, Chris, Richard, Phil, Diane, Shannon and Karen** got the books ready to distribute!

Richard Carr: Announced it's been 1 month since his stroke and arduous hospital stay. He's feelin' good and they're still testing!

Andy announced **Jim Dugoni** tested positive for Covid, and couldn't make our meeting.



Upcoming Speakers:

02/13/24 Area 2 Speech Contest for High Schoolers

02/20/24 District Governor Waqar Risvi visit

02/27/24 Lisa Hunefeld Grants and Delta College Program Recipients

02/29/24 33rd Annual Rotary Read In

Ray Call introduced the Rotary Area 2 Speech Contest. He said:

This year we have two exceptional contestants, one sponsored by North Stockton Rotary and the other sponsored by Stockton Sunrise Rotary. Today's winner will win a \$175 prize and have a chance to win another \$1,000 prize at the Regional Competition on March 16th. Second place today wins a prize of \$125.

Let me announce our esteemed judges for today's competition. Our first judge is Monie Ky, she has been a member of the Stockton Rotary Club for 6 years, a retired teacher from LUSD, She holds the Vocational Service Chair and Youth Service Chair for her Rotary.



Ray starts the Speech Contest



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Our second and third judges are a team, well husband and wife team. They have graciously been our Area 2 Speech Competition judges for the last 3 years. We have Sharon and Graham Tweedy. Sharon is a retired teacher from SUSD. She's been a member of the Rotary Club of Stockton for 12 years, She holds positions with the Rotary Read in, Spanos Elementary School Adoption, RYLA Committee and DDF distribution of Literacy Grant funds. Graham has been a member of the Stockton Rotary for 34 years, he's a past president (11/12), he works with the A.G. Spanos Interact Club, Books from Santa for K – 3 grades and he is treasurer for the Read to Me Stockton program. Thank you for judging today!

I am Ray Call, I've been President of NSR twice and the Assistant District Governor for Area 2. I am currently the Youth Service Chair for NSR. I will be your timer for today.

Our contestants are Lexi Thor, a Junior from Bear Creek High School who is sponsored by Stockton Sunrise Rotary, and Zaina Ansari, a Freshman from Lincoln High School who is sponsored by North Stockton Rotary. The order of speakers was determined by picking numbers and Lexi is up first, Zaina will speak second. Speeches will be conducted on after the other and then the judges will deliberate and provide a winner. While they are deliberating, I will further introduce our speakers and the impressive things they are doing at their high schools.

This year's World-wide Rotary theme was "How does Rotary Create Hope in the World?" Our speakers are challenged with placing the main emphasis on how this topic applies to their lives and future dreams, and their pursuit of education and involvement in community service. Our speakers are also tasked with including Rotarian's accomplishments with regard to Rotary Creating Hope in the World.

Speeches will be judged on Including of Rotary in the speech, quality of thought, organization of though, vocal delivery, physical delivery, overall effectiveness and keeping the speech to as close to 5 minutes as possible.

We wish you the best of luck. Let's begin. Lexie your up first. I'll start the timer when you start your speech. Zaina your up next, I'll start the timer when you start your speech.



Lexie Thor speaks to NSR

Lexie spoke of Rotarian projects that promote cleanliness and fresh water. Rotary helped with covid relief, mental and physical. Rotary showed us how to come together. Mean girls in middle school taught her valuable life lessons. Puberty was embarrassing, Rotary programs provide sex education for unknowing teens. The Rotary Mission Pink Program answers and teaches the teens. She realized school was a privilege. As you know, public school restrooms can be very dirty. Some kids won't even use them all day. A Rotary project fixed 3,650 bathrooms with a \$50,000 Grant. They created Hope through cleanliness and sex education, creating a cleaner and smarter world.



Lexie and Zaina Ansari spoke to us

Next was Zaina ansar from Lincoln High School. She spoke of creating hope in the World with effort and dedication to help fight disease, make a better educational system and end poverty. Rotary's Ghana Water Project provided 80% of the population clean water. Hands on help is the best way to provide charity. It creates hope in the

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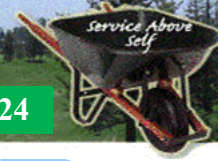
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community. Rotary's Guatemalan Project had a 50% graduation rate. This fired up the local teachers and insured better education for the community.

Rotary Programs to create a micro economy increased employment and self worth to help the poor economies. Creating hope by providing baby care packages for new moms. Totally overwhelmed, hope was created. It is New found hope. So from being overwhelmed by adversity, they are shown the light and given hope. Around the world.

Thanks Zaina, now it's time for the judges to deliberate. While they are doing that, I'd like to further introduce our speakers.

Zaina Ansari, a Freshman at Lincoln High. She is President of Brookside Elementary 22/23, she is a member of Chai, Desi, ACS and Halion clubs. She has won 1st through 4 place awards at the Science Olympiad. She plays basketball and is on the track team. She volunteers at the Greek Festival, Harvest Festival, and Homeless Shelter. She has been and assistant coach for the science Olympiad.

Lexi Thor is a Junior at Bear Creek High. She is a member of the Hmong, Thai, Laos, Cambodian and Kabayan club. She is high honor roll, and received the "Interacting Positively" coaches award in 22/23. She's a member of the Varsity basketball and swim teams. She's a member of the speech club, water polo, CSF and Women of BC clubs. She is a volunteer AVID-taught tutor.

Congratulations to both of you, you are both winners in my book! But let's find out who the judges are going to put first. Judges, do we have a winner? Lexi Thor from Bear Creek was judged the winner for Area 2 and will go on.

President Evan had both girls sign the book: Good Night Blue Truck!

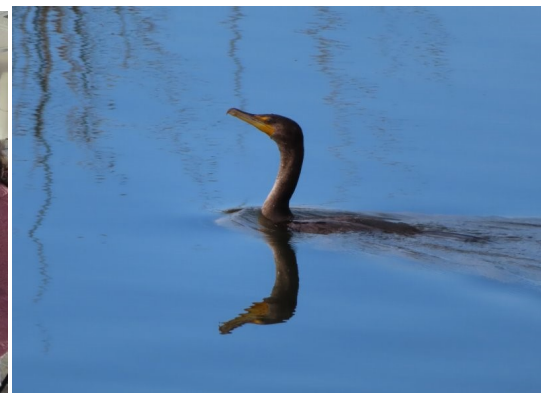
President Evan rang the bell at 1:15pm.



Evan asks the girls to sign the books



Lincoln High reunion Tod, Brianna and Shelly



A Japanese sub periscope was sighted in the lagoon!

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