

Wednesdays Noon-1:30pm @ Poinsettia Pavillion



ROTARY SPOKES

The Weekly Newsletter of Ventura Rotary Club

April 1, 2026



If you missed it, today's **Rotary Comedy Hour** with Saurabh was yet another outside-the-box barrel of fun for one and all. Over a dozen members stepped up to the mic to share their best jokes and tall tales.

Kristen Stewart secured 2nd place with her down-home wisdom about alligator-hunting, but Mike Schwartz took 1st place with a story of a popular bar adorned in gold! Both of them took home Café Ficelle gift cards for being the top crowd-pleasers.

We hope you can join us next week as we hear from Marlyss Auster, CEO of Ventura's Convention and Visitors Bureau on trends in art, music and food here in our fair city by the sea!

APR 8th

Visit Ventura with CEO Marlyss Auster

APR 15th

Evening Social (TBD)

APR 22nd

SEE International Mobile Eye Clinics

APR 29th

Foothill Tech's Interact Club



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Rotary Volunteers Needed...



Friday April 10th—Day of Joy

Our **Day of Joy Event** is coming up next Friday at Pacific High School (501 College Drive) from 8:45am to 11:15am. **We need several Rotarians** to come hang out with the students and assist with card-making and stress relief. We also need donated craft supplies if you have any at home you can spare. To participate, please reach out to [Madhu Bajaj at madhubajaj@gmail.com](mailto:MadhuBajaj@gmail.com) or 805-754-9861.

Wednesday April 22nd—Perspectives On Peace

Our **Perspectives On Peace** Art Scholarship Viewing/Reception will be held at the Crowne Plaza on Wednesday the 22nd from 5:00-7:00pm. **We need a few more judges**, so if you'd like to participate please reach out to [Ken Leandro at Ken@EcoMediaInc.net](mailto:Ken@EcoMediaInc.net) or 805-272-5644. **We also need 3 to 5 volunteers** to help with setup from 3:00-5:00pm as well.

Saturday April 25th—Rotarians At Work (Beach Cleanup)

From 8:30am to 11:00am, we'll be joining volunteers from the Surfrider Foundation at C Street to help cleanup refuse from our shores. Last year, the event scrubbed 1,856 lbs of trash, including 23,450 cigarette butts from our local beaches. Space is limited, so please reach out to [Madhu](#) to sign up, so you can complete the necessary online forms from the City and the Surfrider Foundation.

Mark Your Calendar...



This year's Fireworks (Friday July 3rd) will be launched by the City from the California Street Parking Structure, using City funds. Our club is finalizing plans for a VIP event, possibly in coordination with the Ventura Botanical Gardens (which will offer the best viewing)!

If you would like to volunteer on the Fireworks Committee, or in some other capacity, please reach out to [Neal Lassila at nealolassila@gmail.com](mailto:NealLassila@gmail.com) or 818-919-8647 or Ken Leandro (contact info above).

