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Rotary

President Diane Harris

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## 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:

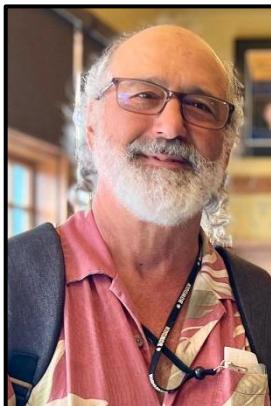
**“Papa, when they put the dirt on my grave, crumble a crust of bread on it so the sparrows will come, and I’ll hear that they’ve come and be glad I’m not alone.”**

**“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 27th**. 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*.

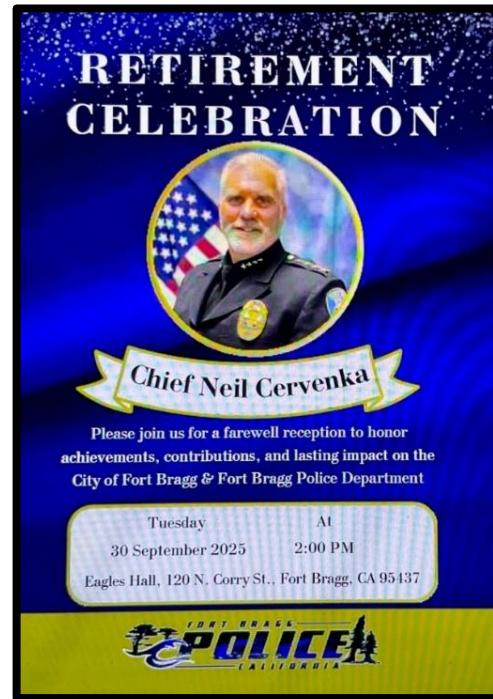
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.wreathsacrossamerica.org/CA0923P](http://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/CA0923P)

WREATHS  
across  
AMERICA  
KEEP MOVING FORWARD

#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 [talarson@fbusd.us](mailto:talarson@fbusd.us)

**Mixed Evergreen 28" Wreath**  
An aromatic combination of noble fir, balsam, juniper, and incense cedar. Touches of color are provided by red faux holly berries. A red velveteen wreath repellent bow is included for easy attaching.

**Western Cedar Garland**  
8 ft. fragrant, fresh cut western cedar garland made to adorn your front door or porch railing. (144 12" section garlands per linear foot.)

**Mixed Evergreen 22" Wreath**  
An aromatic combination of noble fir, balsam, juniper, and incense cedar. Touches of color are provided by red faux holly berries. A red velveteen wreath repellent bow is included for easy attaching.

**Noble Fir 22" Wreath**  
Newly designed for guaranteed sustainability and quality, this item is the perfect wreath for a door. Includes a bow of shiny ribbons and a red bow. Approximately 20" x 20".

**Noble Fir Door Swag**  
Newly designed for guaranteed sustainability and quality, this item is the perfect wreath for a door. Includes a bow of shiny ribbons and a red bow. Approximately 20" x 20".

**Tabletop Centerpiece**  
Cedar, noble fir, juniper, and hemlock branches arranged in an cedar block and tied for your table. Store while comes and red faux holly berries insulate the custom arrangement. Also includes traditional taper candle holder. Size is approximately 12" inches diameter.

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## 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

*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.