

**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**

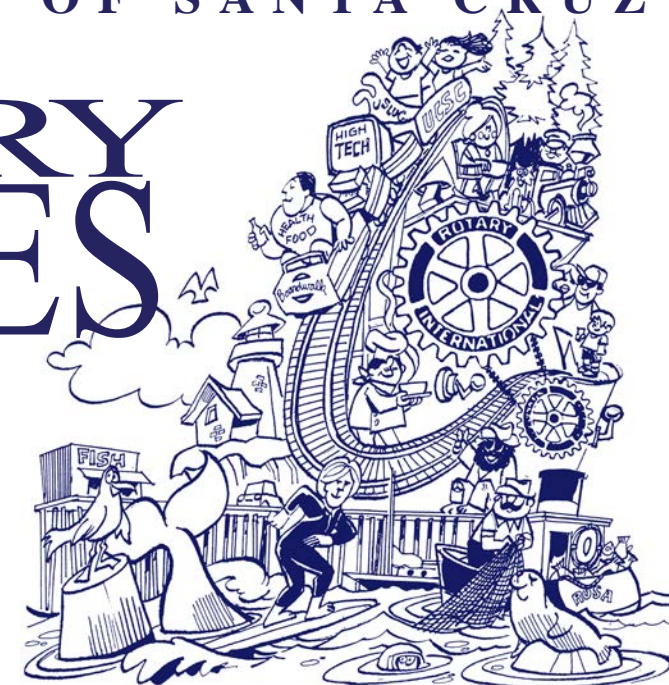
President..... Gordon R. McNally  
District Governor 5170 ..... Hung Wei  
International Convention..... Singapore  
Assistant Governor, Area 7 ..... Kristen Fabos

**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 29, 2023**

**President - Angelo DeBernardo**

**Editor - Ashley L. Thompson**

*The Downtown Expansion Plan*

*Lee Butler*

Lee Butler has 23 years of public sector experience with the cities of Santa Cruz, San Jose, Gilroy, and Santa Clara. He has a Bachelors Degree in Environmental Science, from the University of Virginia, and he is a LEED accredited professional, who specializes in building design and construction.



**Programs - Wendi Hammang**

**Invocation: Bob Davidson**

**Detective: Wendi Hammang**

## EVENTS:

**Save the Date - October Social**  
On **Wednesday, Oct. 4th, you're invited to Walker Ranch.** Food provided and alcohol is free!! Please RSVP by TODAY!!!!

## LAST MEETING - September 22, 2023

Invocation given by Donna Maurillo, long term anger is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die. So be nice to your siblings. Try to resolve family dissonance. Don't drink the poison of unresolved conflict!!!!

Raffle won by Steve Karon! Two bottles of wine and a gift certificate to Crow's Nest! But, then Steve left and gave his gift to Wally Walker??? Raffle donated by John Burroughs.

**Detective Report** by Manu Koenig.

Manu is running for re-election. Manu wanted to point out where Rotary is not being politically correct. Makes sense, right? A politician wanting to be politically correct.

First, Manu took issue with "Bitch Bucks". He thinks it is inappropriately sexist. So, Manu volunteered to head up a new committee to rename this category.

Manu also didn't like Jim Zenner's "Sow the seeds of love" t-shirt. Manu wanted to know what "seeds" Jim was trying to sow...yikes!

Then Manu quizzed Rotary members on life. Jill Stone was quizzed on how to get people more excited about Rotary in the community. She was fined for her answer.

Manu claimed Santa Cruz is the second fastest growing city in America. Santa Cruz also has the oldest population?

And, half of this county is in an unincorporated area. So Santa Cruz County is actually the largest city! But, only 13 cents of every property tax dollar goes to the county. All these fun facts we didn't know about...

Last, Manu identified our rival Rotary Club as the Sunrise Rotary Club. While our club wants to do good in the community, we just want to do it a bit better than Sunrise...

**Our program was vocational scholarships MC'd by Michael Harrison.**

\$500-\$1000 is given to each student that is chosen! They must submit an application, maybe do an interview, and prove they are involved in the community with community service!

Our Rotary Vocational Scholarship Committee awarded \$24,750 through the benevolence of the Educational Endowment Fund Committee. The members of the committee are Annie Asche, Sarah Madsen, Blaine Brokaw, Michael Harrison, and Maurice Carrillo!

Vincent Locatelli came and spoke about his gratitude for receiving an Automotive Technology Vocational Scholarship from our club.

Darby Cauthen came and spoke about her journey on how she came to be a nurse. Very heartfelt and moving. "All that is really worth doing, we do for others!"

Michelle Cruz-Diaz came and expressed her thanks to our club. Her dad was very very ill and the nurses at the hospital saved her dad so she wanted to help her community in return.

It was a very emotional program. Lots of sharing and passion and gratitude. Both scholarship recipients and Rotarians were moved.

Liliana Castillo won a music scholarship. Music allowed her to bond with people in a way that she wouldn't have been able to otherwise. She performed on the saxophone for us!! It was beautiful :)

There was a video from Coleman Garner expressing how this scholarship allows him to give back to the Monterey Bay County.

Gabrielle White also made a video because she wasn't able to attend today because she is working a rotation in pediatrics in Santa Clara.

## **Birthdays**

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| Jill Stone        | September 29 |
| James Weisenstein | September 29 |

## **Duties Next Week**

Invocation - Jan Derecho?  
Detective - Dave Dreyfus  
Raffle - John Burroughs

## **Upcoming Program**

How I Built This, Canyon View Capital  
Bob Davidson October 6

## **Weekly Opportunities to Serve:**

Beach Clean-up. Meet at the Wharf behind Ideal, Mondays @ 08:00

Make "Bundles of Hope" for children in need. Meet at Hope's Closet, 2555 Soquel Dr. Drop in from 11-1 on Thurs.

Both service opportunities count as a **make-up for a missed Friday meeting.**

## **FUN ROTARY FACT:**

**What are the actual words to God Bless America? Do you know?**

If you are like me, you start strong, fall off in the middle, attempt a strong finish...

God Bless America  
Land that I love  
Stand beside her  
And guide her  
Through the light with the light from above??? (Just mumble this part...)  
From the mountains  
To the prairies  
To the oceans  
White with foam  
God Bless America  
Our Home Sweet Home