

**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 Seascapes Golf Club ..... Thursdays 12:15pm  
San Lorenzo Valley Scopazzi's ..... Thursdays 7:00pm

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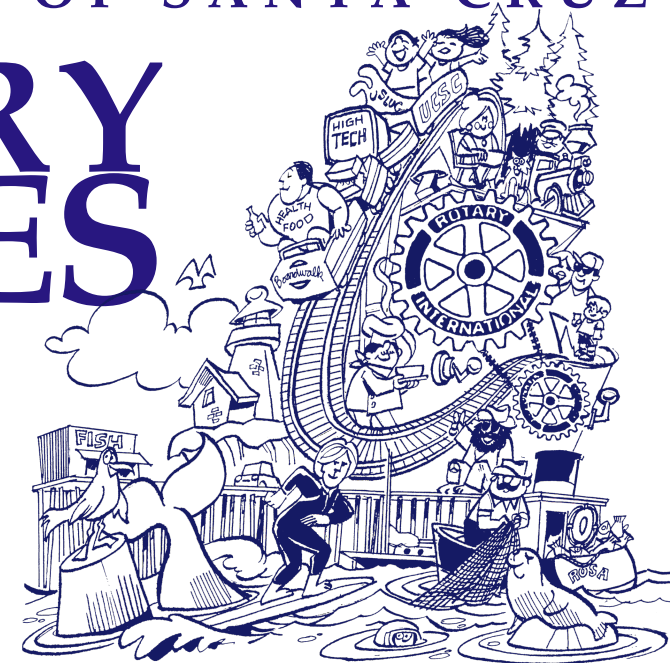
# ROTARY SPOKES

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

Meets Friday at 12:15 pm

The Elks Lodge - 150 Jewel Street

**The Magic of Rotary**



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**April 4, 2025**

**President - Jill Stone**

**Editor – Steve Solberg**

**Gittale’s Journey:**

**From Fear to Forgiveness**

Gitta Spindel Ryle was born in Vienna in 1932. She was 7 when her mother sent her and her 10-year-old sister Renee from their home in Vienna, Austria to France to be hidden from the Nazis. What followed was seven years of separation and fear, always hiding and hoping not to be caught and killed. Her father was killed in Auschwitz. She has told her story at many Schools and institutions for 29 years, sharing her experiences, her journey to forgiveness and the importance of mental well-being.

**Programs – Jim Courtright**

**Invocation – Sharon Caiocca**

**Detective – Ian McKenzie**

The meeting started with a rousing rendition of a Bicycle Built for Two.

Invocation: Fred Gawlick spoke on how Rotary’s Four Way Test is a Moral Code.

Jan Derecho led us in our fabulous Welcome Song

Wouldn’t you know it, Wes Walker won the exempt drawing. Should prove to be an entertaining April seeing what he can get away with.

Jeanette Pagliaro won the drawing. It was a gift certificate for 2 nights at Club Donatello in San Francisco, which included covered overnight parking. Thank you to Burt Rees for donating this special item.

The Detective this week was Dave Smith. He started with a \$100 for his mom turning 100. The rest of the report focused on historical detectives and faces associated with them.



Blake Anderson joined us from the Santa Cruz Harbor.

The Santa Cruz Harbor first began construction of the front part in 1962 and was finished in 1964. The Port District is a political subdivision of the State. Currently it has space for 1000 boats.

The Port District’s funding comes mostly from user fees. They have an annual budget of \$9.91 million. The Port Director is the boss of the harbor and the Harbor Master and the Facilities Manager report to the Port Director.

The last few months have been very busy-like the Jumanji movie. Mother Nature has been providing most of the challenges. First it is a constant challenge to keep the channel dredged.

Then Mother Nature threw the curve balls of tsunamis in 2011 and 2022. Those high waves damaged electrical boxes and structures, flooded dry dock structures and took boats off trailers.

On top of all that there is competition for use of the small channel by big boats, little boats, and paddle boards. Finally, there are derelict vessels that need to be removed to get new boats in.

Last year was more of the same. In October 2024 there was an anchovy die off, even though the aeration system was on.

It took four looong days to clean up the floating surface fish.

Then in December the wharf collapsed. It wasn’t just the collapse of the structure, it was the other damage from the large winter waves. Large waves that day continued until 2:00 am. The “harbor” lost 25% of the ships moored in the X to Z docks.

Safety being first and foremost concern, there was a great challenge to get people off their boats. This was challenging from the swells. It was forecast to have 18’ swells every 18 seconds, but it ended up being 25’ swells every 25 seconds.

Big chunks of the Santa Cruz Wharf came into the harbor after the collapse. The Port District had to hire a company to look at the bottom of the channel and see what had drifted in and settled. Then it all had to be removed.

Now we are into a new year- a chance for more drama. This spring the Murray Street Bridge is scheduled to undergo a seismic retrofit and barrier rail installation. Beginning March 24, the westbound lane of the bridge will be closed for vehicles and bicycles and remain closed until the project is completed. The eastbound lane will remain open.

At certain times during the project the bridge will be closed entirely to facilitate demolition and construction activities.

Boats will have continued access under the bridge throughout the project, thank heaven.



**Birthdays**

4/5 Janet Krasow

**Wedding Anniversaries**

4/1 David Heald (Jackie) 47 years

**Club Anniversaries**

4/8 Andrew Miller 38 years  
4/10 Debbie McCarroll 10 years

**Upcoming Programs**

4/11 Politics & Press with Bruce McPherson

**Next Week April 11**

**Invocation:** Masi Bayless

**Detective:** Aileen Althouse

**Raffle:** James Kelly