



NORTH STOCKTON ROTARY CLUB

2025- 2026



Service Above Self

The Wheelbarrow

The Bulletin Of North Stockton Rotary Club



Evan Stone 2025-2026 NSR President



Annual All City Meeting



Earle's 58th All-City!!

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All-City Thanksgiving Luncheon

11/25/25

Our 52nd Annual All-City Thanksgiving Rotary Luncheon was held last Tuesday in the big room at the Stockton Hilton. Participating Rotary Clubs were: Rotary Club of Central Stockton, President Maria Susan Galbadores, Rotary Club of North Stockton, President Evan Stone, Rotary Club of Stockton Sunrise, President Chris Werner, and the Rotary Club of Stockton, President Ken Steele.



Heidi Kuhn, Keynote speaker, Chris Werner and Elbert Holman, assistant Governor



Ken Steele, Evan Stone and Maria Susan Galbadores, all Club Presidents

We had a traditional Thanksgiving Lunch of Roasted Turkey with all the fixings. Even Pumpkin Pie.

The bell rang and **President Chris Werner** from the Sunrise Club welcomed everyone. **Area 2 Assistant Governor Elbert Holman** introduced the Head Table and Dignitaries in the audience. He tried not to leave anyone out, he ended up only missing three!

President Evan Stone then lead the Pledge and 4-Way Test with the whole crowd.

North Stockton Rotary's **Andy Chesley** and **Karen Rogers** then lead the crowd in three inspirational songs.

Stockton's **President Ken Steele** had the thought for the day.

District Governor Jay Hislop then had some words to share about Indigenous consideration that we all share.

Lieutenant Governor Mary Laughlin then introduced her friend and our keynote Speaker, **Heidi Kuhn**, Founder and CEO, Roots of Peace, and the 2023 World Food Prize Laureate.

<p>Participating Rotary Clubs</p> <p>Rotary Club of Central Stockton President: Maria Susan Galbadores (Meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays, Noon at Bagel Street Cafe, Quail Lakes Dr.)</p> <p>Rotary Club of North Stockton President: Evan Stone (Meets Tuesdays, Noon at Stockton Hilton)</p> <p>Rotary Club of Stockton Sunrise President: Chris Werner (Meets Tuesdays, 7 AM at Stockton Hilton)</p> <p>Rotary Club of Stockton President: Ken Steele (Meets Wednesdays, Noon at Stockton Golf & Country Club)</p> <p>Special Thanks The Staff of the Stockton Hilton Audio Visual: Matt Grizzle Rotary Club of Stockton YMO, Maria Sarrate, Luncheon Program RC, Central Stockton, Susan Galbadores for the Centerpieces and Program</p>	 <p>Rotary District 5220</p> <p>52nd All-City Rotary Clubs Thanksgiving Luncheon</p> <p>November 25, 2025 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM</p> <p>Stockton Hilton 2323 Grand Canal Blvd. Stockton, California</p>
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<p>Welcome: Chris Werner President, Rotary Club of Stockton Sunrise</p> <p>Introduction of Head Table and Dignitaries Elbert Holman, Area 2 Assistant Governor</p> <p>Flag Salute and Rotary Four-Way Test Evan Stone</p> <p>Inspirational Songs Andrew Chesley, Karen Rogers, Evan Stone Rotary Club of North Stockton</p> <p>Thought for the Day, Chris Werner President, Rotary Club of Stockton Sunrise</p> <p>Words from Rotary International, District 5220 District Governor Jay Hislop</p>	<p>Introduction of keynote Speaker and Comments: Mary Laughlin, Lieutenant Governor</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Heidi Kuhn, Founder & CEO, Roots of Peace, 2023 World Food Prize Laureate</p> <p>Closing Remarks: Elbert Holman Area 2 Assistant Governor</p> <p>Rotary Leadership Rotary International President (RY 2025-26) Francesco Arzetta, Rotary Club of Iagnisa, Italy</p> <p>District 5220 Governor, Jay Hislop Lieutenant Governor, Mary Laughlin Area 2 Assistant Governor, Elbert Holman</p>
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Ms. Heidi Kühn

Founder & CEO,
Roots of Peace

Heidi Kühn is the Founder and CEO of Roots of Peace, a humanitarian organization dedicated to transforming war-torn lands into thriving farmland through her powerful “Mines to Vines” initiative.

After surviving cancer, Heidi drew inspiration from her own healing journey to address another silent killer — landmines — working to restore hope and prosperity to once-devastated communities.

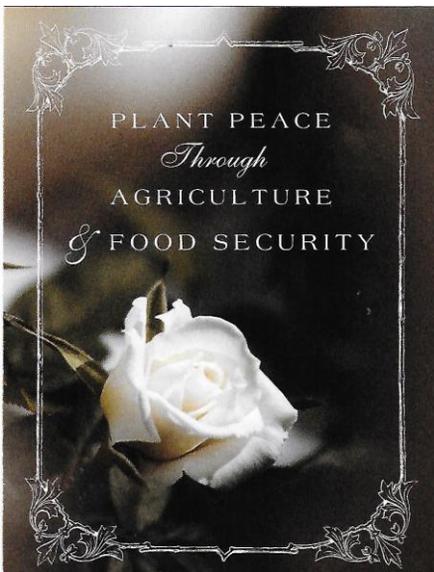
Since its founding in 1997, Roots of Peace has helped over one million farmers and families across eight countries, including Afghanistan, Cambodia, Croatia, and Vietnam.

The organization has removed more than 100,000 landmines and unexploded bombs, planting millions of fruit trees and creating sustainable livelihoods for rural communities.

A graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, and a former international journalist, Heidi has long been a voice for peace and global cooperation.

Her outstanding humanitarian leadership has been recognized worldwide with awards including the Rotary Service Above Self Award, Skoll Award for Social Entrepreneurship, Mahatma Gandhi Global Family Seva Medal, and the 2023 World Food Prize Laureate, often regarded as the Nobel Prize for Food and Agriculture.

A proud member of the Rotary Club of San Francisco, Heidi continues to inspire others through her unwavering commitment to peace, service, and compassion — living her message to plant the roots of peace and harvest the fruits of hope around the world.



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Heidi gave a very compelling story of her life and finding meaning and purpose through Rotary. Mary presented her with symbolic white roses. She was even nominated for the Noble Peace Prize!

Enjoy the picture from the lunch, excellent showing NSR, and if you missed this, please make it a point to attend next year.



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

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



Friends Outside



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
- ◆ Small Kitchen Appliances
- ◆ Cookware
- ◆ Cleaning Supplies or Equipment
- ◆ Storage & Organization
- ◆ Home Decor
- ◆ Small Furniture
- ◆ 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 OnlyMeltB@aol.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.

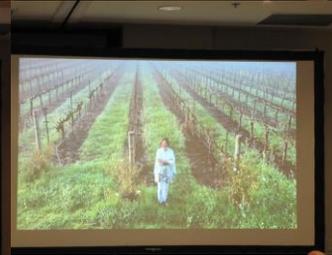
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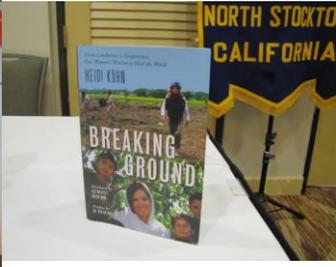
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See you next Tuesday.
Speaking will be **Pat Tirone**, from the **Delta Sculling Center!**

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