

ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CRUZ OFFICERS 2023 - 2024

President..... Angelo DeBernardo
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Program Coordinator Jill Stone

DIRECTORS

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Heather Gorley Wendi Hammang – 1st Qtr. Programs
Traci Bliss Wes Walker – 2nd Qtr. Programs
Jim Weisenstein Matt Falconer – 3rd Qtr. Programs
Bob Davidson Ashley Thompson – 4th Qtr. Programs

CLUB SERVICE - Heather Gorley

Attendance..... Bill Bonsall
Bulletin Ashley Thompson, Gallaham Zuanich,
Debbie Robinson & David Terrazas
Classification Ian Mackenzie
Club Drawing..... Joel Miller
Detective Shelli Strahle
Historian Marv Jensen
Invocations Kasey Hinchman
Membership Background Gary Reece
Red Badge Advisor/ Member Development Chris Murphy
Sarah Madsen

Music..... Michael Harrison & Sam Bishop
Photographer Donna Maurillo
Public Relations..... Jill Stone
Rotary Information Gary Reece
We Care..... Janet Krassow
Web Master..... Peter Huemer
Song Master Jan Derecho
Fellowship/Greeter Michele Costa

SPECIAL EVENTS

Club Barbecue..... John & Linda Burroughs
Fundraiser Jill Stone
Holiday Program..... Wes Walker

ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CRUZ COMMUNITY FUND

President Erik Dybdahl
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COMMUNITY SERVICE - Traci Bliss

Benevolence and Grants..... Fred Gawlick
Community Project Traci Bliss & Fred Gawlick
Senior Citizens..... Jeanette Pagliaro
RotaCare Larry Fogelquist
Salvation Army Bell Ringers Sam Bishop
Beach Clean Up..... Donna Maurillo
Avenues of Flags Chris Murphy
R.Y.L.A..... Molly Parks & Jim Courtright
Interact Molly Parks & Kris Munro
Rotaract Annie Asche
Speech Contest..... Bob Bosso, Peter Dean & Elizabeth Hammack
Club Youth Service Chair Michele Costa
Club Youth Protection Officer..... David Terrazas

VOCATIONAL SERVICE - Bob Davidson

Club Directory Ian Mackenzie
Career Planning Bob Davidson
Magazine Bob Davidson
Academic Scholarships Richard Beach
Vocational Scholarships..... Michael Harrison

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE - Jim Weisenstein

World Community Service..... Jim Weisenstein
Rotary Foundation..... Annie Asche
Youth Exchange David Terrazas
Sister City Coordinator David Terrazas

ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CRUZ ENDOWMENT

Chairman Linda Burroughs
Secretary..... Donna Maurillo
Treasurer Ian Mackenzie

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS 2023 - 2024

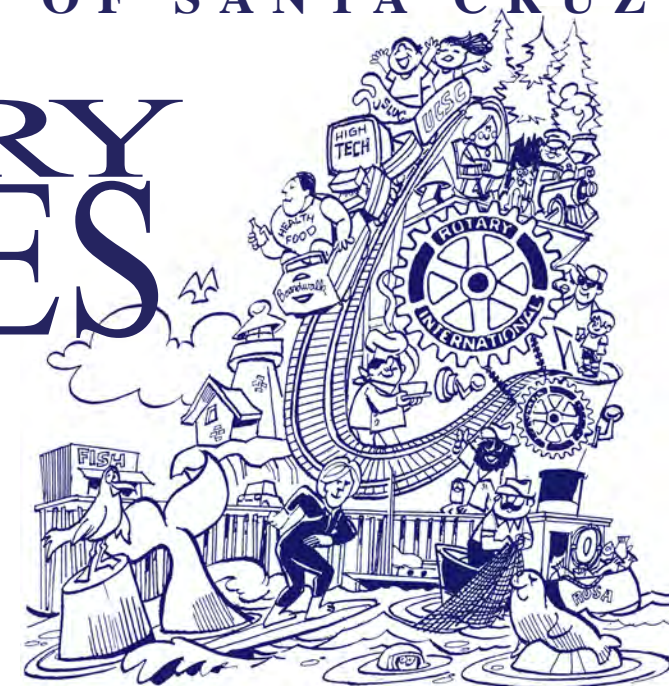
President..... Gordon R. McNally
District Governor 5170 Hung Wei
International Convention..... Singapore
Assistant Governor, Area 7 Kristen Fabos

CLUBS OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

Scotts Valley..... Mondays 12:15 PM
Freedom Go to <https://freedomrotary.org> for meeting times
Watsonville..... Elks Club..... Wednesdays 12:15 PM
Santa Cruz Sunrise..... DeLaveaga Golf Course Thursdays 7:15 AM
Capitola / Aptos..... Seascape Golf Club Thursdays 12:15 PM
San Lorenzo Valley..... Scopazzi's Thursdays 7:00 PM

ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CRUZ

ROTARY SPOKES



P.O. Box 497 – Santa Cruz, CA 95061

Meets Friday at 12:15 p.m.

The Elks Lodge – 150 Jewel Street

Create Hope in the World

August 11, 2023

President - Angelo DeBernardo

Editor - Ashley L. Thompson

Santa Cruz Shakespeare

Rick Wright

Please welcome Rick Wright, the President of Santa Cruz Shakespeare. Every summer, Rick creates accessibility to the arts for over 1000 youth in our community. For many youth, this is their first time encountering a live theater production! Rick is excited to talk to our club about this wonderful non-profit in our community!



SANTA CRUZ SHAKESPEARE

Programs - Wendi Hammang

Invocation: Jim Kelly

Detective: Linda Burroughs

EVENTS:

August Pop-Up Social

Network and connect with fellow Rotarians at our next pop-up social event. Join us on **Tuesday, Aug. 15 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Abbott Square** in downtown Santa Cruz! Guests are welcome. Please RSVP by Aug. 13 to jill@santacruzrotary.com or at 586.945.5455.

Annual Club BBQ is September 15th at Harvey West!!

Put it on your calendar! Details to be provided soon.

Save the Date - October Social

On **Wednesday, Oct. 4, you're invited to Walker Ranch**. Hosted by Wes and Chris Walker, this event has become an annual, beloved tradition. Food provided, bring a beverage to share. Guests are welcome. Please RSVP by Sept. 30 to jill@santacruzrotary.com or at 586.945.5455.

Announcements:

Service Above Self: Weekly Opportunities

Main Beach Clean-up. Meet at the Wharf behind the Ideal Restaurant, Monday at 8am.

Make "Bundles of Hope" for children in need. Meet at Hope's Closet, 2555 Soquel Dr. Thursday at 11am.

Reminder: Get your grant applications to the B&G committee by August 31st.

LAST MEETING - August 11, 2023

Invocation given by Ashley Thompson. "Everything in moderation, including moderation."

Raffle won by Debbie Robinson! A Jan Marini Skin Care Management System. Debbie is going to have glowing skin when she starts using this product (not that she doesn't already!). Donated by Ashley Thompson.

Diane and Angel, RYLA students came to our meeting today to share their RYLA experiences...so cool! Introverts become extroverts and strangers become friends! But, in all seriousness, RYLA is a transformative experience. Our guests said: "Best experience of my life!" AND "I took the conflict resolution skills I learned at RYLA back to my workplace. It totally changed my perspective!" AND "I now have a sense of confidence and happiness that goes with me wherever I go thanks to RYLA."

Detective Report by Kasey Hinchman:

He fined THREE PEOPLE for not picking up their badge when they checked in at the door. Group announcement: "We wear badges here at Rotary, as you well know..."

Ceil is "95 years old"...or younger...the secret to living long is WINE, no wait, walking, no wait, water...who knows... you can't remember when you are 95...

Bob Davidson purchased a Ferrari. Red, OF COURSE!!! Gooooooooooo fast!!!

Wally Walker is out of the hospital. We are SO HAPPY he is back with us!

Kasey's theme was travel. He talked about people, he paid their fines, he fined people, he made them tell travel stories.

Speaker was Chief Bernie Escalante from our Santa Cruz Police Department.

Chief was born and raised in Santa Cruz. He swam in our Elks Lodge pool because his father was an Elks Member! He has 27 years of service with the SC Police Department. He is honored to serve the community he grew up in.

Chief believes in discipline and boundaries. He thinks the criminal justice system lacks consequences and accountability and we enable behavior. It makes the job of the police extremely difficult. Decriminalization, deinstitutionalization, and defunding IS A PROBLEM.

Chief also wants to improve quality of life in our city. But, these issues are very difficult to tackle. Chief has Downtown Safety as a top priority. He wants people to go downtown and enjoy themselves and not fear for their safety.

The Police Department has had staffing challenges and they are trending in a better direction now. Issue is they are only 74% staffed. It is a difficult profession to recruit and retain.

However, the current team does an amazing job. These young professionals handle themselves very well.

Police work closely with County Mental Health professionals to address the needs of citizens. But, they are severely underprepared for those who are experiencing a mental health crisis. Especially, for minors. There are no resources for these people = a problem.

Only one homicide in the last two years. Most issues are substance abuse, mental health, and homelessness. Law enforcement are the first ones to respond and they don't have the tools for it.

How can we help? Pay attention when you vote. It matters.

Chief thanked us for what we do for our community. He is inspired by us!

Wedding Anniversaries

Keith McKenzie and Della	64 years	August 11
Thomas Castillo and Lori	11 years	August 11
John Huffman and Karen	56 years	August 13
Samuel Bishop and Elena	43 years	August 17

Duties Next Week (August 18)

Raffle - Bob Ciapponi
Detective - Sarah Madsen

Upcoming Program

Where Does My Money Go?
Wes Walker August 18