



# NORTH STOCKTON ROTARY CLUB

2025- 2026



Service Above Self

## The Wheelbarrow

### The Bulletin Of North Stockton Rotary Club



Evan Stone 2025-2026 NSR President



Our Speech contestants from Linden and Lincoln High Schools!



Sharon Tweedy made sure to thank NSR's Ray Call for organizing the Speech Contest

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# Welcome, Pledge, 4 Way Test & Thought for the Day

02/17/26

**President Evan** rang the bell at 12:32 for our 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Year. Today is our annual Area 2 Speech Contest.

**President Evan** called up **Karen Rogers** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, the 4-Way Test and give a thought for the day.

**Karen's** thought had the theme of Rain, for obvious reasons.

1. Rain symbolizes renewal because it washes away the old, nourishes the earth and brings new life. Spiritually it represents cleansing and fresh starts.
2. Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass...it's about learning how to dance in the rain. Vivian Green
3. Rainy days should be spent at home with a cup of tea and a good book. Bill Watterson
4. The nice thing about the rain is that it always stops eventually. Eeyore.
5. You can't have a rainbow without a little rain. Dolly Parton
6. Rain reminds us there is hope and beauty in everything and if we are wise enough to look for it. Unknown
7. Let a smile be you umbrella on a rainy day. Lawrence Welk
8. When life gives you rain, play in the puddles. Unknown

**President Evan** then asked for guests or visiting Rotarians. We had a full house of Rotarians and Guests.

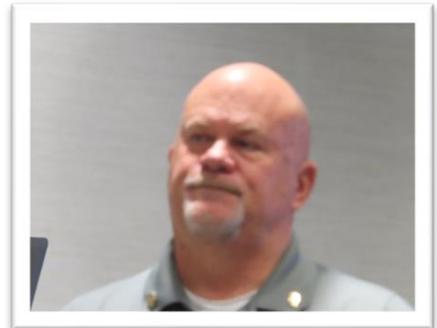
From the Stockton Club and Judging the contest, **Graham & Sharon Tweedy**, with **Pam Lambert**.

From the Sunrise Rotary we had **Dennis Barone** and **Chuck Wright**.

Visiting guests were; **Olivia Frenette**, speaker, with **Cindy Dalporto**, The Linden High Speech teacher. **Laura Setness**, the Lincoln High Speech teacher and **Lisa McWilliamson**, a Linden teacher and Aunt of Speaker **Maritza Pulido**.



**Karen Rogers leads the Pledge**



**President Evan welcomed our Area 2 guests.**



**The Linden High School contingency and speaker Olivia Frenette**



**Stockton Rotary's judges, Graham & Sharon Tweedy with Pam Lambert.**



Left: Dennis Barone and Chuck Wright. right is the Lincoln Speech Teacher Laura Setness and Maritza Pulido



**Stockton Rotary's judges, Graham & Sharon Tweedy with Pam Lambert.**

# Sunshine Bucks

**Nancy Kelley** said she went to the Mid-Year Assembly and enjoyed it very much. She thanked **Ray Call** for bringing coffee to our meeting today and she thanked **Bill McDonald** for giving her Rotary stationary to send greeting to and meeting reminders to members who haven't made a meeting in awhile. Remember, you will eat lunch somewhere! We miss you!!



**Nancy Kelley, a little fuzzy after the Mid-Year Assembly!**

**Sharon Tweedy:** Our visiting Rotarian judge made a nice donation and paid tribute to **Jim Dugoni** for all the years of his leadership for the **Rotary Read In**. Well done **Jim!**



**Diane Corriea** got a call from our ex-member and who is now the Reno Police Chief, **Katherine Nance's** husband **Jamie**. Apparently, she had to get a ride to work because she doesn't drive in the snow!!



**Sharon Tweedy lauds Jim Dugoni's work for the Rotary Read In every year!!**

**Graham Tweedy**, the other half of the judging team said he's thankful for Rotary. Looking to the future, the value of Rotary is immense. The number one organization for giving every year, and the detail and follow-up that ensures sustainability and progress.



**Not to be outdone, Graham waxed on poetically about the benefit of Rotary**



Dent, Past District Governor and RYLA counselor, **Judy Lovett**, was honored for her Love and support of this amazing camp with a commemorative bench. **Shannon Hurler, Jay Hislop, Sheri** and **John Reusch** were on hand. I know **Judy** would have loved this! Rest in Peace **Judy**.

The annual Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp, or Camp RYLA as we call it was held this last weekend. Our past Presi-

## Upcoming Socials & Events

<b>February 19</b>	<b>Octavio's Fundraiser - 20% to NSR</b>
<b>February 24</b>	<b>DARK</b>
<b>February 26</b>	<b>Rotary Read In</b>
<b>February 27</b>	<b>(Social) The Patio @ Mezzo Restaurant (Evening)</b>
<b>March 3</b>	<b>Christine Morrissey – Animal Sanctuary</b>
<b>March 10</b>	<b>Lucas Homdus – Discovery Challenge Academy</b>
<b>March 17</b>	<b>Tony Franks – St Mary's Football Coach</b>
<b>March 24</b>	<b>Kirk DeJesus – Port of Stockton</b>
<b>March 28</b>	<b>Community Hearing Screening - UOP</b>
<b>March 28</b>	<b>SJC Indoor Rowing Rivalry</b>
<b>March 31</b>	<b>Dark – Offsite (Whiskey Tasting)</b>
<b>April 25</b>	<b>Offsite Hot Dog Lunch Fundraiser: "Franks for Futures"</b>
<b>May 26</b>	<b>Stockton Ports</b>
<b>June 30</b>	<b>President Evans Kick-out</b>

February 26 is the Rotary Read In. **Jim Dugoni** is heading that up. NSR has all spots filled, but Stockton and Sunrise still need readers. It'll take 900 readers to read to every K-3 class in Stockton! Please contact **Jim**, [jimdugoni@gmail.com](mailto:jimdugoni@gmail.com) or (209) 607-9661.

## The Game

Something a little different this week. The actual frame by frame shot taken by ticket winner **Jim Dugoni**. Sporting the basket style shot again, the Paul Harris Monster Plush toy rims out, again! **President Evan** pointed out that every time we miss, NSR wins!



# The Area Two Speech Contest

**UNITE  
FOR  
GOOD**



## Area Speech Contest Agenda

Speech Chair Shelly Moreira came to the podium to begin the debate. She thanked **Ray Call** for all his work on the contest. Below is her agenda. We also have both speeches filmed. You can listen to both Olivia Frenette, 1<sup>st</sup> speaker and then Maritza Pulido, 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker.



**Shelly begins the  
Speech Contest**

Speakers Draw # 1 and 2 for order of speech upon arrival: Club President, Evan Stone, Introduces Area Speech Contest Chair Area Speech Contest opening remarks. Introduce Master of Ceremony Opening Remarks: Master of Ceremony - (2 minutes) **Good afternoon, everyone!** On behalf of **Rotary District 5220** and the 2 of clubs in **Area 5220 Rotary Clubs, North Stockton Rotary and Stockton Sunrise Rotary**, we are honored to welcome you to today's **Speech Contest!** We are delighted to have you join us for this exciting event. Before we begin, I kindly ask everyone to take a moment to **silence or turn off your cell phones** to ensure our speakers have fewer interruptions. We invite our contestants to join us on stage following the contest for photos. Each year, the Rotary Speech Contests gives participants the platform to share their voices, ideas, and passion for service. Club Speech contests are held in January District wide at various high schools. Winners then move on to this Area Contest.

Our contestants today will not only receive well-earned recognition but also **scholarship awards** as follows:



**First Place - \$350**



**Second Place - \$250**

**First place contestants today will advance to the District Speech Contest on **Saturday, March 21, 2026 at 645 W. Main Street, Merced.****

This year's theme, "**How Rotary Unites for Good,**" challenges our contestants to explore the transformative power of Rotary—how simple acts of kindness, leadership, and service can create lasting change. Each speech is expected to be 4 1/2 to 5 minutes.

Now, let's go over a few guidelines:

- Each contestant will be introduced by number—**1 and 2**—not by name.
- Please **welcome each speaker with applause as they approach the podium but hold your applause at the end of their speech** to maintain fairness in judging.
- Now, let's get started!

Our speech contestants are, from Linden High School and sponsored by the Sunrise Rotary Club Olivia Frenette and from Lincoln High School Maritza Pulido.

Please join me in welcoming our **first speaker to the podium!** 🙌 🙌

Please click on this link to see both speeches! Control button and click to see.

<https://youtu.be/09XhVouUCPY>

## Area Two Speech Contest

Olivia Frenette was the first speaker. Shelly read Rotary fun facts between each speech. They are published on the next pages. Khalil Deboor filmed and uploaded to YouTube both speeches.



Maritza Pulido was the second speaker. Both speakers were amazing. Congratulations to both. If they are a sample of our future, we're in good hands!

First Place went to Olivia Frenette, she won \$350.00. Second place was Maritza Pulido and \$250.00. Olivia will advance to the District Speech Contest on Saturday, March 21, 2026 at 645 W. Main Street, Merced.

President Evan thanked everyone for coming and rang the bell at 1:32pm.

Please look at the following pages for some interesting Facts about Rotary!!

**North Stockton Rotary Club. Chartered: March 11, 1957. District 5220. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 7184 Stockton, CA 95267-0184**



# The Area Two Speech Contest

## History of the Rotary International Youth Speech Contest

The **Rotary Youth Speech Contest** has a long-standing tradition dating back several decades. While the contest varies by district, its purpose remains consistent: to encourage young people to develop public speaking skills, confidence, leadership abilities, and a deeper understanding of Rotary's values. • The contest has produced **thousands of confident, articulate young speakers** who have gone on to careers in **public service, business, education, and advocacy**. • Themes have evolved over the years, reflecting **current global challenges, leadership, ethics, and the impact of Rotary service projects worldwide**. • The contest also strengthens Rotary's relationship with local schools, educators, and communities, reinforcing the organization's role in fostering leadership and civic engagement. • The contest encourages young leaders to **think critically about Rotary's influence** in the world and how they can contribute to positive change. • Many past contestants have gone on to become **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) participants, Rotaractors, and even Rotarians**. • By promoting **ethical decision-making, leadership, and global awareness**, the speech contest aligns with Rotary's mission to develop future leaders.

## Announcements

Rotarians worldwide are celebrating an incredible milestone—**121 years of Rotary International**. On **February 23, 1905**, in a small Chicago law office, **Paul Harris** and three friends planted the seeds of what would become one of the world's greatest humanitarian organizations. From that first meeting, Rotary has expanded across the globe to 46,000 Clubs, bringing together world and community leaders, problem-solvers, and community builders under one shared mission of **Service Above Self**. For **121 years**, Rotarians have dared to **imagine world peace, created hope** to eliminate polio, and shown the **magic of the seven areas of service**. **Rotarians share their expertise, time, and money, to support local and international humanitarian projects to address some of the world's most pressing challenges**. As we continue our work we carry forward our legacy with **pride**. Because when we **stand together as Rotarians with our community partners**, there is **nothing we can imagine that we cannot achieve**.