

ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CRUZ OFFICERS 2023 - 2024

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CLUB SERVICE - Heather Gorley

Attendance..... Bill Bonsall
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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
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ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CRUZ ENDOWMENT

Chairman Linda Burroughs
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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS 2023 - 2024

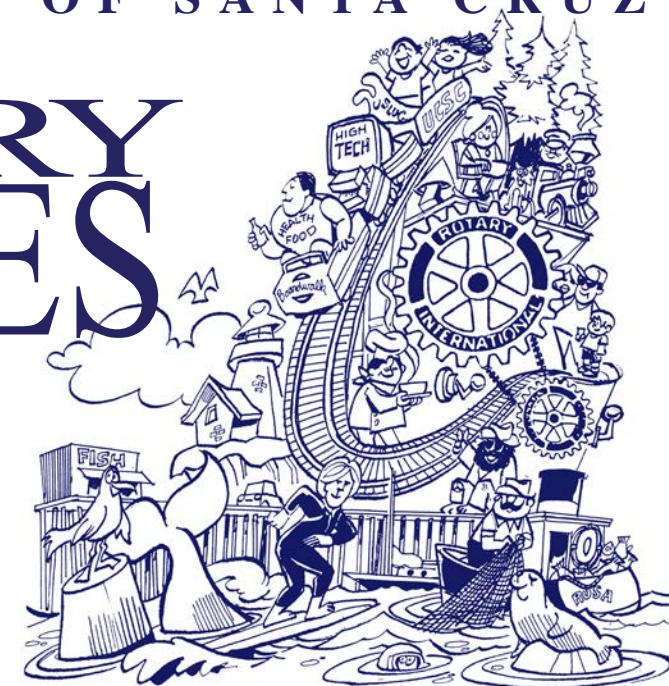
President..... Gordon R. McNally
District Governor 5170 Hung Wei
International Convention..... Singapore
Assistant Governor, Area 7 Kristen Fabos

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

November 17, 2023

President - Angelo DeBernardo

Editor - Galaham Zuanich

Warriors Organizaton

Chris Murphy

Chris Murphy is a seasoned professional in the world of basketball, currently holding the position of Senior Vice President, Franchise Development for the Golden State Warriors, a role he took on during the 2021-22 season. Concurrently, he serves as the President of the Santa Cruz Warriors, where his leadership has been instrumental in winning the NBA G League Franchise of the Year award multiple times. With a career spanning back to 2005 with the Golden State Warriors, Murphy has consistently demonstrated excellence, earning recognition as the NBA G League Executive of the Year in 2017-18.

Programs - Wes Walker

Invocation: Bob Bosso

Detective: Mike Allard



Invocation:

Cristian Gonzalez asked us take a moment to reflect on the profound sacrifice made by those who have served our country. Our veterans exemplify the courage and commitment it takes to lay down one's life for the greater good. As we express our gratitude, let us also ask ourselves if we are willing to make such a sacrifice for our nation. May the spirit of selflessness exhibited by our veterans inspire us to contribute wholeheartedly to the well-being of our community and country. Today, we honor those who have served and thank them for their extraordinary dedication. Amen.

Announcements:

Deck the halls and jingle your bells, because the most wonderful time of the year is almost here! Join us for a Christmas social on December 6th – an evening filled with festive cheer, questionable holiday sweaters, and enough laughter to shake the ornaments off the tree. We promise good company, seasonal snacks (no, fruitcake doesn't count), and enough holiday spirit to make even the Grinch crack a smile. So, whether you've been naughty or nice, mark your calendar, don your most ridiculous reindeer antlers, and let's make December 6th the merriest day of the year!

Detective Report:

by **Chris Murphy**: Ladies and gentlemen, gather 'round for the latest updates from the Santa Cruz Rotary

meeting. First off, a search and rescue mission was successfully executed to find **Sam Bishop's** misplaced badge. It turns out, it was hiding in plain sight – perhaps a covert mission by the badge itself. **Donna Maurillo** received a friendly reminder to switch her cell phone to the vibrator mode, avoiding any future disruptions that could rival a Warriors buzzer-beater.

Moving on to happier matters, **Richard Beach** is on cloud nine with his in-laws in town – may the holiday season survive the family gatherings. **Joel Miller** expressed his gratitude to Santa Cruz Rotary, crediting the warm hearts of Rotarians like **Jim Zenner** and **Fred Gawlick**, who contribute to his noble cause of distributing socks. **Gary Reece** celebrated a pen acquisition at Santa Cruz County Bank, proving that sometimes happiness is found in the simplest stationery.

Ian Mackenzie, in a moment of cheeky currency, handed out "bitch bucks" due to his wife's wrist injury preventing her from working – humor in the face of adversity. **Donna Maurillo**, in a plot twist, shared her newfound career ambition as a flight attendant now that her brother Tommy has retired and purchased an airplane.

Sam Bishop, ever the adventurer, announced plans to fish for tiger fish in Africa. Meanwhile, **Stoney Brooke**

celebrated the generosity of **Tracy Bliss** and **Sarah Madsen**, who donated \$3000 for the Veterans Hall. In the spirit of birthdays, **Blane Brockaw** expressed joy as his father, **John Brokaw**, turns 90 on Monday. Lastly, **Wes Walker** reminded us of the 248th birthday of the Marine Corps, a momentous occasion indeed.

The meeting concluded with **Todd Bayless** and **Jim Cartwright** striking gold, winning four tickets each for the upcoming Santa Cruz Warriors game. As the cheers echoed, the room braced itself for the Santa Cruz Warriors trivia showdown – where basketball knowledge becomes the real MVP.

Stay tuned for more updates from the thrilling world of Santa Cruz Rotary.

Program:

In the world of estate planning, **Shelli Strahle** and **Ashley Thompson** served up a presentation that was part stand-up comedy, part sobering reality check. Shelli, who apparently decided on a legal career at the ripe age of 12, dished out her one-minute life story, highlighting her abnormal love for trust and estate planning courses in college. She then introduced us to the "ostrich plan" – a genius term for those avoiding estate plans. If your estate resembles a barren land with no will or trust, and you're carrying more than \$184,000, brace yourself for the wild ride that is probate. Shelli warned us that probate is like the

IRS of the afterlife, taking a hefty 4% cut of everything without batting an eye, debts be damned.

Next up was **Ashley Thompson**, who painted a vivid picture of what happens to kids when their parents haven't nailed down their estate plans. Cue the dramatic music – the police get involved, children are taken into custody, and they get a one-way ticket to CPS until the law enforcement figures out how to untangle the mess. It's like a twisted game of family Monopoly gone wrong.

In summary, **Shelli** and **Ashley** delivered a tag team of legal wisdom and dark humor, leaving us all questioning our life choices and contemplating the importance of a well-thought-out estate plan. Because, let's face it, nobody wants their afterlife resembling a chaotic episode of a legal sitcom.

Estate planning: where laughs meet life's harsh realities.

CLUB CALENDAR

Member Birthdays:

11/18 Larry Fogelquist
11/19 Debbie McCarroll
11/21 Anthony Condotti
11/22 Joel Miller

Wedding Anniversaries:

11/23 Bob and Janine Ciapponi 49 years
11/23 Larry and Holliday Brenner 38 years

Club Anniversaries:

None

Upcoming Programs: Dark