

**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**

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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**

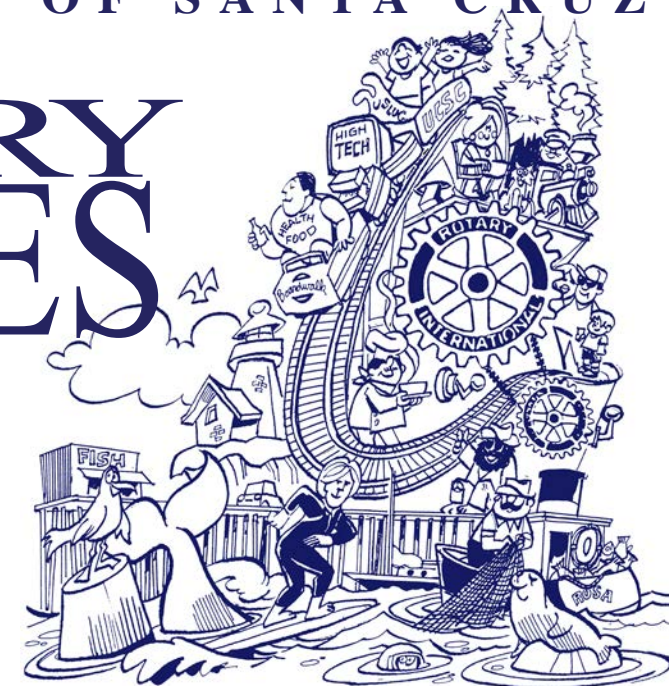
President..... Gordon R. McNally  
District Governor 5170 ..... Hung Wei  
International Convention..... Singapore  
Assistant Governor, Area 7 ..... Kristen Fabos

**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**

**February 9, 2024**

**President - Angelo DeBernardo**

**Editor - Debbie Robinson**

**Annual Speech Contest**

**Programs - Matt Falconer**

**Invocation: Sarah Madsen**

**Detective: Russ Hobbs**

## Announcements

**2024 Rotary Night at the Santa Cruz Warriors is fast approaching** on Saturday, March 16. Tickets are \$40 center sideline and \$35 sideline (and includes a cool t-shirt!). Tickets are going fast! Pregame Happy Hour reception at Big Basin Brewery is being planned.

### **Save the date - Annual Fundraiser**

This year's fundraiser is going to be one merry and bright magical night. Please join us on Saturday, May 11 for **Miracle on Jewell Street**. More details TBA soon! Interested in becoming a sponsor? Let us know at [jill@santacruzrotary.com](mailto:jill@santacruzrotary.com)

### **Service Opportunity**

Hope's Closet at 2555 Soquel Drive provides gently used clothing for youth which often enables them to stay in school. You can support this effort by shopping at the retail store (great stuff!!) or volunteering for an hour any Thursday between 11-1. Spending time helping this dedicated group is inspiring and counts as a Friday meeting make-up.

### **Membership:**

Val Macken has proposed **Parker Merritt** for membership. Any member comments must be made to the Club Secretary within 7 days.

## Last Meeting February 2, 2024

**Invocation by Kevin Dempsey:** Who said, "The rules don't apply to me," Jim Bargetto or Tom Foster? Both!

**Sarah Madsen won the raffle!** Two bottles of wine and a gift card to Sugo Italian from Bob Ciapponi!

**New member, Tom Moran,** received his red badge today. He is sponsored by Jim Zenner. He came from Rotary in San Francisco.

### **Detective Report by Fred Gawlick.**

He said he asked for guidance and mentorship from Erik and this detective report would be a continuation of the detective report from last week. He showed an old picture of Colleen Harrison, Bob Ciapponi, and Blaine Brokaw. He said he wasn't going to actively fine anyone. Rather, giving money today during the detective report is voluntary. Fred brought evidence to counteract the program that Ashley did last week. Fred investigated and found out that there are approximately 25 interactors at Harbor High and there are community service projects in the works. He just couldn't tell us what they were... Then, Fred showed some "football porn" (these are Mike Allard's words): there were a bunch of buff men taking off their shirts and bro-ing out in a State Farm commercial. Fred moved on to "asking Rotarians to think" about what they are passionate about in

Rotary or "for each other". Donna Maurillo said she has been in this club for over 30 years because she doesn't know anyone that does more good or is crazier. David Terrazas got up and talked about how "kind" Mike Allard is and asked him to put in some happy dollars. Tom Parker gave appreciation to Fred for all the "stuff" he does in the community and in Rotary.

**Speaker: Robert Oatey,** the Fire Chief for the Santa Cruz Fire Department. Robert is Matt Falconer's "brother". Oatey said he is really happy though that he is not blood related to Matt lol. Oatey has been the fire chief for the past 2.5 years. He is honored to serve in the community that he grew up in. They have four stations in Santa Cruise. The boundaries are Pasatiempo, yacht harbor, and out to the county line. They are the busiest department in the county. They have over 150 employees, but most are seasonal lifeguards. They have around 60 full-time fire fighters. They do fire, hazmat, medical, and water rescue. Their department started in 1894. They have four departments under the Marine Safety Division: beach lifeguard service, marine rescue unit, fire engine-based rescue swimmers, and jet skis. Oatey created a program called "Know Before You Go!" to help citizens be safe in the ocean because we had 3 drownings within 5 days in the Fall of 2021. Rip currents are the third highest cause of water related death. They kill

more people than tornados and hurricanes. So, Oatey has created a place for the public to go and get information about conditions on the beach so they can try and prevent drownings in the future. They put the QR Code for this Watchtower Dashboard on the beach shuttle, lifeguard towers, lifeguard vehicles, and the local hotels are handing out this info. Oatey has created videos that warn people about the dangers of the local ocean. The Public Service Announcement videos they've created address: marine wildlife, rip currents, and cold water hazards.

## **Club Calendar**

### **Club Anniversaries**

Fred Gawlick~14	February 9
David Fischer~53	February 12

### **Next Meeting – February 16, 2024**

**Invocation** TBD

**Detective** Thornton Kontz

**Raffle** Gary Reese

### **Upcoming Program**

Red Badge Speeches	February 16
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