



NORTH STOCKTON ROTARY CLUB

2025- 2026



Service Above Self

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The Bulletin Of North Stockton Rotary Club



Evan Stone 2025-2026 NSR President



Speaker Ellen Hancock

Ellen Hancock
District 5220
Foundation Committee Chair

Today's Speaker

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Vocational Service		RI Foundation	Ray Call				

Frosty's Thanksgiving Thought

11/18/25

President Evan rang the bell at 12:41 and the meeting began after we had a choice of pecan chicken salad or a lush vegan salad. He called up **Frosty Gelbke** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, the 4-Way Test and give a thought for the day. **Frosty's** thought had to do with the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday. He said, "Thanksgiving thoughts center on gratitude for togetherness, blessings, and the simple things in life. It's time for reflection on what one has, sharing, and appreciating loved ones and the joy of the moment. These thoughts can be expressed through gratitude for life's small mercies, being thankful for people who bring happiness, having a humble and thankful heart."



President Evan then thanked **Karen Rogers** for her work on the Octavio's successful fundraiser the 13th of November. **Karen** said Octavio's is willing to do it again. **President Evan** said we could do one maybe monthly and would like suggestions of other restaurants. Please send ideas to **Karen**.

← Karen and Frosty hamming it up!

Visiting Rotarians & Guests



Visiting Rotarians were our speaker and her husband, **Ellen and Howard Hancock**. (left) She is the Rotary Foundation Chair and International Service Chair, plus a two-time President from the Tracy Sunrise Club.

Also joining us was Past President **Tom Vanderveen** from the Tracy Sunrise Club. He will replace **Ellen** as District Rotary Foundation Chair in July of 2026. (lower left)

Below is my tasty Pecan Encrusted Chicken Salad. Pictured bottom right is trouble!



Sunshine Bucks



President Evan then opened the floor for Sunshine Bucks, where members share experiences with the Club. First to go was **President Evan!** Visited Denver last week and saw some football! Denver beat Kansas City, He said it was rock us and fun. He then played golf, and at that altitude you can hit it a mile. Saturday, he visited **Al, Alex and Michelle Haner**, who are remodeling their son's house in Arvada, Colorado! Small world!



Tom Hooper was next. His wife, **Christy**, just had shoulder surgery. All goes well; they get home and notice blood on the bandage. **Tom** said **Christy** has a low pain threshold, so he calls the doctor. They end up spending Friday Night in the ER. She's fixed with a simple procedure and is now losing weight from Tom's wonderful cooking as she recovers.



Julie Cosgrove stood and said her wrist is recovering and she almost use all her fingers again. Also, that She and **George** welcomed their 3rd grandchild, **Coulter!!** Beautiful!



Jim Dugoni stood and shared that Pacific and The San Francisco 49ers have entered a partnership. It will grow their region and attract more students to their three campuses. Players will have access to the schools. On a sad note, he shared that Hall of Fame VB coach and player Jane McHugh has passed away. Sad husband Tom had also passed recently.



Ray Call stood and said he and **Joanna** had just returned from a Puerto Vallarta cruise. Sun, swimming and Margaritas! He presented **Evan** his collector shot glass!



Bill McDonald was next and spoke, "labs yesterday indicated that the PSA is going DOWN (yeh!!) even though it's still 2.5x normal, the trend going down is a good thing. I never thought I would be a trend setter, and now I am one!" Great news **Bill**, give that man a standing ovation! Now let's all get ready for the NSR Christmas party at his house!

Richard Carr said after months of dentist visits **Tenas'** complete mouth reconstruction will be done. He also said he's going in for cataract surgery. You'll love your new vision!



Sunshine Bucks



Andy Chesley, left, said he went birding in Half Moon Bay. I always wonder where the other Half was? Sorry. He spotted a Black Scoter Duck. Very rare and one he can add to his list! He logged it and verified it.



Stassa Mark, right, with **Ray Call**, announced she has accepted a new role with cybersecurity in Redwood City. She will commute and work from home. Congrats **Stassa**!



Diane Corriea, left, is still celebrating her birthday. She and the girls went to Las Vegas and saw the Wizard of Oz in the sphere! State of the art experience and so cool!



Shelly Moreira, left, came back to Stockton early for her Bridge lesson, and our NSR Meeting. She made up her first meeting in La Jolla at the swanky La Valencia Hotel. \$40 for lunch and \$10 for valet parking. She said they have membership woes, as do we all.

Upcoming Socials & Events

November 11	DARK
November 18	Ellen Hancock, Rotary International Foundation
November 25	All City Thanksgiving Luncheon
December 02	Pat Tirone, Delta Sculling Center
December 09	Club Christmas Party at Bill and Shirely McDonald's home
December 16	Stockton Portsmen Barbershop
December 23	DARK
December 30	DARK

Upcoming Events & Projects

Rotary
North Stockton
District 5320



Area 2 All-City Thanksgiving Luncheon November 25, 12PM at the Stockton Hilton

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

- Rotary International Vision



Heidi Kuhn

- Founded a TV news company
- Founded Roots for Peace
- Native of San Rafael

Event cost: \$46.00

Venmo or Paypal
Deadline: November 15



Let Evan know and he'll get your tickets!
Below; Friends Outside Holiday Wish and Sharing the Harvest flyers.

Sponsor a child's
HOLIDAY WISH

Your gift will provide holiday gifts for a child in San Joaquin County with a parent who will be incarcerated during the 2025 holiday season.

How it works
Make your online gift of any amount to Friends Outside. We will interview families to identify items each child needs, as well as some "wants."

A gift of \$200 buys two "wants" and two "needs" for a child!

If you prefer to do your own holiday shopping, call our office for details.

Contact Friends Outside
(209) 955-0701
info@friendsoutside.org

Hurry! Please make your gift by December 5.

Scan to Give



SHARING THE HARVEST

A California Non-Profit Corp. #02-0648013

P. O. Box 1191
Empire CA 95319

Fifth Annual Christmas Celebration for the Dignity and Liberty Veterans and Families

We want to invite you to join with us in this simple celebration. As with any endeavor it requires a collaboration of groups and individuals with a common goal. Our goal is to "share" our hope for humanity by bringing a bit of Christmas joy to veterans and families.

SHARING THE HARVEST is again providing a Christmas Celebration for 3 apartment complexes in Stockton. These complexes are supportive and transitional housing for previously homeless veterans and families who are actively working at turning away from addictions and attending programs that will help them return to a productive, self-supportive lifestyle for themselves and their families. We are celebrating their achievements.

There are approximately 225-250 people, adults and children. Our goal is to raise enough support (monetary and/or gifting) to provide a Christmas gift for each child and a holiday meal for each family. We would also like to provide a grocery gift card for each apartment unit (125) that has cooking capability. And, because we want to include the adults in the gifting, we hold a free raffle wherein each unit is given a chance to win a prize of their choice. These are usually items that benefit the entire family such as

- ◆ Bedding
- ◆ Cookware
- ◆ Storage & Organization
- ◆ Small Furniture
- ◆ Small Kitchen Appliances
- ◆ Cleaning Supplies or Equipment
- ◆ Home Decor
- ◆ Family Recreational

A really big hit with the residents are the gift cards which allow them to purchase essentials of their choosing. We have wish lists from the children.

All contributions need to be received by Friday, November 28, 2025, which will give us sufficient time to effect appropriate distribution according to their requests and individually wrap each gift. The weekend of December 12-13, we will be hosting Holiday events for the residents at which time their gifts will be distributed.

If you have any interest in participating, supporting, or further questions relative to this project, please feel free to contact:

Gloria Brasiel, Event Coordinator
Text "Sharing" to 209-662-1310 or
Email to OnlyMeIt@aoi.com

As always, we invite volunteers to join us and experience, first hand, the spirit of gratification that results from helping others less fortunate. We always make the residents aware of the groups and businesses who have contributed to their enjoyment of the Season.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION



Upcoming Events & Projects



The Friends Outside Holiday Wish Events will be hosted by new NSR member and Santa **Michael Sorenson**. Donations need to be in by December 5th, please see the flyer. Left is **Michael**. Diane to the right!

At the Sharing the Harvest **President Evan** will be Santa at Liberty Square for veterans and families. December 13th. Donate gift cards to **Diane Corriea**.

Diane also touted the Salvation Army “ringing of the bell!!!” It’ll be at Hobby Lobby, December 20th. Sign up for a shift and get to know your club!

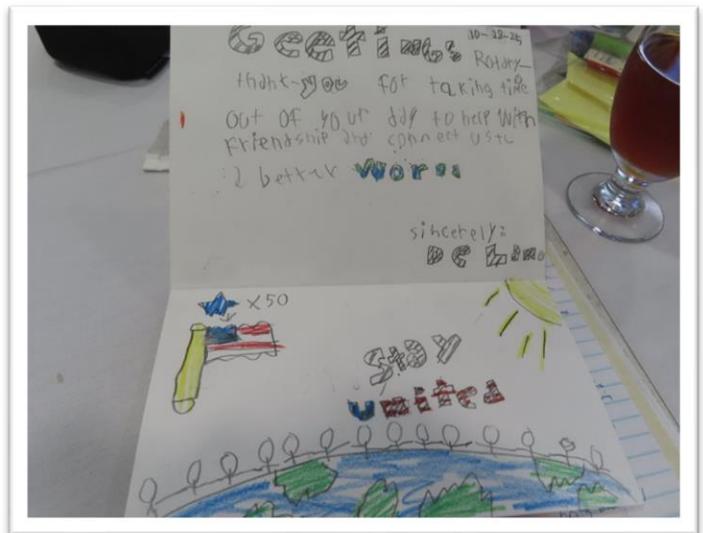


GAME TIME FUN TIME

President Evan has speaker **Ellen** pick the winning ticket. It was **Ray Call** and up he went to chuck Paul Harris through the hoop. Up and down rimming the basket, the closest shot yet, but the game goes on! **Ray** is below.



Thanksgiving Piggy Banks are here. Take one and fill it with change. Bring it to the Thanksgiving luncheon and turn it in.



Tom Hooper delivered Dictionaries to Pulliam School and the kids sent NSR a thank you card.

Speaker Of The Week, Ellen Hancock
The Rotary Foundation 101+909



Our speaker today was **Past District Governor Ellen Hancock**. As you can see on the right, she has been very active in Rotary. She currently is the District 5220 Foundation Committee Chair. It all started when as a newly hired school principal in 1987 Ellen was invited to join the Rotary Club of Foster City-Mariners Island. Her ongoing passion is to partner student learning, volunteerism, and leadership with Rotarians who support students and adults in learning and leading. She served as two full terms as club president and shared the office with others several times.

Ellen is serving her sixth year as chair of the District Rotary Foundation Committee. Other contributions include committee chair of Budget and Finance, District Secretary, Group Study Exchange Team Lead, District Advisory Council (District Strategic Plan). She has written grants for water/sanitation/hygiene and literacy. During COVID she wrote a successfully funded RI Disaster Response Grants for personal protective equipment and later another \$25,000 Disaster Response grant for California fire recovery.

Hancock is a member of the Far West PETS faculty and believes fully in building the capacity of others to serve and lead. She participates in planning and implementing her district's Foundation/Membership Seminar, Mid-Year Assembly, Pre-PETS, and Leadership Seminar. She is a speaker and break-out session leader at these events. She speaks to Rotary Clubs and civic organizations on the power of volunteering and helping others.

Giving time and resources to help others is important to **Ellen** and **Howard**. They led a club-sponsored grant to Honduras to support housing construction and an educational program at an orphanage for girls. They are multi-level Major Donors and Bequest Society members and contribute as members of the Paul Harris Society and Polio Plus Society.

(Right) **Ellen** recognized **Ray Call** as a Major Donor at the meeting.



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Dr. Hancock served as a teacher, site principal, district superintendent, county director, multi-county director, and consultant. As a professor she directed programs to prepare teachers, administrators, and leaders to serve across states and other countries. She earned a Bachelor degree, a Master’s in Education Administration, and a Doctorate in Administration and Leadership from University of the Pacific. Outside of Rotary and education, **Dr. Hancock** teaches and leads in her church with an emphasis on serving locally and globally.

Ellen Hancock's commitment to philanthropy extends beyond her role as District Foundation Chair. She is actively involved in various humanitarian service initiatives, including a club-sponsored grant to Honduras for housing construction and an educational program at an orphanage for girls. Her efforts reflect a dedication to building communities and supporting those in need.

Ellen Hancock's leadership and contributions to the District Rotary Foundation Committee and other Rotary activities demonstrate her commitment to fostering a culture of volunteerism and leadership within the community. Her work is a testament to her belief in the power of giving time and resources to help others. **Ellen** explained how Rotary International’s mission is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Overview of the Mission Statement

Rotary International is a global network of over 1.2 million members who are committed to creating lasting change in communities around the world. The mission emphasizes the following key components:



Evan is awarded a Multi PHF Pin from Ellen Hancock

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Service to Others: Rotary members engage in various humanitarian projects that address critical issues such as health, education, and poverty alleviation.

Promotion of Integrity: The organization encourages high ethical standards in business and professional practices, fostering a culture of accountability and respect among its members.

Advancement of World Understanding and Peace: Rotary aims to build goodwill and understanding across cultures, promoting peace through collaborative efforts and community service.

Commitment to Action

Rotary's mission is not just a statement but a call to action. Members are encouraged to unite and take action to tackle the world's most persistent challenges. This commitment is reflected in their various projects and initiatives that aim to improve lives and communities globally.

Additional Context

The mission statement is supported by the Rotary Foundation, which funds many of the organization's humanitarian efforts. The foundation plays a crucial role in achieving Rotary's goals by providing resources for local, national, and international projects.

In summary, Rotary International's mission statement encapsulates its dedication to service, integrity, and global understanding, guiding its members in their efforts to make a positive impact in the world.

Below are some of the fantastic Projects around the world your giving can help fund. Half the money you donate comes back to our club in three years and helps us continue our annual projects. Below are Rotary Projects we've been a part of.



Polio Plus, Wheelchairs to Water, Rotary reaches the world to do good.

President Evan
Thanked **Ellen** for the visit and rang the bell at 1:47pm.

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