

**ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CRUZ OFFICERS 2024 - 2025**

President ..... Jill Stone  
Secretary ..... Ian Mackenzie  
Treasurer ..... Jeanette Pagliaro  
Sergeant-at-Arms ..... James Kelly / Katrina Sartain  
President Elect ..... Ian Mackenzie  
Program Coordinator..... Ian Mackenzie

**DIRECTORS**

**SENIOR DIRECTORS JUNIOR DIRECTORS**

Wes Walker ..... Bill Bonsall - 1st Qtr. Programs  
Sarah Madsen ..... Aleene Althouse - 2nd Qtr. Programs  
Ashley Thompson ..... Jan Derecho - 3rd Qtr. Programs  
Matt Falconer ..... Jim Courtright - 4th Qtr. Programs

**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**

President ..... Angelo DeBernardo  
Secretary/Treasurer ..... Jeanette Pagliaro

**Magic of Rotary**  
[www.santacruzrotary.com](http://www.santacruzrotary.com)

**COMMUNITY SERVICE - Sarah Madsen**

Benevolence and Grants ..... Fred Gawlick  
Community Project ..... Sarah Madsen  
Senior Citizens ..... Jeanette Pagliaro  
RotaCare ..... Larry Fogelquist  
Salvation Army Bell Ringers..... Sam Bishop  
Beach Clean Up ..... Donna Maurillo  
R.Y.L.A. .... Molly Parks & Jim Courtright  
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  
Youth Exchange ..... David Terrazas  
Sister City Coordinator ..... David Terrazas

**ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CRUZ ENDOWMENT**

President ..... Linda Burroughs  
Secretary ..... Donna Maurillo  
Treasurer ..... Ian Mackenzie

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS 2023 - 2024**

President ..... Stephanie A. Urchick  
District Governor 5170 ..... Jill Duerig  
Assistant Governor, Area 7 ..... Jerry Souza  
International Convention ..... Calgary, British Columbia, Canada

**CLUBS OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY**

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

**ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CRUZ**

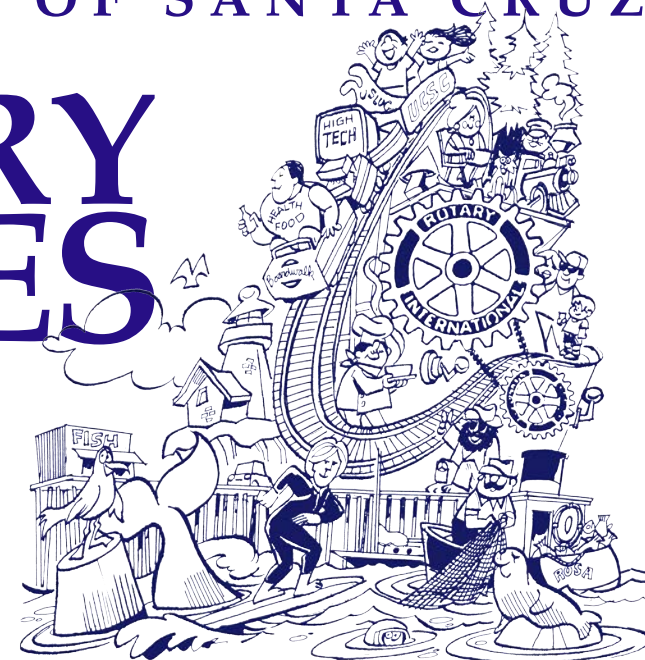
**ROTARY SPOKES**

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

Meets Friday at 12:15 pm

The Elks Lodge - 150 Jewel Street

**The Magic of Rotary**



**October 25**

**President - Jill Stone**

**Editor - Galaham Zuanich**

**BirchBarck Foundation**

**Dr. Merrienne Burtch**

**BIRCHBARK EXISTS TO ...**

Protect and honor the human-animal bond by financially aiding low-income pet guardians who cannot afford emergency vet care, and to support all families with education and pet loss counseling programs.

**Programs - Aleene Althouse**

**Invocation - Ashley Thompson**

**Detective -Erik Dybdahl**

**Announcements:** The Santa Cruz Warriors and the Rotary Club of Santa Cruz will once again partner together for the Veterans Day Flag Project at Oakwood Cemetery on Monday, November 11th.

Mark your calendars for December 18th because it's time for our Rotary Christmas Social! Get ready to deck the halls, jingle some bells, and possibly witness Fred attempting to put up Christmas lights —let's hope the fire department's on speed dial this year.

Expect great food, festive drinks, and more questionable sweater choices than you ever thought possible. Rumor has it, Bill will be dressed as Santa, but please, no asking for new golf clubs—you've already been on the naughty list for that one.



**Detective Report:** Chris Murphy: Cue whistle, crowd roars, and Chris steps up to the mic, clipboard in hand.

Alright, sports fans, it's time for a little team trivia—WNBA edition. But first, Chris started with some Happy Dollars. He warmed us up with those before we hit the court.

Bill Schuete is happy to announce he's been married to the same person for 51 years. That's right, \*one person\*—and she deserves a medal.

Erik Dybdahl is just happy to be alive after surviving a body-surfing accident in Mexico. He's been rocking that neck collar like it's part of his new beachwear line for the last week.

Fred Gawlick was thrilled to host 35 Rotarians at his place—though, in a plot twist, he's most happy that they eventually left.

Michael Harrison threw in a cool \$100 for his club anniversary. Why? Because he's just that generous.

And Debbie McCarol Well, Debbie is beaming because her daughter made the high school homecoming court, and if that's not the real championship of life, I don't know what is.

Finally, Jim Bargetto gave a shoutout to his first comet sighting. The last comet Jim saw was in the 1960s, back when his dad taught him to drive a Mercury Comet. See, it's all connected here, folks.

Now, let's move on to the real highlight reel—the Chris Murphy Sports Trivia

Showdown!

“Today's theme is none other than the newest WNBA team to hit the scene: the San Francisco Valkyries, practicing out of Oakland. That's right, a team of fierce competitors ready to dominate, and I'm here to see if you Rotarians know anything about them. Spoiler: you probably don't, but we'll pretend you do.”

Chris glances at his clipboard, ready to rattle off questions faster than a point guard on a fast break.

First up, who can guess the Valkyries team colors? No, Bill, it's not plaid. Think fiercer. Maybe fearsome turquoise. Let's move on to their mascot—hint, it's NOT a Viking. Close, but not quite. It's actually a fire-breathing Valkyrie named Victory.

Next question—who's their star player? Don't worry if you don't know, because they're still signing the roster. But hey, extra points if you can name at least one other WNBA team. No, Jim, The Harlem Globetrotters don't count.

Alright, enough fun and games. The scoreboard tells shows that Chris raised a whopping \$553 with this sports-themed trivia, which I'm calling a slam dunk for this detective report. Thanks for playing along, even if most of you clearly need to brush up on your WNBA knowledge. Until next time, keep your eye on the ball—or in Jim's case, the comet.

**Program:**

Alexi Sevastopoulus of Santa Cruz Ventures gave an insightful presentation on venture capital and its role in fostering innovation. Having moved to Santa Cruz three years ago, Alexi, a Santa Clara University alumnus, previously started a venture fund at his alma mater before recognizing synergies in the Santa Cruz market. He launched Santa Cruz Ventures to bridge local investors with local startups, helping to bring new products to market. Venture capital, he explained, is an asset class with returns six times higher than the S&P 500, making it a lucrative investment opportunity. Alexi focuses on investing in companies that aim to change the world. He shared examples, including a small tractor farming company that supports small farmers and a company called Calorify, which helps individuals understand their metabolism.

**CLUB CALENDAR**

<b>Club Anniversaries:</b>		
10/29 Snelling, Krista		3 years
10/29 Bliss, Traci		9 years
<b>Anniversaries</b>		
10/25 Ritchey III, John & Barbara		56 years
10/25 Lezin, Carol & Matt		40 years
10/29 Brook, Charles & Beverly		41 years
<b>Next Meeting: 11/1</b>		
<b>Detective:</b> Peter Cook KB		
<b>Invocation:</b> Michael Harrison		
<b>Raffle:</b> Erik Dybdahl		
<b>Upcoming Programs:</b> Monterey bay search & rescue dogs		