

**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**

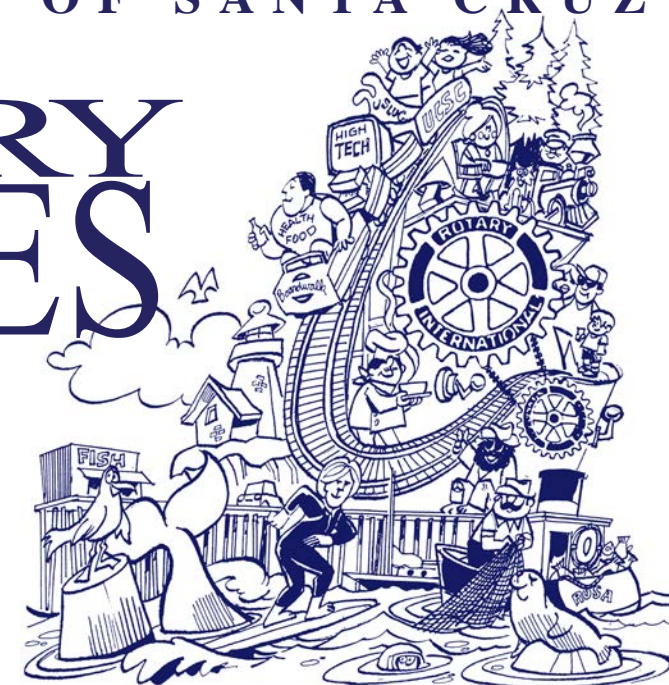
President..... Gordon R. McNally  
District Governor 5170 ..... Hung Wei  
International Convention..... Singapore  
Assistant Governor, Area 7 ..... Kristen Fabos

**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 22, 2023**

**President - Angelo DeBernardo**

**Editor - Ashley L. Thompson**

***Vocational Scholarships***  
***Michael Harrison***

The Santa Cruz Rotary Club is thrilled to play a role in supporting local students with their educational pursuits. During today’s meeting, you’ll have a chance to hear from our vocational scholarship recipients themselves! Yay! Congrats to our scholarship recipients!!

**Programs - Wendi Hammang**

**Invocation: Donna Maurillo**

**Detective: Manu Koenig**

## Announcements:

Marylin Monroe made an appearance at our last meeting and serenaded our President for his birthday. I think he was blushing. Marylin may or may not have been on mind altering substances.

### Annual Club BBQ was last FRIDAY!

Who had fun at Harvey West Park last week??? Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs for organizing and orchestrating this whole bonanza! There was lots of MEAT at this BBQ, which makes sense since it was a BBQ!

### 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. Drop in anytime from 11-1 on Thursdays.

Both service opportunities count as a **make-up for a missed Friday meeting**. Both appreciate one-time drop-ins!

## EVENTS:

**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 - September 8, 2023

Invocation given by David Terrazas, who delivered a beautiful message about helping those and coming together in a crisis. Our hearts go out to Maui!

Raffle won by Galaham Zuanich! Two bottle of wine and a gift certificate to Lillian's! Donated by Christian Gonzalez.

**Detective Report** by Tom Foster...he just kept putting \$20 bills in the bucket. We weren't even sure what for. What we were sure about is that if he went to a strip club and engaged in the same behavior, the ladies would be thrilled!

Tom quizzed three people on what they did for their summer vacation until he ran out of time. In summary...

Steve Karon went to Tel Aviv this summer...

Past President Erik Dybdahl went to Michigan to help his son move into his new place :)

Manu Koenig has been raising his daughter and she is succeeding because she is still alive...

Then, Tom forgot his wallet at the podium so the whole thing went in the bucket too!

**Speaker** was Michael Tree.

Michael has SEVEN children. And ALL have names that start with the letter "M". He couldn't remember all of their

names...yikes. I think seven just is too many. Manu has it right. Just work to keep one alive and then you don't forget the names of the kids that you "raised"!

Michael's passion was golf, but he somehow ended up in transportation!

He has 3 goals for the METRO agency:

- 1) Double ridership to 7 million rides a year within 5 years
- 2) Don't buy buses with tail pipes
- 3) Develop 175 affordable housing units on METRO property by the end of the decade

They own 96 buses. All but 25ish of them are running at every given time.

METRO has never had 7 million riders. Even prior to COVID...but, they are optimistic! Gotta give the people fast, reliable, and frequent service to make that happen!

Riders want straight routes, buses to have priority at intersections, and buses to come often. That means a bus should come at least every 15 minutes!

Each bus costs \$1.3 million. It doesn't matter whether they are battery operated, electric, or hydrogen buses. Buses are EXPENSIVE!! Although, interestingly enough, the buses aren't owned by the METRO. They are owned by the Feds. And, the Feds have a lot of rules...

METRO (or the Feds?) will be buying 57 hydrogen buses this year!!

14 of the current buses are works of art. They show beautiful, scenic shots of nature around our county. It sounded like the METRO donates money to the environment for every ride that riders log into an app??? If that's true, that's super cool!

### Birthdays

Bradley Bogard	September 22
Lawrence Edler	September 24

### Wedding Anniversaries

Colleen Harrison and Michael	
10 years	September 28
Michael Harrison and Colleen	
10 years	September 28

Why they are on here twice, but in opposite order, is beyond me!!

### Club Anniversaries

Ashley Thompson	
1 year and counting!	September 23
Kristin Munro	
8 years	September 24
Heather Gorley	
4 years	September 27
David Terrazas	
4 years	September 27
Robert Bosso	
11 years	September 28

### Duties Next Week

Invocation - Bob Davidson  
Detective - Wendi Hammang  
Raffle - Bob Bosso

### Upcoming Program

The Downtown Expansion Plan	
Lee Butler (Planning Director)	
	September 29