



NORTH STOCKTON ROTARY CLUB

2025- 2026



Service Above Self

The Wheelbarrow

The Bulletin Of North Stockton Rotary Club



Bill Maxwell, Joe Dietrich and Diane Stauffer share a laugh!



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Cunningham's Castle
At Channel and San Joaquin

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



PP Ray Call filled in for Evan today.

Andy gives us thoughts from Nolan, Martin, Larry and Tom!



PP Andy shows us the value of leadership through his deeply researched quotes.

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President Evan was away, so filling in was Past Past President Ray Call. He rang the bell at 12:25 to start our 15th meeting of the year. He called up Past Past president Andy Chesley to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, the 4-Way Test and give a thought for the day. Andy's quotes on leadership were:

Nolan Bushnell: "Everyone who's ever taken a shower has an idea. It's the person who gets out of the shower, dries off and does something about it who makes a difference."

Martin Luther King: "A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus, but a molder of consensus."

Larry Bird: "Leadership is diving for a loose ball, getting the crowd involved, getting other players involved. It's being able to take it as well as dish it out. That's the only way you're going to get respect from the players."

Thomas Jefferson: "Nothing gives one person so much advantage over another as to remain always cool and unruffled under all circumstances."

Guests and Visitors:

Suzie Sage was the guest of Karen Rogers and a member of Andy and Karen's birding class. Welcome Suzie.

Sunshine Bucks:

Andy Chesley led off with saying that he, our guest Suzie Sage and Karen Rogers are about to complete a class on birdwatching. He said something about a white crown, and then the Black headed Grosbeak, pictured below.



PP Bill McDonald announced it was his 70th Birthday. Shirley baked us some Rotary cookies! Yum!



I wonder if he got an idea?



Larry Bird shows leadership diving for the ball!

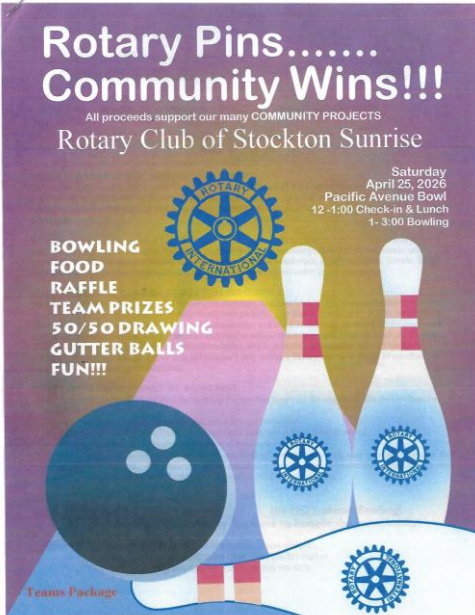


Karen Rogers introduces her fellow birder, Susie Sage

Bill's Birthday Sunshine & Upcoming Events

Sunshine Bucks:

We then asked **Andy** to lead us in Happy Birthday to **Bill**. It's like he's heard that song 70 times!



Tomorrow!
A bowling party to benefit our local community.
April 25, 2026
Pacific Avenue Bowl

You can hang out for \$25!

**Rotary Pins...
 Community Wins!**



Rotary COG shaped cookies from Bill to everyone!



Andy leads us in Happy Birthday to Bill!



Weren't Juan & Mercedes Heredia great speakers last week?!



Karen Rogers lets us know about the NSR Bowling Team!



The Sunshine Bucket is out and Andy is ready

Upcoming Socials & Events

April 14	Juan Heredia, Angels Recovery Dive Team
April 21	Bill Maxwell Photos, Venice of the West
April 25	Bowling Pins... Rotary Wins! Fundraiser at Pacific Bowl. Saturday 12 to 3pm.
April 28	DARK
May 26	Stockton Ports Tues Evening, Dark at Noon
June 13	Discovery Challenge Academy Graduation Bob Hope Theater
June 27	President Evans Kick-out Bill & Shirley's House

Upcoming Socials & Events



Watch our meeting and speaker on the NSR YouTube page. [NorthStocktonRotaryClubYouTubeChannel](#)

Check it out! Please subscribe to the channel, it's free!

Tuesday May 26th we will be dark at noon. We will be going to the Ports game that evening. So, please plan on attending.

You are invited to
DISCOVERY CHALLENGE ACADEMY
NSR will be presenting scholarships at this event.
Class 19
Graduation
Saturday, June 13, 2026 | 10 a.m.
Bob Hope Theatre
242 E. Main Street
Stockton, CA
Please email Liz Canela-Sanchez at lcanelasanchez@sjcoe.net to confirm your attendance.
 SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
OFFICE OF EDUCATION



Stockton Ports Field



Comfortable Rockers in the outfield, bring your mitt.



Discovery Challenge Academy Graduation

This Day in History, No Coffee, Rare Bird, Club Biz

Ray announced that the Hotel will not allow him to bring coffee to our meeting. If we want coffee we must order from them. Rats!

This Day in History, April 21st:

- Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of the United Kingdom, would be 100 years old. She reigned for 70 years and grew up with Bill McDonald's mom.
- Legendary musician Prince died at 57 years old.
- In 1789, John Adams was sworn in as first Vice President.
- In 1904, Ty Cobb made his first professional debut for the Augusta Tourists.
- In 1956, Elvis Presley's first hit record, "Heartbreak Hotel," reached #1 on the charts.
- In 1989, "Field of Dreams" premiered starring Kevin Costner and James Earl Jones. The movie was based on the novel "Shoeless Joe" by W.P. Kinsella.



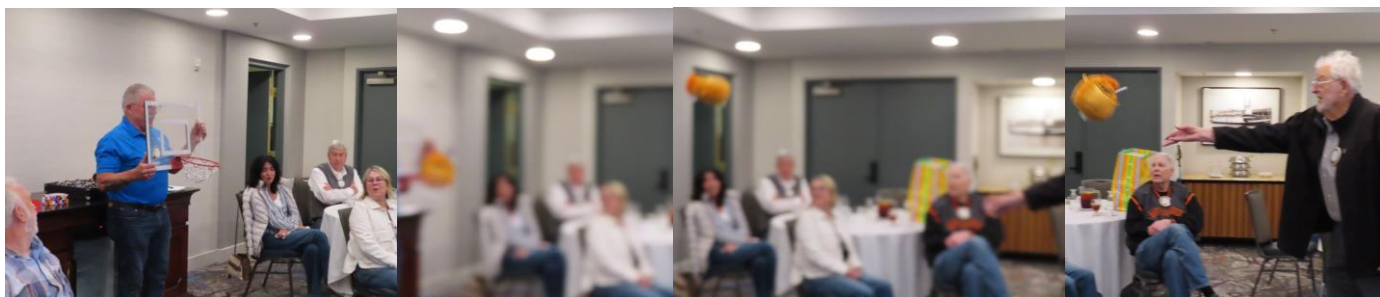
Ray then, in Andy's honor, showed the rarest living bird in the world. Stresemann's Bristlefront (*Merulaxis stresemanni*). Only two sited in Brazil. Left

Comments from last night's board meeting

- NSR members are currently reviewing essays for High School scholarships. 37 received!
- Ports game social – NSR board voted to rescind the requirement for members to purchase two tickets. It was determined this was not a fundraiser.
- President Elect Karen has a list of global projects that we will be deciding on which ones we will give our \$\$ (\$3200+) towards.
- July's Social will be an ice cream social.

The Game

Speaker Bill Maxwell pulled the ticket, alas, **Phil Laughlin** is picked again! He threw, no cigar.



Today's Speaker: Bill Maxwell, "Venice of the West"



President Ray called up Club Service Chair, **Diane Stauffer** to introduce our speaker. Diane shared Bill's Bio:



William Maxwell, a 4th generation Stocktonian and longtime owner of Maxwell's Bookmark on Pacific Avenue, is currently employed as Archives Manager of the Bank of Stockton's Historical Photograph Collection and bank archives, a position he has held since closing his bookshop in 2003.

The Bank of Stockton's photograph collection currently contains over 40,000 prints and negatives by Stockton photographer Leonard Covello and numerous other earlier pioneer photographers including Batchelder, Spooner, Wells, Logan, and others. Maxwell's main functions are to maintain and grow the photograph collection and provide access for the bank and the public, and, of course, to help produce the popular Bank of Stockton calendar each year. He can be contacted at the bank Monday through Thursday, from 10 am to 3 pm by calling 209-929-1575, or via email at wmaxwell@bankofstockton.com.

Mr. Maxwell brings years of experience to his current job. A bookseller in Stockton since 1975, he also has prepared appraisals on numerous local collections including the John Muir collection at UOP, the Berolzheimer family library, and the Coulson collection of World War I unit histories, now residing at The Citadel in South Carolina.

Prior to closing his book shop on Pacific Avenue in 2003, Maxwell sponsored a number of author events attracting such talent as Anne Rice, Maya Angelou, Maxine Hong Kingston, and others. Working with the Stockton Arts Commission and the Marian Jacobs Literary Forum, he has been instrumental in bringing to Stockton writers such as Ken Kesey, Larry McMurtry, Ray Bradbury, Adrienne Rich, and many others, as well as local musical legend Chris Isaak.

He is a past Chair of the Stockton Arts Commission, past President of the board of the Friends of the Stockton Public Library and served on the Stockton Arts Foundation and the board of the County Historic Records Commission. He is currently on the board of directors for the San Joaquin County Historical Society & Museum and the City of Stockton Cultural Heritage Board. He continues to sell used and rare books via the internet at www.maxwellsbookmark.com and at antiquarian book fairs around the state.

In December of 2023 he published his memoir of the book trade in Stockton spanning almost half a century titled **BOOKLEGGER** Anecdotal Recollections of a Skid Row Bookseller, available from Tuleburg Press.

Today's Speaker: Bill Maxwell, "Venice of the West"



Bill Maxwell upon retiring from his Bookstore, was approached by Bob Eberhardt of the Bank of Stockton, to find and archive photographs and Stockton Historical documents. He has put together a presentation called "Venice of the West". It refers to all the waterways around Stockton, and how they affected Stockton's origin and history. YouTube has the entire presentation, so click here: [VENICE OF THE WEST](#) and see Bill in action, as he presented the same show to us.

Here are some of Bill's historical photos:

Our speaker today, Trivia Bee winner and Bank of Stockton Archivist, Bill Maxwell.



Here's NSR's Trivia Bee Team from 2009. Sami Khoury, Judy Lovett and Chris Hunefeld.



Stockton, Location of the first California State Hospital, founded in 1851.

Below: The Roaring 20's in Stockton. A wide-open Place.

Welcome to our County
 We don't brag about it, but this happens to be a wide open place. Not many like it, anywhere.
 FUN AS YOU FIND IT IS OUR GUARANTEED AND PROTECTED BRAND OF HOSPITALITY
Everything's Set--No Embarrassments
 If you're a stranger here this partial list may help to guide you: (If you don't know the way, just ask any "wise guy")

THE GEM—(At the sign of the milk bottle.) See Gus, the Dancing Dervish from Tracy in his Famous Embarcament Act. Reported to have square dice.

THE COOL SHADE—Pretty girls and good eats. Plenty action if you like to shoot craps. What could be lovelier?

THE TAVERN—At the sign of The Cleaners. Everything goes. What more could you ask when properly cleaned?

BEA'S PLACE—See the girl with the Everline Personality. No law is stranger than her word. You're in safe here as in the cradle.

THE ORO—Bea owns it; the same goes here except for the Personality part of it.

FRENCH'S—Principally eats, but no limitations.

STELLA'S—Chickens (both varieties) a specialty.

CHLORINDA'S—She figures the poor must drink as well as live—hence 2-bits a shot.

THE FROG FARM—See the little frogs put on their circus. This is just for the boys.

LOUISA'S—One of those nice Chummy waiting rooms.

PERRY'S—Beer with authority.

CHESTER'S—Africa's finest; everything shady.

SANTA FE CAFE—Outside of the proverbial "Chinaman's Chance," you get nothing else in this joint, unless you're lucky, except good music and the usual entertainment.

THE BLACK CAT—You'll find everything here.

MARIPOSA INN—Just ordinary, might drop in if you're passing.

WASHINGTON HOUSE—Good beer. Fine for mistimes.

JIMMY DEE'S PLACE—Chummy; you'll be satisfied here.

FIVE MILE HOUSE—Not much on entertainment, but a good place to stop when thirsty.

OTTO'S PLACE—Same sort of a place.

FLORINE'S—If you're hungry for a friendly smile drop in here.

THE CHATEAU—Excellent meals besides all the rest.

ANN'S PLACE—Bea's sister. You can expect the same here.

BONNER'S—A regular place; run by a regular guy.

CHARLIE'S PLACE—The Big Fellow and his crowd like to eat here because it's on "the house." Don't let that stop you if you like congeniality. Don't let a "knock-over" or two worry you, because it is only done for effect.



Stockton's Landmarks: County Court House and Hunter's Square.



Stockton's new University Campus

This is but a partial list. There are others, no doubt, but they have not entered into the agreement of "Non-embarrassment," so anywhere else you may happen to roam might cause a bit of embarrassment. Consequently, we suggest that you find your pleasure where there will be no interruption. As others come into the fold we will issue subsequent bulletins, similar to this.

If everything is not as represented in the above, you'll be doing a favor by reporting the same to the undersigned.

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Downtown Stockton Main Street, 1926.



The Old Masonic Temple



Transportation hub, the Hotel Stockton was the valleys' gem



Lavish Lobby at the Clark Hotel, Sutter & Market Streets



The Fox California Theater opens...



Stockton Channel & McLeod Lake

President Ray thanked Bill for speaking, told us to go forth and do good! The bell rang at 1:20pm.



Stockton's Greatest Landmark: Water