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Stockton Pacific Rotary meets every Friday 12:15 PM West Lane Bowl



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The Grapevine

25 October 2019

# Today's Speaker is Marcela Gracewski from LBM Logistics

Marcela Gracewski was born in El Salvador. She came to the United States at the age of fourteen with her family to pursue the American dream and for medical reasons for her little brother. After visiting hospitals in Maryland, Los Angeles and Stanford her parents decided to move to Sunnyvale. Her brother's complex situation required many surgeries that required them to live in the Bay Area to be near Stanford Children's Hospital. Stanford was the only children's



hospital at that time that offered to operate on her brother as they were the most medically equipped and (continued on page 3)

### **Future Programs**

Nov 1 T B D Nov 8 T B D

Nov 15 Dark for Foundation Dinner

### **Important Dates to Remember**

Nov 12th Board Meeting

**Nov 16th** Foundation Dinner



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### District 5220 Make-Up Opportunities

#### **MONDAY**

Lodi Tokay Noon
Eagles Lodge
Modesto Gateway Noon
Sportsmen of Stanislaus Club
Modesto North 5:30 PM
Appetez

### **TUESDAY**

Manteca Morning 6:45 AM Doctor's Hospital Modesto 12:15 PM Double Tree Hotel North Stockton Noon Brookside Country Club Stockton Sunrise 7:00 AM Brookside Country Club Tracy Noon Manny's Kitchen Central Stockton Evening UJ's Restauran

#### WEDNESDAY

Lodi Sunrise 7:00 AM Woodbridge G&CC Modesto Fast 12:15 PM Appetez Oakdale 12:15 PM Oakdale Golf & C.C 12:10 PM Ripon Spring Creek Country Club Stockton Noon Stockton Golf and C.C Tracy Sunrise 6:45 AM Four Corners

### **THURSDAY**

Lathrop Sunrise 6:30 AM
Quality Inns
Lodi Noon
Lodi Eagles Hall
Manteca Noon
Isadore's Restaurant
Modesto Sunrise 7:00 AM
SOS Club
Riverbank 7:15 AM
Perkos

### **FRIDAY**

Galt Noon
Papa's Pizza
Galt Sunrise 7:00 AM
The Mix
Oakdale Sunrise 7:00 AM
Oakdale Country Club
Salida 6:45 AM
Holiday Inn Express

### A message from Presidents Rick & Janice

Greetings Fellow Rotarians.

One week has passed since our meeting at Elkhorn Country Club. Let us all attend our next meeting. We were fortunate to have Dr. Joe Serra address our club about World Polio Day and the progress and setbacks of the very worthwhile program that is so special to RI and all Rotarians. Remember, this week - Thursday, October 24, 2019, all Stockton Rotary Clubs are meeting at the Waterfront Plaza Hotel to gather for fellowship, refreshments, and in particular World Polio Day.. The time is 6:00 - 7:30 pm. There is a no host bar and a donation is requested for Polio Plus. This is a good event to bring a guest.

Thursday, November 7, 2019 is the Annual Action on Behalf of Children Awards at the Waterfront Plaza Hotel at 5:30-8:30 pm. Tickets for dinner are \$45.00 per person, or \$400.00 for a table of eight. There have been 28 years of the Read-in and its efforts. Our Club is to be recognized. Jeff Prag and his wife Kendra have served on the Read-in Committee for many years. They will be out of town for the event. If you are interested in attending let Rick or me know and arrangements will be made.

Our Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. Remember all members are welcome to see what the Club is up to and recommendations are always welcome.

YIR President Janice.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST of the things we think, say or do

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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### Remember to Fly your Flag

### Every chance you get!



(continued from page 1) technology advanced at that time.

They moved to Stockton after she graduated High School. She went to Delta College then transferred to Sacramento State University and got her degree in Marketing. While she was in college, her parents quit their jobs in the Bay Area and her father started his trucking company. When she graduated, she moved to Pleasanton to work for a transportation logistics company for little pay. She was frustrated by neveretting the opportunity to become a sales agent. Shortly afterwards with the help of her parents she started LBM Logistics, Inc. She was only twenty-five at that time.

A couple years later she got married and had two kids. Bianca and Diego, they are five and four years old. Her husband is now in the Coast Guard Reserve and works for the CHP in Martinez. Her kids bring out the biggest joy in her life, they make her bad day instantly better. She thanks her family for always being next to her and having them as her support.

### Professional Area:

Trucking hasn't been easy especially when you are a young woman. People don't want to take you seriously. Trucking is a fast and stressful industry, maybe this is why she likes it. Every morning she has to chase drivers, shippers and receivers to get her job done

#### Personal Area:

Marcela loves to sing, dance, act goofy and do outdoor activities with the family

### One of her dreams:

She would like to do a project in El Salvador to help people that are in need.

### **Current Projects:**

Marcela is working on a wheelchair project in El Salvador and she is partnering up with a Rotary Club in San Salvador by sponsoring and mentoring kids to finish High School and be able to get a full scholarship to go to college.

Marcela thinks her life is like trucking, fast, stressful and fun!

SPR Greeter & Raffle Today: Dick Ringness Next Week: Craig Veteran

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