

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

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.

Last Meeting January 26, 2024

This week's invocation was delivered by the sharp dressed man, **Kasey Hinchman**. He inspired us all to grab a hold of this life and this moment, realize how lucky we are to be here, and to

learn to master this moment that we have.

President Angelo honored **Paul Harris Fellow plus 5** recipient, **Val Macken**. A huge thank you to Val for her generous contributions and dedication to our rotary club for the last three plus decades.

Michael Harrison was the lucky raffle winner of the day winning a deliciously sweet basket of 18 hours' worth of the world's greatest chocolates (Mackenzie Chocolates, DUH) and a bottle of Soquel Vineyard wine. Donated by Ian Mackenzie.

We had some special guests at our club, including a lovely canine friend, Dex accompanied by Jim Weisenstein's lovely wife Carol. Dex is a puppy in training and was probably the best behaved at this club meeting.

Erik Dybdahl was the **detective** of the day. Difficult to hear at times due to microphone challenges...Happy Dollars were flowing. Jill Stone had 16 Happy Dollars celebrating the QB of the Detroit Lions, Ashley Thompson shared her Happy Dollars and announced an upcoming estate planning event she is hosting on Saturday 2/3. Kasey Hinchman threw out some BIG Happy Dollars for his recent real estate endeavors, Richard Beach, David Head and Erik Dybdahl also shared in the Happy Dollar love. The detective report

covered a lot of ground, including electrician jokes, Water Warriors info, the revival of the backside detective report and more.

Colin Mackenzie shared his **Red Badge Speech**. He shared wonderful pictures of his life, including special moments at Mackenzie's chocolates. NOTE: Editor Deb likes the chocolate dipped baby Colin photo the best. Adorable!



Colin was a sportsman and participated in quite a few sports in his youth. He is an animal lover and shared cute pics of his furry friends over the years. Colin was always a team player in sports and fun challenges with friends, even sporting a bikini in the middle of winter after losing a bet. He was President of Harbor High Interact for multiple years and attended Acadia University in Nova Scotia. Colin currently works for Nordic Naturals. Thank you for sharing the great stories and pictures of your life thus far!

Ashley Thompson reported that Colin Mackenzie has now dethroned her as the youngest current Rotarian at the club. Ashley graciously stepped in to share her experiences and fun pictures of her time being part of Interact and her recent online research and sleuthing of local Interact and RYLA clubs and her legal disclaimer that "it may or may not be true". She shared a cheer that left us all in "cheers" for her.



Club Calendar Member Birthdays

Aleene Althouse February 8

Club Anniversaries

Maurice Carrillo~45 February 2
Charles Eldridge III ~24 February 4
Michele Costa~7 February 8
Fred Gawlick~14 February 9

Next Meeting – February 9, 2024

Invocation Sarah Madsen
Detective Russ Hobbs
Raffle Jeanette Pagliaro

Upcoming Program

Annual Speech Contest February 9