

**ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CRUZ OFFICERS 2023 - 2024**

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

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**JUNIOR DIRECTORS**

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  
Secretary/Treasurer ..... Ian Mackenzie

**Create Hope in the World**

[www.santacruzrotary.com](http://www.santacruzrotary.com)

**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**

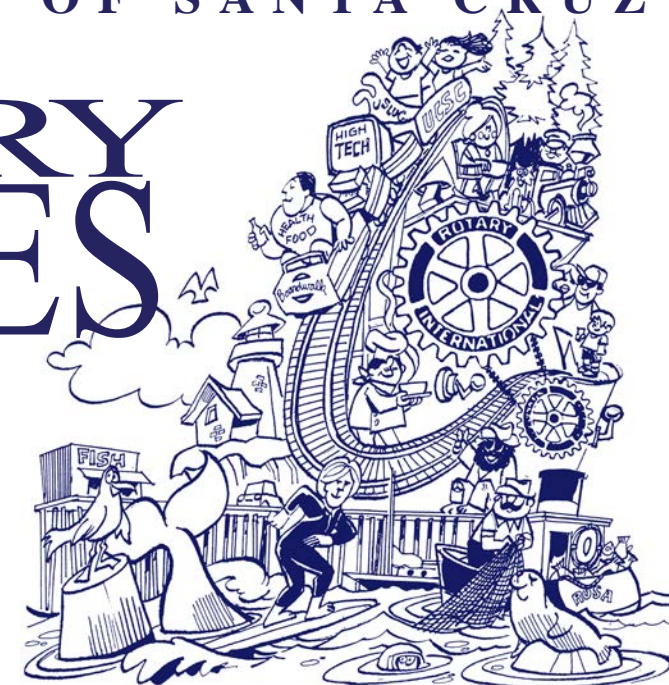
President..... Gordon R. McNally  
District Governor 5170 ..... Hung Wei  
International Convention..... Singapore  
Assistant Governor, Area 7 ..... Kristen Fabos

**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 18, 2023**

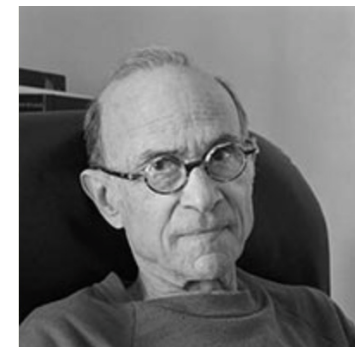
**President - Angelo DeBernardo**

**Editor - Ashley L. Thompson**

***Santa Cruz County's Artist of the Year for 2023***

***Stephen Kessler***

Please welcome Santa Cruz County's Artist of the Year for 2023, Stephen Kessler! Stephen has distinguished himself as one of his generations most versatile and prolific writers, ranging from poetry publications to international translations of Nobel Laureate authors. Stephen also writes a weekly opinion column for the Santa Cruz Sentinel.



**Programs - Wendi Hammang**

**Invocation: Jill Stone**

**Detective: Sarah Madsen**

## EVENTS:

**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. 4th, 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. 30th to [jill@santacruzrotary.com](mailto:jill@santacruzrotary.com) or at 586.945.5455.

### Announcements:

**August Pop-Up Social at Abbott Square was very fun!** The company was enjoyable, but the drinks were even better!! Thank you to Jill for organizing this social :)

### Service Above Self: Weekly Opportunities

Main Beach Clean-up. Meet at the Wharf behind Ideal Restaurant, Mondays at 8:00 a.m.

Make "Bundles of Hope" for children in need. Meet at Hope's Closet, 2555 Soquel Dr., Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.

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

### LAST MEETING - August 11, 2023

Invocation given by James Kelly.

He gave a nice invocation and played the harmonica beautifully!

Raffle won by a guest! Gift card for Makai and homemade biscotti! Yum! Donated by Heather Gorley.

Fred Gawlick and Angelo DeBernardo presented \$\$\$ to Santa Cruz Shakespeare. Curtesy of the B&G Committee.

"A man's no bigger than the way he treats his fellow man" poem read by Sharon Caiocca. Another gem from the Rotary archives. Thank you Sharon for taking on this large scale, but important project!

### Detective Report by John Burroughs:

What Famous Person Said This? Great report with funny quotes. Thank you, John, for filling in last minute for Linda Burroughs who was filling in last minute for Bob Bosso.

EXEMPT Mike Allard wandered around the room and caused disruption, as expected!

**Speaker** was Rick Wright from Santa Cruz Shakespeare.

Shakespeare Santa Cruz is Santa Cruz Shakespeare's predecessor. When the prior university program shut down in 2013, a group of Santa Cruz citizens who loved theater decided to keep the fun going by creating Shakespeare Santa Cruz that same year.

Then, Santa Cruz Shakespeare built a theater at The Grove in DeLaveaga Park, which opened in 2016. It was a huge team effort by the City of Santa Cruz, some local businesses, and the community!

Every year the program grows. They now have a kitchen and serve food, which really enhances the audience experience. Santa Cruz Shakespeare is building a new building this year, getting a new artistic director, and a new managing director.

Their goal is to make live, classic theater relevant to students in this day and age. Santa Cruz Shakespeare achieves this goal by inviting middle and high school students to attend a matinee show in the summer.

This year, Santa Cruz Shakespeare put on three productions: A Book of Will (non-Shakespeare), Taming of the Shrew (a Shakespeare comedy), and King Lear (a Shakespeare tragedy). Go see one! There are still a few tickets left and a couple weeks left in the season.

Santa Cruz Shakespeare's future ideas are to improve the patron experience by building a permanent sun shade and putting on more theater!! Maybe they will even do a holiday show...

### Birthdays

Wes Walker August 24  
Ian Mackenzie August 25  
Seems like it is time to go on a booze cruise!

### Club Anniversaries

Peter Dean August 23  
10 years

### Wedding Anniversaries

James Zenner and Pauline August 18  
32 years  
Stephen Gray and Ariel August 18  
16 years  
Robert Bosso and Susan August 24  
55 years

### Duties Next Week (August 25)

Invocation - Matt Falconer  
Raffle - Shelli Strahle  
Detective - Tom Castillo

### Upcoming Program

Santa Cruz Mayor August 25  
Fred Keeley

### FUN ROTARY FACT:

**Do you actually know the words to the Welcome/Guest Song?** Or, do you just make noise every week while everyone else sings it? (Well, let's be honest, Wes is not singing, but belting it out!)

So, in case you are not sure of the lyrics, here is a stab at what they probably are:

"Welcome to Santa Cruz and Rotary  
Join us in fun and song  
Forget all troubles while you're here  
So come to our club again  
When you're in town  
Until we meet again  
Here's wishing you a happy journey home!!"