



The Wheelbarrow

The Bulletin of the North Stockton Rotary Club

Meeting Tuesday at noon at the Marina West Yacht Club

2023-2024



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Bill McDonald
2024's April NSR President



Marina West Yacht Club

04/30/24

Richard Carr was at the electric fence. Serving as the last gatekeeper. We're moving to the Hilton starting next week, and this is our last meeting at the Marina West Yacht Club.

We were served fajitas, chicken and beef with all the fixings you could want. The corn salad was especially good.

The bell rang at 12:32, and **Past President Andrew Chesley** began the meeting. He was filling in for the vacationing **Bill McDonald**. He called up **Earle Ahrens** to lead the flag salute, 4-way test and the thought for the day. It was a very somber day, as we were there to celebrate the life of **Tod Anton**. **Earle** said he was going to be brief with the thought. He said he just lost a very dear friend. A friend who made the world a better place. May you Rest In Peace my friend.

Song for the Day: President Andy picked America the Beautiful. A poem written by Katherine Lee Bates after her train trip to Colorado ending atop Pikes Peak. It also was a tribute to the Civil War Veterans. We sang the third verse from memory.

Guests and Visitors:

In attendance were **Mark and Lordes Anton, Bobbie Anton and Stacie and Linda Welin. Mary Laughlin** was also a visiting Rotarian from the Sunrise Club. She's our District 2 ADG. **Michelle Haner** introduced her guest, prospective new member **Lorenzo Montelongo. Lauren Dietrich** introduced her guest and fellow worker **Sally Glusing**.

Sunshine Bucks:

Joe Dietrich said his granddaughter called him with a Dad Joke. How do you make an apple turnover?
Roll it downhill!

John Drebing is happy to announce that his safety speaking engagements are finally coming back after the Covid interruption. It's also safe to travel now!

Evan Stone said it's totally official, with his daughters cheer team finishing 2nd in the nation, after 11 years, she's done! That means he's done! What a great Dad you are Evan!



Richard Carr at the gate for the last time. Next week The Hilton!



Earle Ahrens's thought



Lorenzo Montelongo and sponsor Michelle Haner



Sally Glusing w/ Lauren



John Drebing



Linda Welin, Bobbie, Lordes and Mark Anton joined us today.

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05/07/24	Shelly and Karen	Report on Leadership Council	Hilton Hotel
05/14/24	Kimberly Nadeau	St Mary's Shelter/Dining Hall	Hilton Hotel
05/21/24	Adam Tschuur	UOP Athletic Director	Hilton Hotel

Sunshine continued:

Shelly Moreria was a little late because she was at the LUSD Blood Drive. She got stuck at the gate, but she made it. Just returning from San Diego, she a **Dave** came down with Covid. They had a nice two weeks in seclusion! She was very glad to be here today to honor **Tod**.

Michelle Haner: Went down south to visit her sister. Her sister is also a Realtor and she joined her for a RE continuing education class. You, a resort, they ask three questions and your renewed!

Andy Chesley announced when he retired the goal was to lose 50 pounds! As of today he has accomplished it! Wow! Somebody needs to go clothes shopping!

President Andy then started the remembrance for **Tod**.

Year in Review: 1929 **President Andy** put together a collage of **Tod's** unending contribution to North Stockton

Great Events of 1929

- ▶ Robert Byrd flew over the South Pole
- ▶ The first car radio was made by Motorola
- ▶ The Saint Valentines' Day Massacre
- ▶ Popeye Makes First Appearance in the comics
- ▶ Herbert Hoover Inaugurated President
- ▶ Stock Market Crash (Black Thursday)
- ▶ The game of Bingo was invented
- ▶ And **Tod Anton** was born into this world.

Rotary. Year after year, leading projects such as the Rotary Read In and Dictionary Distribution. He always attended our offsite meetings and always had great questions and interest in whatever we were doing. **Andy** put together

A Psalm of Life

by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time;

Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again.

Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait

Tod and Striving for Community Literacy



The Dictionary Project

Service Above Self



Tod and the Thought for the Day



When Great Trees Fall

by Maya Angelou

And when great souls die,
after a period peace blooms,
slowly and always
irregularly. Spaces fill
with a kind of
soothing electric vibration.
Our senses, restored, never
to be the same, whisper to us.
They existed. They existed.
We can be. Be and be
better. For they existed.

Henry Wadsworth and Maya Angelou poems to epitomize **Tod's** legacy. **Tod's** son **Mark** (cont)

Tod Anton: North Stockton Rotarian



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Anton spoke about his father. He said every family member was there at St Joes' when he took his last breath. 94 years old. His daughter said she talked to him and he said he was so satisfied and happy with his life. Here is an article from the Record:

'He was everybody's cheerleader': Former Lincoln Unified Superintendent Tod Anton dies at 94

Hannah Workman The Stockton Record

Those who live in the Lincoln Village West neighborhood in Stockton may have seen Tod Anton running at one point or another. The former Lincoln Unified School District superintendent — and former Lincoln High School cross country coach — used to run in the neighborhood encompassing the district's headquarters on his downtime.

"People would see him and flag him down, and he would talk to them about their concerns or interests in what's going on at their child's school," Mark Anton, Tod's son, said. It was just one way that Tod tried to connect to the community he served.

After what his daughter described as a "life with purpose," Tod died of natural causes on April 17. He was 94 years old.

Tod left behind his wife of 71 years, Emily "Bobbie" Anton; children Jill Haynes and Mark Anton; and countless coaching colleagues, district support personnel, principals, and teachers who viewed him as a leader and a mentor.

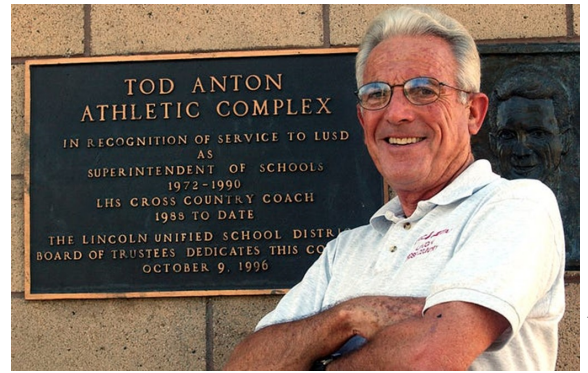
From SoCal to Stockton

Tod was born on Nov. 7, 1929 in Wisconsin, and raised in Southern California. He attended public schools in Glendale and Pasadena before graduating from the University of Southern California with degrees in history, educational guidance and school administration, and curriculum and instruction in 1951 and 1964.

The Wisconsin native taught at schools in Los Angeles, Santa Ana, and Anaheim, and later became a principal at schools in El Toro and Garden Grove. He would go on to serve as director of research at Garden Grove Unified School District and superintendent of Hillsborough City School District.

Tod and his family would eventually settle in Stockton after he accepted the superintendent position at Lincoln Unified School District in 1972.

"He really loved his job in Hillsborough, but there was one thing that Lincoln Unified had that Hillsborough didn't, and that was a high school," Mark said. "He had always wanted to be a superintendent of a unified district with a high school. He loved all of the elementary schools, but really, Lincoln High School was what brought him here." Tod served as superintendent of Lincoln Unified School District until 1990 and was the head cross country coach at Lincoln High School from 1987 to 2003.



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“Always give them something extra”

Throughout Tod's life, he taught lessons that had an impact on those closest to him. Mark — a teacher of 30 years for Stockton Unified School District — followed in his father's footsteps and pursued a career in education. He recalled a piece of advice Tod gave him when he first started applying for jobs at the age of 16.

"He said, 'When you're at work, always give them something extra.' I would think about that when I was at work. 'OK, what could I do to make my employer a little happier?' That came from my father," Mark said.

As an aesthetician at UC Davis Medical Center, Haynes would organize events for the skincare department. While some questioned her decision to go to beauty school instead of a traditional four-year college like her brother, Haynes said her father always encouraged her to pursue her dreams.

"My dad would come to my events, and he would stand in the back with a smile from ear to ear," Haynes, who is now retired, said. "He was everybody's cheerleader. He loved people, and he was always so interested in what everybody was doing. He would remember everything."

Haynes said her father would spend time researching his grandchildren's professions so that he would have talking points the next time they visited.

"He always poured into my girls," she said.

It was a trait that Tod possessed until his death.

"The night before he passed, he called me on the phone and he was just on cloud nine, saying how happy he was, what a beautiful life he had, how much he loved me," Haynes said. "He was just like that."

Haynes said her father taught her how important it is to lift up those you care about, and always tell the people you love how much they mean to you. She noted that he would often send cards to family and friends, offering words of encouragement and recognizing them for their achievements.

"He lived large and he loved large. He was Mr. Positive," Haynes said. "I'm going to carry that with me forever, and I'm going to do that."

One recipient of Tod's cards — and life lessons — is Alyssa Erickson, a first-year teacher at Oakwood Elementary School in north Stockton.

"When I was graduating college, I got the nicest card from Tod, and I had never gotten a card like this before. He recounted every accomplishment I've had since the time I was in middle school. He was shouting out things I did in high school and in college," Erickson said. "Most of all, people need to remember his heart ... his love for people, the community, and everyone around him. I know that's how my family will remember him."

Erickson said Tod met her grandfather, Dean Welin, decades ago at an education career fair in Southern California. After the two started talking, Tod offered Welin a position at Lincoln Unified School District.

"Because of Tod Anton, my entire family picked up their lives and moved to Stockton," Erickson said.

Welin would go on to work at Lincoln Unified for 27 years, and Tod remained close to him and his family throughout that time. After Welin died in 2022, Erickson said Tod continued to offer a wealth of support to her and acted as her mentor.



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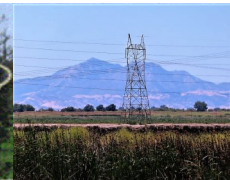


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"Tod was the person who I could still talk education with, I could talk life with, and how to move forward in my career," Erickson said. "Being so new to my career, he really gave me a lot of guidance on how to navigate the world of education."

Erickson said Tod would often tell her about the perks of a career in education, but he would never shy away from talking about the possible challenges she may encounter.

"He emphasized the importance of a shared goal among staff in order to be productive. He was always so big on being available and being helpful with your colleagues," Erickson said. "He would say, 'When we have a common goal in education, that's when our students are the most successful.'"

While many will remember Tod as an influential figure in education, Mark said he'll remember him as a loving father above all else.

"Even though he was so busy, he was always there for us. We had our dad. He was not only a great father, but a wonderful advisor ... when you had questions about something, he was there.

We just felt very lucky. I think any child would have been lucky to have him as a father," Mark said. "It really is nice to think that the image he had in the community was real. There was nothing phony about it. Sometimes people aren't who they come off to be, but he really was a great man."



A Celebration of Life will be held at 10:30 a.m. on June 1 at the Lincoln High School Performing Arts Center. All community members are welcome to attend.

In conclusion, how many kick outs, Easter Baskets, and offsites did Tod give 1000% to. I know I couldn't keep up with him! I and all of us will miss Tod Anton very much. A Great Rotarian and a great person.

President Andy offered the new Board of Directors:

Past President Jane Kalfsbeek attended the meeting, It was great to see her.



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 - ▶ Past President: Andy Chesley
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President Andy announced the **Carlos De Jesus's** wife is seriously ill. Please send your thoughts and prayers to the **De Jesus** family.

ADG Mary Laughlin announced that Sunrise Rotary is collecting non perishable food to give to the Delta College Veteran students for lunch enhancements.

President Andy then had gifts and thanks for the 3 years that **Rachel** and **Kelly** served us at the Marina West Yacht Harbor. **Kelly** said she was very proud to have our Club there.

President Andy then rang the bell at 1:09pm.

Future Meetings

- ▶ We are moving to the Hilton 11:45 to 1:15. Downstairs Meeting Room past the front desk.
- ▶ Ray Call will be acting President for May
- ▶ May 7 Report on Leadership Council by Shelly and Karen
- ▶ May 14 St. Mary's Shelter/Dining Hall Kimberly Nadeau
- ▶ May 21 Adam Tschuor, UOP Athletic Director
- ▶ May 28 Friends Outside, Michael Sorenson
- ▶ June 4 Potential Offsite at Papapavlos for Scholarship Awards

Thank You Village West Yacht Club



▶ Rachel and Kelly



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