

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
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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

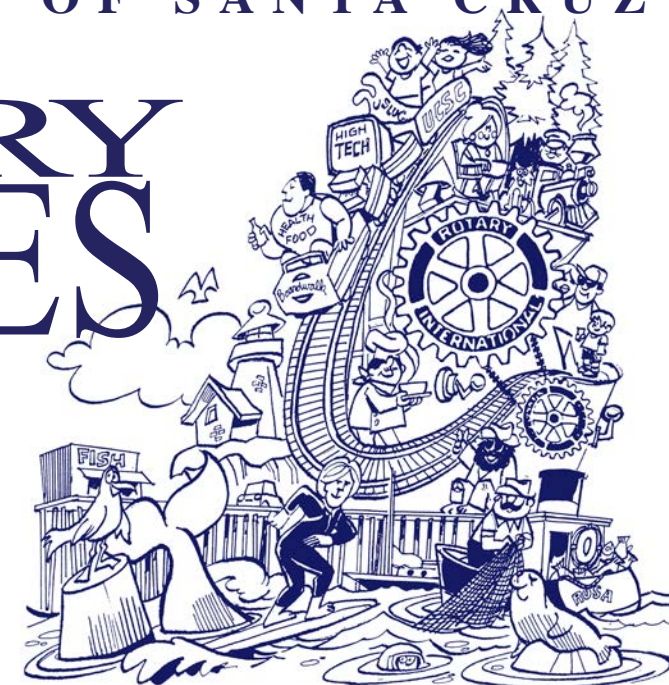
President..... Gordon R. McNally
District Governor 5170 Hung Wei
International Convention..... Singapore
Assistant Governor, Area 7 Kristen Fabos

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

December 1, 2023

President - Angelo DeBernardo

Editor - Galaham Zuanich

San Jose Mineta International Airport

Jill Stone



San José Mineta International Airport (SJC)

SJC is the Bay Area's easiest and most dependable airport due to its medium size, simple layout, temperate climate and inland location. Providing nonstop service to over 40 destinations and located just over 30 miles from Santa Cruz, it is a great option for travelers in Santa Cruz County. As the Marketing Manager, Jill Stone leads SJC's efforts in


Programs - Wes Walker

Invocation: Stephen Karon

Detective: Cristian Gonzalez

Announcements:

We're thrilled to announce that Ian Mackenzie is stepping into the spotlight as our President Designate, ready to lead us into a year of excellence, camaraderie, and maybe a sprinkle of mischief. Get ready for an adventure with Ian at the helm!

 Ugly Sweater Extravaganza Alert!

Ho-Ho-Hope you're ready for a festive fashion fiesta! Join us for the Ugly Sweater Party of the century on December 20th from 5:30 to 8 PM at the Elks Lodge. Expect more knitted chaos than your grandma's attic!

FREE DRINKS courtesy of Seghetti, Waxler, Castillo & Gonzalez – because we believe in making your taste buds as jolly as your wardrobe choices. Guests are not only welcome; they're practically mandatory. Bring your friends, neighbors, and that cousin you only see during the holidays. The more, the merrier, especially when "merrier" involves questionable sweater decisions.

Prizes await the most gloriously hideous sweaters, so raid your grandma's closet, hit up the thrift shop, or unleash your inner DIY diva. This party is so bright, you'll need sunglasses, preferably ones that clash with your sweater.

Detective Report:

Mike Allard: Alright, brace yourselves, folks, because Detective Mike Allard is on the case! Now, I know the mere mention of his detective skills induces groans louder than my granddad's

snoring, but fear not – he is here to dazzle you with an impromptu mystery. Little did he know he'd be a detective today; he thought he was signing up for a pizza party.

So, in a sudden stroke of genius, he concocted a plan: He convinced 10 unsuspecting souls to buy envelopes for \$10 each, promising that each one contained a treasure worth a whopping \$50. Now, don't ask about the math; he's a detective, not an accountant. Tom Foster, bless his heart, bought an envelope without realizing it was a financial commitment. Classic mix-up.

Now, the grand reveal! Jim Courtwright, snagged a hospice jacket – because nothing says "sleuth chic" like compassionate outerwear. John Burroughs scored \$58 in foreign money, Wes Walker got eggs (don't ask, I'm not even sure why), Cil Cirrillo got a card game for couples, and Tom Foster, who doesn't touch alcohol, won a bottle of Kentucky bourbon – talk about irony.

Jill Stone struck gold with a \$50 Apple store gift card, Richard Beach proudly added a warrior basketball bobblehead to his collection, Bill Bonsall got not one, but two bottles of Snoop Dogg wine (because nothing says "Rotarian" like a little gin and juice), and Traci Bliss hit the jackpot with a Santa Cruz Warriors swag bag and two upper-level tickets to a game. Now, that's what I call a detective success story!

Remember, folks, even in the world of

mystery, sometimes you stumble upon treasures and other times, well, you end up with foreign money and a hospice jacket. Until next time, stay curious, my friends!

Program:

Chris Murphy, the maestro of NBA G League wisdom, delivered a hilarious yet enlightening performance on the evolution of the league, dropping more knowledge than a professor with a basketball obsession. He unveiled the league's growth spurt from 18 teams in 2015 to a whopping 31 teams in 2023, spanning three countries—USA, Mexico, and Canada. With a deadpan delivery, he revealed that 50% of NBA players have graced the G League, making it the ultimate NBA training ground.

Then, in a plot twist worthy of a sports sitcom, he spotlighted the Santa Cruz Warriors, the overachievers in the league. Despite having the fourth smallest arena, they're the MVPs in revenue generation – basically, Santa Cruz's own David slaying Goliaths with basketballs instead of slingshots. Chris threw some wild stats our way – 10 players catapulted from Santa Cruz to the NBA, coaches joined the big leagues, and a whopping 13 business employees decided to ball in the corporate world. The only struggle? Hiring staff because, let's face it, Santa Cruz housing prices are like LeBron James – soaring high. But it's not all about slam dunks and three-pointers. The Warriors are

community heroes, donating meals for every point scored (165,000 and counting) and championing anti-bullying with the Peaceful Warriors program. And the grand finale? Santa Cruz Warriors are on the lookout for a new arena, not just for basketball but also for killer acoustics – because who wouldn't want to hear a basketball game with a rock concert vibe?

In the face of tempting offers from other cities, Santa Cruz Warriors stand firm, determined to stay put and shoot for the hoop dreams in their hometown. Chris Murphy – the man, the myth, the hoops humorist.

CLUB CALENDAR

Member Birthdays:

11/27 George Gallucci
12/2 Marlon Foote
12/4 Colleen Harrison
12/5 Molly Parks
12/5 Charles Canfield
12/7 Michael Allard
12/7 Bob Davidson
12/8 Bob Bosso

Wedding Anniversaries:

11/25 Janet and Randy Krassow 19 years
11/26 Jim and Suzie Bargetto 38 years

Club Anniversaries:

11/24 Sam Bishop 49 years
12/4 Jim Zenner 34 years
12/6 Keith Mackenzie 30 years

Detective 12/8: Sam Bishop

Invocation 12/8: Steve Karon

Raffle 12/8: Janet Krassow

Upcoming Programs: Hanukkah and beyond with Steve Karon