

## THIS WEEK

The next Rotary club meeting is on **Thursday, October 9, 2025**, at 12:15 pm in the Sequoia Room, *North Coast Brewing Company* with a program by Larry Foster about Art of Discovery of Whales.

## LAST WEEK IN ROTARY 9-25-25

written by Kathy Holmes

At 12:15 p.m., **President Diane Harris** rang the Roto bell, called the meeting to order, welcomed those present, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The group then sang America the Beautiful led by **Tim Bosma**, followed by **President Diane** reading the following quotation from the Brothers Karamazov by Dostevsky (1821-1881) which was said by Ilyvshechka, a dying boy, who was hounded by schoolmates until he died:

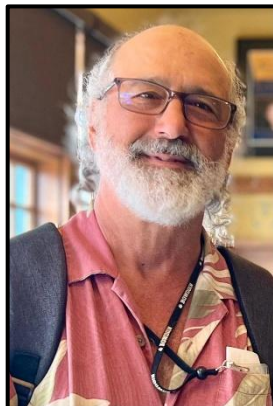
**“Papa, when they put the dirt on my grave, crumble a crust of bread on it so the sparrows will come, and I’ll hear that they’ve come and be glad I’m not alone.”**

**“Satisfaction lies in the effort, not in the attainment” ...Mohandas Gandhi**

**GUESTS:** **Captain Thomas O’Neal**, a prospective new member, was the guest of **Neil Cervenka**. Today’s Caltrans guest speakers were **Alex Arévalo**, **Jaime Matteoli**, and **Geoffrey Wright**.



Captain Thomas O’Neal



Alex Arévalo



Jaime Matteoli



Geoffrey Wright

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Joe Aldridge and his wife will celebrate their 23rd wedding anniversary this **Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**, spending “half of our lives together!”

Doug Hammerstrom and Diane Harris will also mark their 39<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on **Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**. Starting a new tradition, their tablemates were each fined \$5 by **President Diane**.

**TRIPS:** Jen Bosma flew to Atlanta, Georgia, last week where she spoke to 100 women at a Grocers Convention at the *Coca Cola Headquarters*.

Judy, Jesse, and Chloé Martin drove to Monterey, rented electric bikes last **Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**, toured the area, and visited the *Monterey Bay Aquarium*.

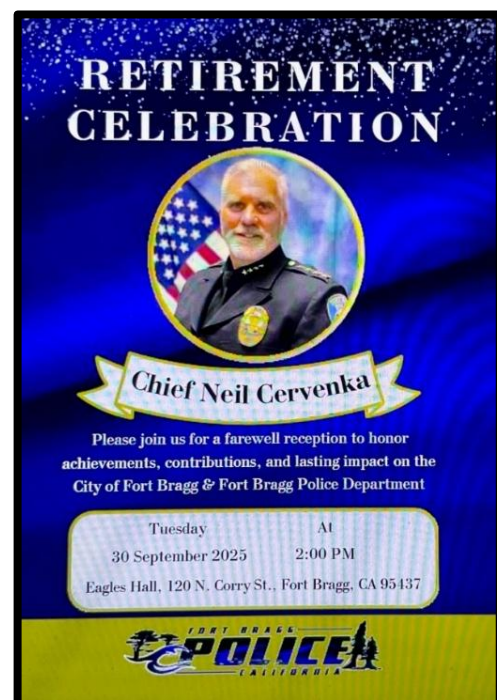
## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jennifer Honer Bosma thanked all her donors for helping her reach her goal of raising \$5,000 for the **Susan G. Koman 3 Day Walk** to help fund breast cancer research.

Judy Martin received a check for \$40,000 from Police Asset Forfeiture Funds to the *Mendocino Coast Humane Society* to continue to provide intake, medical treatment, and adoption services for stray and surrendered animals.

Police Chief Neil Cervenka invites Rotarians and friends to his **Retirement Celebration** at *Eagles Hall*, 2 pm, this **Tuesday, September 30, 2025**.

City of Fort Bragg will host a **North Coast Kelpfest** on **Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**, from 4 to 6 pm at *Town Hall*. **Oktober Fest** will be celebrated at the *C.V. Starr Community Center* from 12 to 5 pm on **Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup>**, and the sold-out **Longest Table** will take place on **Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** from 1 to 4 pm.






Bring your checkbook next week so you can support Cesar's youngest daughter **Kalin Yanez's** effort to help the **Fort Bragg High School's Track and Field's Team** place a wreath on a Veteran's grave during **National Wreaths Across America Day**, register to participate in the **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Trot** and/or support the **Class of 2026's Annual Christmas Wreath Fundraiser**.

*Join Us in Our Mission*

**Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach**





★ **December 13, 2025** ★

**National Wreaths Across America Day**

**Help FBHS TRACK & FIELD honor local heroes!**

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Rose Memorial Park Association Cemetery

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit [www.wreathsaacrossamerica.org/CA0923P](http://www.wreathsaacrossamerica.org/CA0923P)

**#KeepMovingForward**

**12TH ANNUAL**

**TURKEY TROT**

**THURSDAY**  
**NOV 27TH, 2025**

**@ 9 AM ON THE COASTAL TRAIL**



Trot, walk, run, skip, hop, or whatever suits you for this fun 5k/10k

benefitting the FBHS Track & Field Team, the Fort Bragg Food Bank, and the Mendocino Coast Humane Society.

Bring a canned food for humans, or for the Humane Society!

**SCAN HERE TO REGISTER BY NOV 10th**  
\$30 includes a t-shirt




Contact Tara Larson with any questions:  
(916) 798-9784 or [tlarson@fbusd.us](mailto:tlarson@fbusd.us)



**Western Cedar Garland**  
\$19.95  
50' of fragrant, fresh cut western cedar garland made especially to adorn your front door or porch railing. (Clear 10' section garlands included.)

**Noble Fir 22" Wreath**  
\$39-  
Fresh, fragrant noble fir wreath in a traditional arrangement. Includes a red velvet water repellent bow and two ivory pine cone clusters for easy attaching.

**Mixed Evergreen 28" Wreath**  
\$48-  
An aromatic combination of noble fir, barked juniper, and incense cedar. Tranches of cedar are provided for red velvet holly berries. A red velvet water repellent bow is included for easy attaching.

**Noble Fir Door Swag**  
\$44-  
Newly designed for guaranteed sustainability and quality. This item is the perfect alternative for a wreath. Includes 1 set of ivory dusted cones and a red bow. Approximately 50" x 10"

**Mixed Evergreen 22" Wreath**  
\$40-  
An aromatic combination of noble fir, barked juniper, and incense cedar. Tranches of cedar are provided for red velvet holly berries. A red velvet water repellent bow is included for easy attaching.

**Tabletop Centerpiece**  
\$37-  
Cedar, noble fir, juniper and barked juniper arranged in an oval, round and leafy for your table. Ivory white cones and red velvet holly berries included for custom arrangement. Also includes traditional paper candle holder. Size is approximately 22" inches diameter.

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From the time of harvest to your front door, Sherwood Forest Farms ensures optimum conditions for our evergreens.

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We ship our trees in temperature-controlled refrigerated trucks that are set to mimic natural conditions and humidity of growing lands, allowing us to consistently guarantee our products from the shores of the Pacific to the East Coast.

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**100% GUARANTEED BY THE TREE**

For your convenience all items come individually packaged in an easy-to-handle, plastic carrying bag.



## CLUB BUSINESS

**Adam VanWormer** will oversee our club's **Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up** event scheduled for **Saturday, September 27th**. **Jen Bosma** recently shared a photo on her Facebook page featuring herself and **Mindy Barvitz** and reported that the volunteer team successfully collected 12 large bags of garbage.



**President Diane** reported that three clubs in District 5130, including our club and *Mendocino Rotary*, each donated \$3,000 to the construction of a playground for a safe house in Mexico that houses abused children as part of Rotary International's **Festival of Brotherhood Program**



On **Monday, September 22, 2025**, **Jennifer Bosma** gave a presentation to the *Fort Bragg Interact Club* about the **Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE)** Program. *Rotary International* has provided cultural exchange opportunities for high school students since 1929. Students involved in the program spend one year abroad, live with host families, and attend local schools. **David LaRico** has accepted the role of Outbound RYE Chair, and Jennifer is seeking someone to take on the Inbound RYE Chair position. Those interested in this role are encouraged to contact **Eve Yeomans** or **Jennifer Bosma**.

**Tim Bosma** read a Thank You Note from **Damien Lopez**, a former FBHS Interact student and June recipient of a Rotary scholarship, who is currently attending UC San Diego.




**Conrad Kramer** announced that, on **September 20th** during the **California Coastal Beach Day Clean Up**, four Interact students and four Rotarians assisted in collecting 350 pounds of trash from the Hare Creek area, which is owned by the *Mendocino Land Trust*.

The meeting concluded at 1:40 pm after **Judy Martin** won the raffle but was unsuccessful at selecting winning white marble.

## COMING EVENTS

- \*October 9      George Reinhardt
- \*October 16    Hospitality House Program
- \*October 23    DARK
- \*October 23    BBQ at Mendocino College
- \*October 25    Charter Night Dinner
- \*October 30    Art Explorers Program
- \*November 6   Salmon Restoration Program
- \*November 13   Supervisor Bernie Norvell
- \*November 20   Business Loans & Opportunities
- \*November 27   DARK - Thanksgiving



# Rotary

**THE FOUR-WAY TEST**  
of the things we think, say or do

- ① Is it the **TRUTH**?
- ② Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- ③ Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- ④ Will it build **BENEFICIAL** To all concerned?

**THE FOUR-WAY TEST**  
of the swings, putts, or chips

- ① Is that **TRUTH**fully your score?
- ② Is it **FAIR** to use that foot wedge?
- ③ Will teeing off into the foursome in front of you build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- ④ Will several post-tourney cocktails be **BENEFICIAL** to your donations and golfing stories?

We've Got a Senior Center to Save!

RCS serves more than 57,000 free meals to seniors each year, a literal lifeline for many friends and neighbors. RCS spends nearly \$500,000 yearly to provide these meals.



About half of the funding comes from government sources. The money is now in danger and insecure. We, the community, need to raise \$250,000 to secure our meal program for seniors.

CHEFS MARGARET FOX & SHANNON HUGHES ARE COOKING UP

# A GALA BRUNCH

TO BENEFIT REDWOOD COAST SENIORS FOOD PROGRAM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025

9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

REDWOOD COAST SENIORS

490 NORTH HAROLD STREET | FORT BRAGG

\$75 PER PERSON | TICKETS AT [BROWNPAPERTICKETS.COM](https://brownpapertickets.com)

a magnificent feast prepared by two of the coast's most celebrated chefs!

Margaret Fox  
former owner/chef  
of Mendocino's famed  
Cafe Beaujolais



Shannon Hughes  
former owner/chef of  
Point Arena's legendary  
Pangaea and Lorca

RCSCENTER.ORG for information and the fabulous menu!

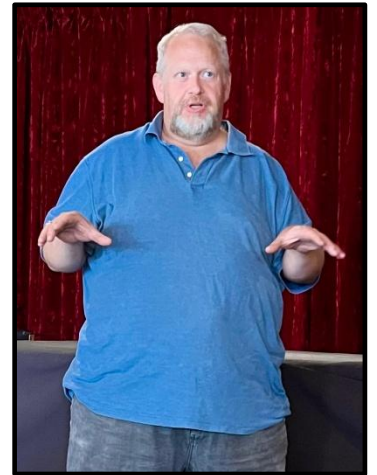


## PROGRAM

Jamie Matteoli, Corridor Manager for Caltrans, introduced today's speakers, Project Manager Alex Arévalo and Caltrans Master Builder, Geoffrey Wright. Their objective is to provide updates to the community, reduce any adverse effects from Caltrans projects, and maintain communication with local businesses.

The latest Caltrans Project involves installing curb ramp radius returns from the intersection of Highway One and Highway 20 north to Jenny's Giant Burgers, constructing a new sidewalk near Portuguese Hall, and making ADA-related improvements on Main Street between Oak Street and Noyo Bridge. Completing these projects within the town often leads to disruptions and requires adjustments, including temporarily limiting parking spaces for approximately two weeks at a time and addressing challenges efficiently by smoothing out the wrinkles with minimum hiccups.

Caltrans is working on the "Westport Landslide Complex" along Highway One, about 1.3 miles south of Westport in Mendocino County. The main landslide spans roughly 1,400 feet at road level, and several smaller slides, caused by coastal erosion and



wave action, also affect the roadway from below. An existing retaining wall will be extended, and a de-watering system will be constructed due to damage from a series of storms in November of 2024. Over 90,000 tons of rocks are transported and used with project completion expected by mid-spring or early summer 2026.



Caltrans is in the process of widening Jack Peters Creek Bridge to meet current standards, adding two 12-foot lanes, two 6-foot shoulders, and a 6-foot separated pedestrian walkway connecting the California Coastal Trail from County Road 5000 to Lansing Drive. The project costs \$15.5 million. Caltrans reports that the recent overnight closures of the bridge facilitated the use of a crane to install falsework for the new section. The project will proceed with additional falsework placement and ground anchor installation. Upon completion of the falsework, crews will begin installing formwork for the bridge's upper structure. Caltrans reports that motorists may experience 10-minute delays at all hours until the project's expected completion date of December 1st. It is not yet determined whether there will be any more overnight closures.