

ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CRUZ OFFICERS 2023 - 2024

President Angelo DeBernardo
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Heather Gorley..... Wendi Hammang - 1st Qtr. Programs
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CLUB SERVICE - Heather Gorley

Attendance Bill Bonsall
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 Classification Ian Mackenzie
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 Membership Background Gary Reece
 Red Badge Advisor / 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 John & Linda Burroughs
 Fundraiser Jill Stone
 Holiday Program..... Wes Walker

ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CRUZ COMMUNITY FUND

President Erik Dybdahl
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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
 R.Y.L.A. Molly Parks & Jim Courtright
 Interact Molly Parks & Kris Munro
 Rotaract Annie Asche
 Speach 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

Club Directory Jim Weisenstein
 Career Planning 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 Gordon R McNally
 District Governor 5170 Hung Wei
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 International Convention Singapore

CLUBS OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

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

CLUBS OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

ROTARY SPOKES

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

Meets Friday at 12:15 pm

The Elks Lodge - 150 Jewel Street

Create Hope in the World



June 28, 2024

President - Angelo DeBernardo

Editor - David Terrazas

President Angelo DeBernardo Debunking

All good things must come to an end sometime

and

Every ending is a new beginning!

Programs - Ashley Thompson

Invocation - Krista Snelling

Detective - N/A

Announcements:

President De Bernardo named Rotarian **Fred Gawlick** as Rotarian of the Year. **Fred** was *not speechless* when accepting the award. He expressed how much the club means to him and what a privilege it is to live here and to be part of this club. Congratulations **Fred!**



President De Bernardo announced that this was his last meeting. He recognized **Michael & Sam** for their music and **Donna** for her photos and **Jeanette** for stepping up into a new role. He recognized **Jim and Bob** as Sargeant at Arms. He also recognized his Senior Directors and Jr. Board Directors before breaking into a marathon slide session about what we can all agree was an outstanding Presidential year. We also sang God Bless America, and then **Wes Walker** and **Chris Murphy** led us in the Rotary welcome. We also had guests: **Bob Ciapponi** introduced his daughter **Katrina**. **Dave Smith** introduced **Brian Bing**. President **Angelo De Bernado** introduced **Yadira Rodoni**.

Last Meeting June 21, 2024

Invocation: "Drummin" Dave Dreyfus reflected on his inner musician and asked the club to repeat a rock refrain to live by: *"I want to rock and roll all night and party every day!"*. An excellent message to start the weekend!



Raffle: John Burroughs was the lucky winner of today's raffle which included a special selection of gifts. John's winnings were generously donated by **Blaine Brokaw**.



Detective Report: Bob Ciapponi just returned from Italy and shared with us that he has been a little grumpy because he can't find any good gelato in the area.

Program: Ashley Thompson introduced Ken Whiting of Whiting's foods. Ken and his business were made in Santa Cruz and he opened up his presentation congratulating **Fred Gawlick** as Rotarian of the Year and for **Angelo's** year as president.



Ken *reluctantly* shared that he was a member another local Rotary club and went on to share stories about himself and his family's business. Whiting's Foods has operated for over 70 years. His father was a milkman with eight children. Ken was able to learn about the business first hand and started as a banana peeler. Whiting's Foods operates on the Boardwalk, the KP arena and at fairs and festivals. Whiting's hires kids from the community for work and the business has been recognized as an award-winning employer. Ken noted that they have employed over 10K young adults over the past years.

Through this work, Ken became involved in the International Association of Amusement Parks & Attractions (IAAPA). Through IAAPA Ken has traveled the world visiting Latin America, Dubai, and all points in between. He also was named IAAPA Chairperson. He was also named "1/2 man of the year" by the Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce. Ken shared that during Covid was hard for business but he kept his FT staff employed during that difficult period. On a personal note, Ken shared that he and his wife have been married for 44 years and have 9 grandchildren with a 10th on the way! He was in the first Santa Cruz Jr. Guards class and has completed marathons in 45 of the 50 states. He's a big Rocky Balboa fan and shared the quote: *"It's not how hard you can hit, but how you can keep moving after taking a hit!"* Ken also shared that *"Service above self makes us all happy. Paul Harris had it right."* Thank you, Ken, for your inspiring presentation.

Club Calendar

Birthdays:

06/23 – Sharon Caiocca

06/27 – Andrew Miller

Wedding Anniversaries:

06/24- Bruce & Jean Dunn – 63

06/29- David & Monica Terrazas - 22

Club Anniversaries:

06/25 – Edward Penniman – 31

06/27- Wayne Walker - 38

Upcoming Program:

7/5 - Dark

7/12 - President Jill Stone