

ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CRUZ OFFICERS 2023 - 2025

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CLUB SERVICE - Wes Walker

Attendance..... Todd Bayless
Bulletin Erik Dybdahl, Galaham Zuanich,
Sharon Caiocca, Steve Solberg
Classification Ian Mackenzie
Club Drawing Fred Leung
Detective Tom Castillo
Historian Marv Jensen
Invocations Elizabeth Hammack
Membership Background Gary Reece
Red Badge Advisor Chris Murphy / Sarah Madsen
Membership 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 BBQ Wes Walker
Fundraiser Ian Mackenzie
Holiday Program Aleene Althouse

ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CRUZ COMMUNITY FUND

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COMMUNITY SERVICE - Sarah Madsen

Benevolence and Grants Fred Gawlick
Community Project Sarah Madsen
Senior Citizens Jeanette Pagliaro
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Salvation Army Bell Ringers..... Sam Bishop
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Interact Molly Parks & Kris Munro
Rotaract Sarah Madsen
Speech Contest Bob Bosso, Peter Dean & Elizabeth Hammack
Club Youth Service Chair Michele Costa
Club Youth Protection Officer David Terrazas

VOCATIONAL SERVICE - Ashley Thompson

Club Directory Ian Mackenzie
Career Planning Ashley Thompson
Magazine Ashley Thompson
Academic Scholarships Richard Beach & Sarah Madsen
Vocational Scholarships..... Michael Harrison

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE - Matt Falconer

World Community Service Matt Falconer
Rotary Foundation Annie Asche
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CLUBS OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

Scotts Valley Brookdale Senior Living Mondays 12:15pm
Freedom Go to www.freedomrotary.org for meetings times
Watsonville Elks Club Wednesdays 12:15pm
Santa Cruz Sunrise DeLaveaga Golf Course Thursday 7:15am
Capitola / Aptos Seascope Golf Club Thursdays 12:15pm
San Lorenzo Valley Scopazzi's Thursdays 7:00pm

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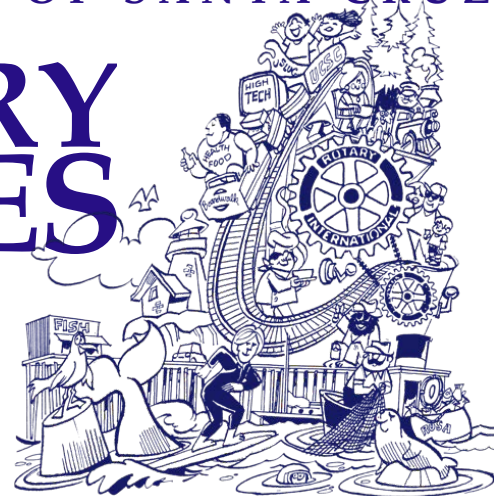
ROTARY SPOKES

P.O. Box 497 - Santa Cruz, CA 95061

Meets Friday at 12:15 pm

The Elks Lodge - 150 Jewel Street

The Magic of Rotary



August 23, 2024

President - Jill Stone

Editor - Erik Dybdahl

Juvenile Justice

Fernando Giraldo, Senior Probation Officer Santa Cruz County

Jose Flores is the Juvenile Division Director for Santa Cruz County Probation. As the son of immigrant parents from Mexico, and his dedication to the community, Jose is committed to improve outcomes for young people.

Gina Castaneda, Juvenile Probation Supervisor, born and raised in Watsonville, used soccer in her path of empowerment. As a soccer coach, and recognizing the power of soccer to inspire and unite, she mentors young people to achieve their full potential.

Programs - Bill Bonsall

Invocation - Janet Gluch

Detective - Kasey Hinchman

Announcements:

We will be Dark, September 20, because the Club BBQ event, Friday evening, 5:00 to 8:00pm at Harvey West Park Clubhouse. Cost, \$40. Wes reminds us, the BBQ drinks are included—'free'— bring friends. RSVP to wes@SantaCruzRotary.com

Sept 28, next Social in Watsonville in the afternoon. Details coming soon.

Jeanette announcement, she found a quill pen with black ink. Lots of takers, but none legitimate. Maybe it was a four way test. And the speaker may have dropped a Giant Dipper anniversary pin.

Membership:

Shelli Strahle has proposed David Van Beveren for membership. Any member comments must be made to the Club Secretary within 7 days.

Last Meeting, August 2, 2024

Here we go. Another loud beginning to the meeting. Lots of guests, looking around the room, and lots of friendly Rotarians.. **Jill** taking care of details, calls meeting to order at 12:33.

Traci's invocation. Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it. (Apology to Traci for not getting this next part clearly..) Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.

Visiting Rotarian, **Constantin**. **Traci's** guest, **Allison Speeghts** . **Ashley's** guest, **Deja Herbert** working remotely from Maryland, her paralegal. **Janet G's** guest, **Austin Marshall**, returning to get some more jollies. **Sarah's** guest

academic scholar (Harbor) recipient, from Cal, studying environmental studies, **Maya Manildi**.

Jan led the welcome song, with **Sam** accompanying on harmonica, the group came together and sang in unison.

Raffle prize, provided by **Jeanette**, claimed by **Jim Weisenstein** actually. (Editor thought the winner was **John Huffman**, but he was just rising to bus his plate to the cart.) **Jim** won everything good from Scotts Valley, beers from Laughing Monk, Penny Ice Creamery, and, more of the best of SV.

Sam played the detective, with **Bob Ciapponi** and **Fred L.** as bucketeers. Happy dollars from **Burt**, who has to ride the rollercoaster every time his grand daughter comes to town. And from **Sam**, who took his grandsons (big folks) to Mexico in his plane. And from **Traci**, who is happy this is a small town. She knows (met?) **Sid's** second cousin.

Sam's detective theme was Roller coasters, and old stuff. Speaking of old stuff, in November 1972 **Sam** joined Santa Cruz Rotary.

Only eight people attending today's meeting are born after 1972. **Bill Schuette** grew up by the Giant Dipper, and he is almost as old as the Giant Dipper.

Sam also asked trivia questions about the oldest bank, oldest law firm, tallest ferris wheel, etc. Dubai has the tallest ferris wheel. Lots of our members are in the financial area. Several were invited to guess, **Angelo De Bernardo** guessed the oldest institution American bank, was 1781, The Bank of North America? **Burroughs** guesses the oldest bank in CA is Stockton Bank? Oldest law firm in US, Rawle and Henderson 1783, Philadelphia. **Bosso** correctly guessed the oldest law firm in CA.

Sam says in the other clubs around the world only half their members do all the work. In our club it is just the opposite.

Program:

Bill Bonsall introduced the Boardwalk's **Jessie Durant**, a UCSC Grad. **Jessie** preserves the physical collections at the Boardwalk and also does archive work at the MAH. She has worked at the boardwalk for ten years.

(My retelling of her Giant Dipper story, follows:) **Arthur Loeff**, the son of **Charles Loeff** the Carousel carver, built the *Big Dipper* in 1922, at Ocean Beach.

He moved to Santa Cruz because of Wife issues in San Francisco. In 1923 he presented his plan to build the *GIANT Dipper* to be 10 feet higher than the Big Dipper. The *dips* would be deeper, the corner angles would have 45 degree tilts!!!

At 1/2 mile long, with speeds up to 55 mph, there are 63,000 pounds of steel track, and none of the original wood is still part of the current structure.

The *Giant Dipper* opened May 17, 1924. **Loeff** had not recouped his costs within five years. **Loeff's** business incorporated to get tax benefits and gain investors. Still the finances and arrangements to stay in Santa Cruz to operate the *GD*, seemed impossible. Negotiations with the Boardwalk included the threat to move the *GD* to southern California. (Could you imagine taking the ride apart and moving it to Southern California?) The Seaside Company bought all the stock and took over the operation in 1932. **Loeff** took the money, and Seaside kept the maintenance ever since. "Today is National rollercoaster day." The 100th Anniversary fireworks kept a lot of us awake that night. Most of us older Santa Cruzans love fireworks!!! Thank you.

Fans from all over the world have great memories of the *GD*. Boardwalk celebrated the 20 millionth rider in 1976, 50M rider in 2002. The current ridership at almost 70M. There have been few changes. The current station design is from 1975, the Victorian Style. The trains have changed over time, safety, technology. The current cars were designed in Scotts Valley, by **Morgan Manufacturing**. (31250 lights on the *GD*)!! **Jessie** shared a video of **Vincent Price** screaming on the Giant Dipper, breaking up his calm introduction of his show, *American Screams*.

Stay seated and keep your arms inside the car and you will survive.

Club Calendar

Birthdays: None this week
08/24 - **Wes Walker**
08/25 - **Ian Mackenzie**
08/30 - **David Heald**

Wedding Anniversaries:
08/24 - **Bob & Susan Bosso - 56**
08/25 - **Larry & Donna Fogelquist - 34**
08/27 - **Chris & Yoyo Murphy - 2**

Club Anniversaries:
08/23 - **Peter Dean - 11**

Upcoming Programs:
08/30 - SJSU, Deputy Athletic Director,
Scott McDonald
09/06 - Red Badge, **Buzz & Dave**
09/13 - Vocational Program,
Michael Harrison

8/30 Club Drawing - **Tom Castillo**
Invocation - **Heather Gorley**
Detective - **Blaine Brokaw**