

**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**

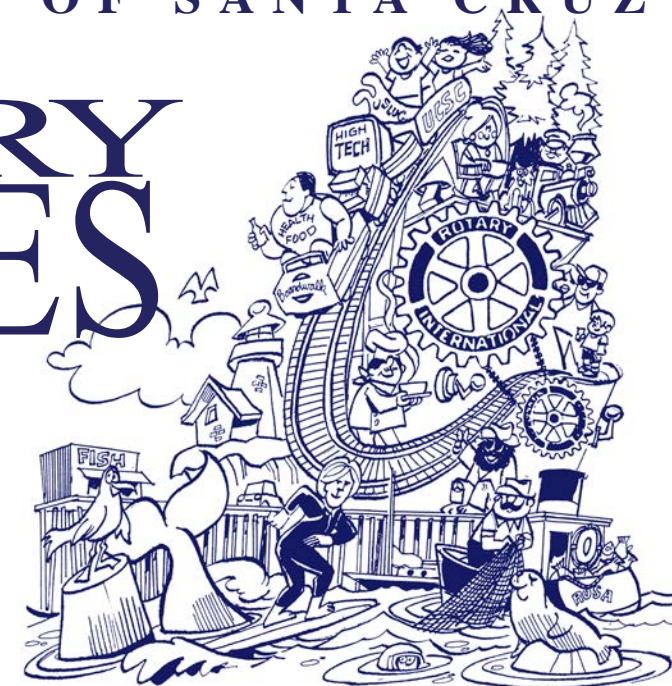
President..... Gordon R. McNally  
District Governor 5170 ..... Hung Wei  
International Convention..... Singapore  
Assistant Governor, Area 7 ..... Kristen Fabos

**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**

**March 22, 2024**

**President - Angelo DeBernardo**

**Editor - Debbie Robinson**

**Sea Spirit Memorial Raina Stoop**

Sea Spirit Memorial, nestled in the Santa Cruz Harbor, extends compassionate memorial services with a fleet of two vessels. With an unwavering dedication to honoring loved ones, we operate 7 days a week, year-round, crafting dignified memorials to suit each family's wishes. From concise one-hour ceremonies to elaborate packages spanning 3 or 4 hours, inclusive of food, flowers, and champagne toasting, we guarantee a cherished farewell experience.

**Programs - Matt Falconer**

**Invocation: Elizabeth Hammack**

**Detective: Ashley Thompson**

**Announcements**

**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**. Drinks are **FREE thanks to Seghetti Waxler**. Tickets are \$125/person. More details TBA soon! Interested in becoming a sponsor? Let us know at [jill@santacruzrotary.com](mailto:jill@santacruzrotary.com)

**District Training Assembly 2024**

**April 6-16 - The Magic of Rotary.** Registration required \$25 a person for in person (refreshments and lunch included), Zoom participation is fee.

**Rotary 5170 District Conference April 26-28** at the Hayes Mansion in San Jose.

To Register: <https://events.humanitix.com/2024rotaryconference>

**Service Opportunity**

Hope's Closet at 2555 Soquel Drive 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 counts as a Friday meeting make-up.

**Last Meeting March 15, 2024**

**Invocation: Mo Carillo shared a lovely Irish blessing** “May the mornings bring joy and your evenings bring peace. May your troubles grow less and your blessings increase. May your thoughts be as glad as Shamrocks. May your heart be as light as a

song, May each day bring you bright happy hours that stay with you all the yearlong. May the winds of fortune sail you. May you sail a gentle sea. May it always be the other guy that says, “this drink is on me”!

**Raffle: Annie Asche** had the luck of the Irish winning a big bottle of Jameson and a Costco gift card from Janet Gluch.



**President Angelo** asked Ralph Miljanich to share about the Casa Maria Amor Shelter that our club helps to support. It is a center for domestic violence victims and provides many wonderful services to those in need.

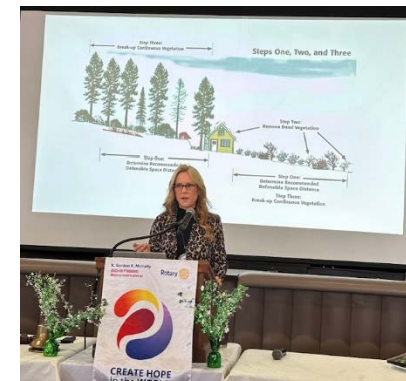
**Detective Report: President-Elect, Jill Stone**

There were a lot of happy people in the club this week throwing out an abundance of Happy Dollars. The theme of Jill’s report was “the 2024 Brain Battle?” She challenged the crowd to trivia about Santa Cruz area. We learned that the Giant Dipper (not to be confused with the Big

Dipper) turns 100 this year and Marianne’s Ice Cream comes in 105 delicious flavors.

**Program Speaker: Insurance Guru Aleene “Ace” Althouse** was our speaker. She explained more about California insurance coverage in detail and shared the why’s of recent rate increases due to increased costs to fix/replace autos, and inflated costs to rebuild homes. We learned that California is the #1 insurance market in the nation and #4 in world.

Below are illustrations Ace shared of how defensible spaces can help protect our homes during wildfires and making the right choices with home hardening as a way to make homes more wildfire resistant.



**Club Calendar**

**Birthdays:**

- Sam Bishop** March 22
- Erik Dybdahl** March 25
- Jim Bargetto** March 27
- Tom Parker** March 28
- John Ritchey III** March 29

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

- John & Linda Burroughs~31** March 21
- Tom & Xochitl Canfield** March 22

**Club Anniversaries:**

- Sharon Caiocca~17** March 23
- Max Wilson** March 24

**Next Meeting: April 5, 2024**

- Invocation :** Michael Harrison
- Detective:** Jim Zenner
- Raffle:** Tom Foster

**Upcoming Program:**

**Dwight Lowrey**  
**Soquel High Football**