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**Photo for Submission(L to R):** Santa Cruz Rotary Club members Robert Bosso, Ross Condit, Stoney Brook, Wes Walker, Debbie McCarroll, Sid Slatter, Gary Reece breaking ground with Jack Tracy, VP Veterans Memorial Building Board of Trustees and Chris Cottingham, Veterans Memorial Building Facilities Director.

## ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CRUZ BREAKS GROUND ON VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING COURTYARD RENOVATION PROJECT Initiative will transform building's courtyard and create a new, functional event space

**SANTA CRUZ, Calif.** - Last week the Rotary Club of Santa Cruz broke ground on its Veterans Memorial Building Courtyard renovation project. The space will be developed into a new location for community members to gather and hold events while also providing a way to honor those who have served.

To fund the project, the club invited community members to honor a veteran with the purchase of a commemorative brick that will be placed permanently on site. The brick can be personalized with the veteran's name, branch of service, and one of many special emblems. To date, more than 200 bricks have been purchased and \$32,000 has been raised. Bricks are still available and can be purchased starting at \$125: <a href="https://bit.ly/2PTq511">https://bit.ly/2PTq511</a>.

The project is scheduled for completion by June of this year and is being developed by Slatter Construction. A rendering of the updated space was crafted by Timerie Gordon of Nielsen Architects.

About the Santa Cruz County Veterans Memorial Building

The SCCVMB is a 501c3 nonprofit venue that provides services to area veterans and space to the community for meetings, classes, workshops, concerts, and other performing arts events. Registered as a historical landmark and built in 1932, the Veterans Memorial Building reflects the historic nature of downtown Santa Cruz.

## About Rotary

With 1.2 million passionate individuals in more than 35,000 clubs worldwide, Rotary is one of the world's largest community service organizations. For more than 110 years, Rotary members have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end.

The Rotary Club of Santa Cruz meets every Friday from noon - 1:30 p.m. at the Santa Cruz Elks Lodge. For more information visit <u>santacruzrotary.com</u>.

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