

Paul Harris Fellow Award:

Lynn Robinson, boasts a commendable civic career, having served on the city council from 2006 to 2014. Beyond her political contributions, she currently holds the role of Executive Director at Valley Church United, an organization dedicated to aiding those in need. Lynn's commitment to community service and embodying the principles of "service above self" earned her the prestigious Honorary Paul Harris Fellow Award, a recognition rooted in the ideals set forth by Rotary Club founder Paul Harris. Lynn Robinson's life reflects a steadfast dedication to bettering her community through both public service and philanthropy.

Invocation:

In the spirit of gratitude for the achievements of our global organization, **Jan Derecho** invoked a sense of appreciation during her address. Recognizing November as a month dedicated to gratitude, she guided us in reflecting on the collective impact our organization has made. Jan shared a poignant quote from John F. Kennedy, reminding us that as we express our gratitude, we not only acknowledge the past but also pave the way for a positive and impactful future. With these words, she inspired a moment of reflection and unity, reinforcing the importance of recognizing and giving thanks for the contributions of our global community.

Detective Report:

Detective **Jim Bargetto** reporting in from his undercover mission in Europe, or as I like to call it, "Operation Bargain Bonanza." While strolling through posh streets lined with high-end shops that could bankrupt a detective on vacation, he couldn't help but think of his pals back at Rotary. Determined to bring a touch of luxury on a budget, he enlisted a personal shopper—because let's face it, his fashion sense is more mystery than chic. **Heather Gorley** and **Janet Krassow** are now the proud owners of two dollar store scarves, proving that style doesn't have to break the bank. **Bob Ciapponi, Jim Zenner, and Tom Castillo** each received a beer – not the crafty kind, mind you, but a budget-friendly brew that won't dent their wallets. **Bob Davidson** can now hit the road in style with a set of fancy driving gloves, and **Duff Fisher** can travel in comfort with his new dollar store travel slippers. **Debbie Robinson** got a travel kit, because every world-saving Rotarian needs to stay fresh on the go. As for **Jeanette Pagliaro**, she's now the proud owner of a single shot glass – because sometimes, life calls for a small celebration. And last but not least, **Mike Allard** received Swiss chocolate made in America – because when life gives you geography challenges, you improvise. Case closed on Operation Dollar Diplomacy!

Program:

Supervisor **Manu Koenig**, the man whose life journey could be mistaken for a Hollywood script, or at least a quirky indie film set in the picturesque landscapes of Santa Cruz. Born and raised in this laid-back haven, Manu's roots run deep, much like the redwoods he probably climbed as a mischievous child. Before diving into the world of politics, Manu had a stint as a child actor, though his star didn't quite reach Hollywood heights. Instead, he found inspiration in his grandfather, who suspiciously resembled **Wally Walker**, or so the local gossips claim. Guided by the principles of "service above self" and an inexplicable love for public speaking, Manu decided to take his talents to Tahiti. Perhaps it was the influence of his Tahitian mom or the allure of snorkeling in those crystal-clear waters, but something clicked. Witnessing the slow demise of his favorite corals became a superhero origin story – Manu decided to save the planet, armed with an app.

Living in Germany for nine months (because why not?), he fell head over heels for trains, of all things. Returning to Santa Cruz, he started a company, not to revolutionize train travel, but to develop an app allowing citizens to give input on policy. Working with Soquel Creek and Santa Cruz water district, he became the superhero of civic engagement. Having dipped his toes in every city in the

county, he took on politics, spearheading Measure L and turning the Capitola trestle into a bike and people-friendly trail. With endorsements from local luminaries (because who wouldn't endorse a guy with an app?), Manu discovered his superpower – taking large, complex issues and explaining them to the people. With this power, he triumphed over the incumbent, proving that sometimes, superheroes wear political hats.

CLUB CALENDAR**Member Birthdays:**

11/10 Val Macken
11/13 John Brokaw
11/14 Rodney Atchinson
11/14 Stephen Wyckoff

Wedding Anniversaries:

None

Club Anniversaries:

11/11 Janet Krassow	29 years
11/11 Stephen Gray	4 years
11/13 John Burroughs	31 years

Detective:

11/17 Mike Allard

Invocation:

11/17 Bob Bosso

Club Drawing:

11/17 Tom Castillo

Upcoming Programs:

Warriors organization with Chris Murphy