

ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CRUZ OFFICERS 2024 - 2025

President Jill Stone
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Program Coordinator..... Ian Mackenzie

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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
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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
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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 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

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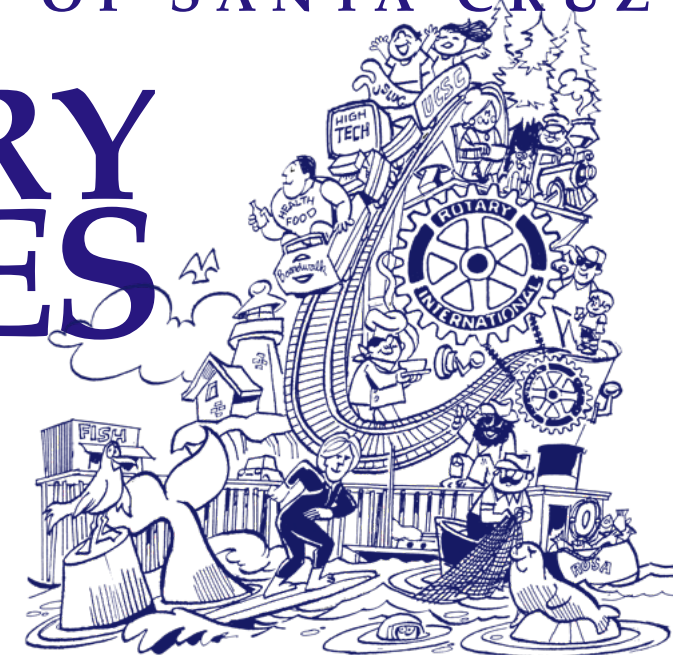
ROTARY SPOKES

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

Meets Friday at 12:15 pm

The Elks Lodge - 150 Jewel Street

The Magic of Rotary



February 14, 2025

President - Jill Stone

Editor - Sharon Caiocca

Diane Syrcle

Music, Aging and the Brain

Diane Syrcle, soprano, is an audience favorite with Ensemble Monterey and the Cabrillo Symphonic Choir. Singing credits include the Santa Cruz Opera Project, Santa Cruz Chamber Music, Cabrillo Symphonic Choir, Ensemble Monterey, Musical Soulmates, Indianapolis Symphonic Choir, Portland Opera, Oregon Symphony, Portland Gay Men’s Chorus, Aurora Chorus, Dallas Opera, Houston Grand Opera, Shreveport Opera, and the Amarillo Opera. She holds an MBA in Organizational Development from Marylhurst University, a Master's of Music in Vocal Performance from the University of North Texas, and a Bachelor's of Music/Music Education from West Texas A&M University. When she isn't singing you can find her in the garden playing her banjo or at Hospice of Santa Cruz County where she serves as the Chief Mission Officer.

Programs - Jan Derecho

Invocation - Joel Miller

Detective - Ashley Thompson

President Jill called our meeting to order and we sang “God Bless America”.

Invocation: Donna Maurillo gave the Invocation which included 3 pieces of advice she always gave her children.

Announcements: Rotary Night with the Warriors is on Friday, March 7th at 7:00 pm at Kaiser Permanente Arena. They will be playing the Wisconsin Herd. There are 3 sections saved for Rotarians and the cost is \$42.95 per ticket which also includes a Rotary Night Scarf. Please be sure to purchase your tickets early if you want to sit in the “Rotary” section.

Angelo De Bernardo announced an opportunity for community leaders to join in a “Community Leadership Visit” to San Luis Obispo on February 26 – 28, 2025. This event is being organized by the Santa Cruz Chamber and the cost is \$899 which includes your hotel and meals.
www.santacruzchamber.org

Drawing: Jim Kelly won the raffle prize this week donated by Blaine Brokaw. Blaine did a first by including a letter to the winner which President Jill read. In essence he said most of the gift cards he had donated in the past, the companies have gone out of business. So he decided to donate a gift card from a French company called “Costco”. Jim can get 50 hot dogs and still have money for drinks. Pretty funny Blaine!!

Detective: Bryan Williams put together a game he called “Wait, Wait Hold My Beer”.

He had quite a few questions about local topics with multiple choice answers. Seemed like all of the respondents decided that Tom Foster should pay all fines. It sounded like a fine idea.

Program: Red Badge Speeches

Tom Moran was born and raised in Union, New Jersey. Attended St Peter’s College in Jersey City and received a Master of Science in International Relations from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C.

After graduate school joined the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and served both in the Washington, D.C. area and overseas as an operations officer and chief of station. Overseas tours included Tokyo, Paris, Baghdad, Nairobi, West Africa and Afghanistan. Also did a two-month deployment to Western Afghanistan in 2001.

Married to wife Leslie for over thirty years and have two children: Erin, a middle school teacher who lives in Iowa City and a son, Andrew, who is a Tik Tok influencer living in Ireland at the moment. Retired to Santa Cruz after he left the CIA in December 2023 and is enjoying getting to know the community here.

Holds a level 3 award in Japanese sake from the Wine and Spirit Education Trust (WSET).

Tom told us that the “CIA SEAL” that we all have been on TV is not to be walked on

but walked around when you are working at the CIA. But, the day you retire you walk across the Seal! “Tom Moran has left the building!”



David Van Beveren born and raised in Southern California, and lived in Ventura county. Relocated to the bay area in 2016 when he joined Nvidia as a Software Engineer to work on the company’s Autonomous Vehicle project. Prior to leaving LA, he spent time in engineering (Northrop, Sun Microsystems, Technicolor), founded a hardware startup and led it for 8 years, and spent 5 years in feature film production, working as a 1st Assistant Director.

His son Kyle, an Army Veteran (Infantry) joined him in 2017, and they settled in Santa Cruz soon after his arrival. After close to 8 years at Nvidia, he resigned in ‘24, and chose to explore ways he might become more involved with our incredible community. He has since joined the board of the Central Coast Red Cross, and is a member of the O’Neill Sea Odyssey advisory council.

His passions include live music, travel, diving, sailing and gardening. He maintains

a habitat for monarch butterflies in his front yard. He has two 11-year-old dogs, and his son is now a full-time student at CSUMB.

Editor Apology: So sorry that last week I made a mistake by writing that Wes Walker celebrated his wedding anniversary married to his Mom (dagnabit)! Sorry Marilyn and Wally. I think I’ve got it right this week. Remember no “booing” or “fining” the Spokes Editor unless you want to take it on!!

Birthdays

- 02/17 Gary Reece
- 02/18 Chris Murphy
- 02/19 Chas Eldridge
- 02/19 Keith McKenzie

Wedding Anniversaries

- 02/18 **Wally Walker (Marilyn) 58 yrs.**
- 02/19 Debbie Robinson (Craig) 20 yrs.

Club Anniversaries

- 02/14 Alan Levin 50 yrs.
- 02/15 Tom Parker 12 yrs.
- 02/17 Colleen Harrison 13 yrs.
- 02/19 Stoney Brook 9 yrs.
- 02/19 Molly Parks 9 yrs.

Upcoming Programs

- 02/21 SC City Schools, Kris Munro
- 02/28 Small Business Marketing, Matt Berger

Next Week

Invocation: Cristain Gonzalez

Detective: Buzz Anderson

Raffle: Galaham Zuanich