

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

President..... Angelo DeBernardo  
Secretary ..... Ian Mackenzie  
Treasurer ..... Ian Mackenzie  
Sergeant-at-Arms ..... Bob Ciapponi & Jim Zenner  
President-Elect ..... Jill Stone  
Program Coordinator ..... Jill Stone

**DIRECTORS**

**SENIOR DIRECTORS**

**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**

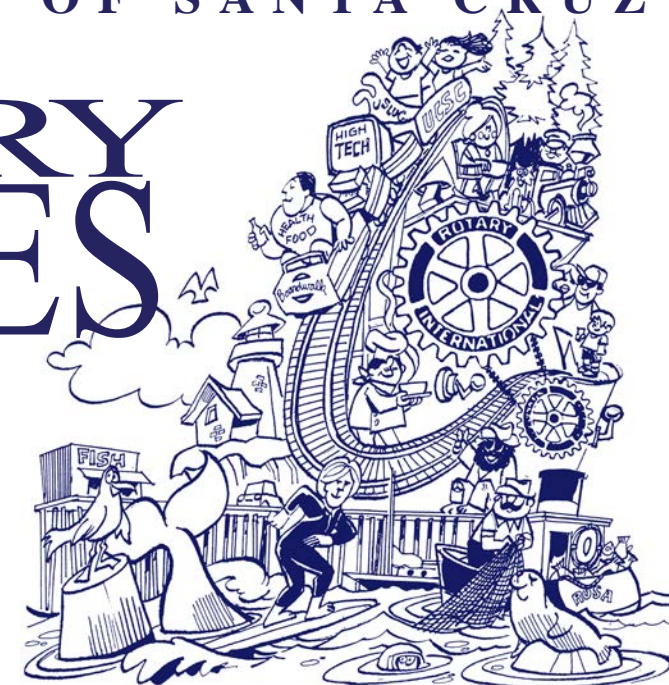
President..... Gordon R. McNally  
District Governor 5170 ..... Hung Wei  
International Convention..... Singapore  
Assistant Governor, Area 7 ..... Kristen Fabos

**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**

**September 1, 2023**

**President - Angelo DeBernardo**

**Editor - Ashley L. Thompson**

*To The Tip of The Americas*

*Sam Bishop*

Sam has been a member of our club for 50 years!!! Holy hell! Sam is very involved with our wheelchair projects. Because of this, he has flown General Aviation planes on 5 continents and once across the Pacific. Sam is an “OG” (Original Rotary Gangster)!

**Programs - Wendi Hammang**

**Invocation: Gary Reece**

**Detective: Jim Zenner**

## Announcements:

### 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.

### EVENTS:

**Annual Club BBQ is September 15th at Harvey West!! FREE DRINKS!!**  
5:00-8:00 PM. \$40. RSVP by Sept. 11th.

**Save the Date - October Social**  
On **Wednesday, Oct. 4th, you're invited to Walker Ranch.** Food provided, bring a beverage to share. Guests are welcome. Please RSVP by Sept. 30th.

### LAST MEETING - August 25, 2023

Invocation given by Casey Hinchman: "If you focus on the pain, you will continue to hurt. If you focus on the lesson, you will continue to grow."

Raffle won by Stephen Karon! A bottle of Moet with a NBA twist, whatever that means. But, Moet is yummy, so NBA or not, this is a great prize! Donated by Shelli Strahle.

Janet Gluch has been doing amazing things with Rotary behind the scenes!! Helping women with feminine hygiene

and opening a sewing center in Uganda and so much more!! Great work, Janet!

Jim Zenner is exempt next month!

**Detective Report** by Tom Castillo, who did a stand up comedy act:

Why did the banker from Santa Cruz become the President? He was the only one who could make interest rates rise during a service project.

Why did the Rotarian skip a meeting to go to Alaska? Because they heard that's where you go to make service projects really ice breaking.

Why did Rotary accountants order at the bar? They wanted to make sure balance sheets were in liquid assets.

Why did the Rotarian love bringing his younger fiancé to club meetings? Because he wanted to prove his charity work wasn't the only thing young oriented. (This was for you, Tom Foster.)

Why did the father-son Rotary duo get so much attention in meetings? Because everyone knew that when the Walkers were in the room, the club was going places.

Why did the financial advisor join the Rotary Club? Because she wanted to diversify her portfolio while also utilizing social capital!

Why did the couple decided to shack up after being in the Rotary Club? Because

commitment to service above self worked just as well in love as community outreach. (Go Donna and Gary!!)

**Speaker** was Fred Keeley, Mayor of Santa Cruz.

Fred was very flattering of Rotary. Smart man: flattery will get you far!

Fred talked about major changes in Santa Cruz and how that has affected housing in the City.

First, UCSC opening in Santa Cruz was a huge time of influence. He said the community's expectation was that the students and the school would be conservative. Instead, UCSC became a hub of social debate and social change.

Second, the 1989 Earthquake. Fred thinks the greatest mayor Santa Cruz has ever had was Mardi Wormhoudt, who led the revitalization of our downtown after the earthquake.

Now, we are in the "third inflection point for the City of Santa Cruz". The State of California has decided that the cities haven't done enough in the area of housing and they are invading boundaries. "Local land use no longer belongs to local government." Local government doesn't have power or intention to say no to how we do housing in this community.

Overall, Fred was polished and professional. Funny at the very

beginning, and then very serious for the rest of his talk.

In line with his role as a career politician, Fred ignored the time limits of our meeting. He refused to stop talking at 1:30...or 1:31...or whew, it was 1:32 and he stopped! Two minutes over isn't too bad? Although, he didn't leave time for questions...which, if we are following the lead of the President of the United States, is the new move of today's politicians. No questions = no answers.

Not sure what it says about our group (maybe we just did not want to be rude or we are mayor-pleasers or...), but everyone sat here patiently and just waited for him to stop. Good for us?

### Birthdays

Dave Dreyfus	September 1
Traci Bliss	September 2
Kevin Dempsey	September 3

### Wedding Anniversaries

James Courtright and Kassy	
27 years	September 1
Frank Minuti and Terry Lunzer	
11 years	September 1
Peter Dean and Olga	
36 years	September 6

### Duties Next Week (September 8)

Invocation - Kris Munro  
Raffle - Cristian Gonzales  
Detective - Manu Koenig

### Upcoming Program

CEO of Santa Cruz METRO	
Michael Tree	September 8