



NORTH STOCKTON ROTARY CLUB

2025- 2026



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Evan Stone 2025-2026 NSR President



NSR's Christmas Party was held at the beautiful home of Bill and Shirley McDonald



NSR's Annual Toy Drive Haul!

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NSR's 68th Annual Christmas Party

12/09/25

Our 68th Annual North Stockton Rotary Christmas Party was held December 9th at the Brookside Home of **Bill and Shirley McDonald**. We all showed up at 6PM and the Party was off to a fast start. Everyone was requested to wear an ugly Christmas Sweater and bring an unwrapped Christmas gift for our Toy Donation Drive. Board members were asked to bring their best Holiday beverage's. Members were asked to bring some appetizers with Holiday Spirit. Guests were asked to bring a dessert that makes the room go "MMM"! What I remember were fantastic meatballs, Tamales, an assorted plate of cheese and antipasti, also a cheeseball covered with pomegranates that everyone was commenting on! Thanks to everyone who brought such filling, tasty dishes, I was defiantly stuffed!



Let's get this Party started!



The house was decorated in the Christmas Spirit, with an overflowing bar in the kitchen and a buffet in the dining room. Chairs were arranged so everyone was in the same room with the kitchen - family room open floorplan! Social Commissioner **Kendra Clark** had the evening planned as follows: Cocktails and heavy Hord 'oeuvres and tasty dessert such as the most perfectly cooked chocolate chip cookies to start with. Then it was time for the Ugly Christmas Sweater contest.

Joe Dietrich had his traditional reindeer getting overly acquainted sweater, **Diane Correia** had a sweater that looked, well, let's just say the ornaments were strategically placed, And **Chris and Georgette Hunefeld** sported sweaters, "Meowey Christmas," "Warning this white elephant may re-gift!" But the clearly outstanding costume winner was **President Evan Stone!**



NSR 68th Christmas Party



Not only did he have the Christmas hairy belly button shirt on, he had a Santa Jacket and pants that matched! **President Evan** was truly outstanding in his field. The unanimous winner, Congrats!



Now it was time for the White Elephant gift exchange. After a briefing on the rules, only two exchanges/steals etc., the order numbers were picked by all the guests. Low and behold, **Chris** chose the #1 and was first. Kendra explained that one of the gifts were not stealable, and we



proceeded. **Chris** chose, by chance, the unstealable gift, a white elephant! (left) He will be required to decorate it and bring it to next years Party!! The game proceeded with some very clever gifts. There was the laughing pickle, the wiener dog salad tongs and the Monterey secret olive oil dressing that really got passed around. Finally, **Lisa Dugoni**, after using the unhappy pouty face, (damn, I missed the picture), to save the tongs once, but lost them to **Dave Moreira**. In true Rotarian fashion, **Shelly** and **Lisa** compromised, **Shelly** got the dressing and **Lisa** retained the Dachshund hound salad tongs! **Kendra** explained the “potty putter”, host **Bill McDonald** drew a shiny silver Martini shaker and 4 martini glasses, **Joanna Call** got a big Home Depot bucket home repair kit, the diabetic **Frosty**, of course picked chocolate candy and **Debbie & Steve** took **Frosty’s** chocolate and munched on it the rest of the night. **President Even** was the winner of an “Old-Fashioned Emergency Drink Kit.” 4 different bourbons, 4 different bitters, stir sticks, ice cube tray and an old-fashioned glass! Needless to say



everyone had a great time! Wine was flowing, lots of laughter and fun! Thanks again to the McDonald’s, Kendra, President Evan, Diane Corriea, Karen Rogers, Ray Call and everyone for coming, participating and giving for Christmas! Remember, the Laughing Pickle knows who and where you are!! See you next Tuesday at the Hilton for lunch and a meeting!



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.

Scan to Give



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

Hurry! Please
make your gift
by December 5.



SHARING THE HARVEST

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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 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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION



Upcoming Socials & Events

December 09	Club Christmas Party at Bill and Shirely McDonald's home
December 16	Stockton Portsmen Barbershop
December 23	DARK
December 30	DARK
January 6	Club Assembly
January 13	Mary Ann Pafford – SUSD Librarian
January 20	Steve Ding, San Joaquin Board of Supervisors
January 27	Tony Yadon, Main Street Youth & Family Services