

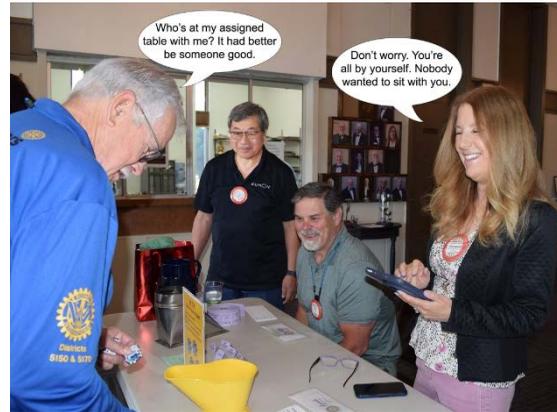


## Announcements

### **Save the Date** – for *Miracle on Jewell Street*

This year's Annual Fundraiser is going to be one merry and bright magical night. Please join us on **Saturday, May 11** for Holiday Celebrations. Drinks are FREE thanks to Seghetti Waxler. Tickets are \$125 per person. Interested in becoming a sponsor? Let us know by emailing [Jill@santacruzrotary.com](mailto:Jill@santacruzrotary.com)

There were guests of honor attending this weeks meeting: With **Tom Foster** calling out his wife Claire's presence; **Bob Ciapponi** recognized his wife (of 49 yrs) Janine; Erik **Dybdahl** brought Nancy; and **Jim Zenner** hosted Pauline.



### **Last Meeting April 19, 2024**

**Invocation: Tom Canfield** provided us with a reminder about perseverance. He shared a reflection about challenges following the 2020 pandemic and asked Rotarians to join him in a moment of silence as we continue working towards normalcy. With a prayer, he asked that God, "grant me the serenity to accept the

things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." A perspective for life!



**Raffle: Jim Zenner** selected **Jeanette Pagliaro** for the day's drawing. Jeanette won a bottle of wine from Birichino, Limoncello Candy, a gift card for Tramonti all generously donated by **Bill Bonsall**.



**Detective Report: Annie Asche** was away at the Total Eclipse (her 4<sup>th</sup> & Al's 8<sup>th</sup>) in Mexico. She let the club know how incredible the experience was before breaking into Rotary Trivia. Erik Dybdahl had happy dollars again this week because for seeing the total eclipse in Mexico!

**Annie** quizzed Rotarians about Rotarians. And we learned a male spouse of a Rotarian is known as a "Rotary Dick" .. Ask Annie for the backstory.

**Program Speaker: Ashley Thompson** introduced our **Jim Zenner** and **Janet Gluch** – for a informative review of their work as Water Warriors and health educational projects.



**Jim** kicked off the presentation discussing the Water Warriors exploits in Guatemala. He screened a brief video and noted that there are over 6 million people in the world who do not have access to safe drinking water and that Children & Infants are the most susceptible to death without clean water systems. As such, the group recently installed a water system at a hospital in Guatemala where infants were dying of water borne illnesses. This was the 11<sup>th</sup> successful Water Warriors expedition. **Jim** commented that over 2.5 million liters of safe water was dispensed at one of the projects over the past 10 years. Their work continues expand through Rotary through new outreach and partnerships.

**Janet** recounted her early work on Rotary projects providing ophthalmology care. She learned that eye surgeons needed to use bottled water for surgery because the water was not safe. At that time, she realized that Rotary projects could be bundled with other work. Around that time school-based programming was expanded, and a program to distribute reading glasses was originated. At a recent Rotary trip, over 900 reading glasses were distributed. **Janet** also talked about a program which provides feminine hygiene product kits in underserved communities. Without the kits, women were limited to access to school and were often homebound. It was exciting to learn about the positive impact that education and health products have on their lives. There was much need and they could have provided twice as many kits. Their work was inspirational and demonstrated their Service above Self!

### **Club Calendar**

#### **Birthdays:**

**April 24** – Charles Brook

**April 25** – Lawrence Brenner

**April 25** – Cristian Gonzalez

#### **Club Anniversaries:**

**May 30** – John Brokaw – 48

#### **Next Meeting: May 3, 2024**

**Invocation :** Peter Cook

**Detective:** Karen Beeson

**Raffle:** Rich Beech

#### **Upcoming Program:**

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