



# ROTARY SPOKES

## Rotary Club of Ventura

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"The Friendliest Club in Rotary"

April 30, 2023

### PRESENTATION BY SHERIFF JAMES FRYHOFF



Ventura County Sheriff James Fryhoff addressed the club at our meeting April 26, 2023.

After a successful election campaign, Sheriff Fryhoff began his six-year term January 2, 2023. If he runs again, he will have 42 years of public service.

The Sheriff's Department provides law enforcement services for unincorporated county areas, and for cities that contract with the Sheriff for police services (Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, and Thousand Oaks). The Sheriff also provides countywide services including the crime lab and other forensic services, aviation/search and rescue, Office of Emergency Services, and detention services. The Sheriff's Training Academy prepares new sheriff's deputies and police officers for a number of cities to become law enforcement officers.

Detention services include the pretrial detention facility (main jail at the County Government Center), Todd Road Jail, East Valley Jail, and the Health and Programming Unit. About 1,600 people are detained, which is a small percentage of our county population of 850,000. The Jail Based Competency Treatment Program begins treatment for inmates who have been found to be mentally incompetent to stand trial. The Stepping Up Program connects released inmates with non-profit services. Court Services include bailiffs for all courtrooms and service of civil process.

Fentanyl is the biggest killer in Ventura County, with 250 fatalities in the county last year. A dose the size of three grains of salt with get you high while the fourth grain will kill you.

Sheriff Fryhoff's public safety priorities include: organized burglary crews, homelessness, organized retail theft, and catalytic converter theft. He recommends that if you own a Toyota Prius, you park it in the garage to avoid theft. He is updating the department's uniforms, bringing back Stetson hats, and is building up the mounted police force.

**Thanks to Sandy Lassila for providing notes and photos for this week's newsletter!**

## MEETING APRIL 26, 2023

**Attendance:** 36 members and guests present, including a visiting Rotarian from Rotary Club of Gainesville, Florida

**Lunch:** meat loaf, mashed potatoes, asparagus/brussel sprouts, fruit, rolls, and cake for dessert.

**Introductions** – Anne King. Two quotes from Ruth Bader Ginsburg: “Fight for the things that you care about but do it in a way that will lead others to join you.” “Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time.”

**All four songbirds** present to sing “I Can See Clearly Now.”

### Announcements

**Neal** – any members that have yet to pick up the **Rotary shirts** can do so after the meeting.

**Clyde** – reminded members of **Rotarians at Work Day** on 4/29, assisting Habitat for Humanity job site in Camarillo.

**Madhu** – appreciation for the 21 professionals who spoke to the students at **Pacific High School on Career Day**.

**Ken** – **Firework committee** meeting after the lunch meeting.

**Keith** – asked for members to sign up for **Introductions** for the last 6 meetings.

**Bev** – need members to sign up for **fining** for the last meetings of the Rotary year.

**Fining** – **Connie** let us know that April 26<sup>th</sup> is the day for many *National Days* such as National Pretzel Day, National Richter Scale Day, National Help a Horse Day. Fining questions included:

How many breeds of horses are there? – 200

Pennsylvania is the center of pretzel production – what percentage? 80%

Where was the largest earthquake in recorded history? Chile, 1960 – 9.5 on Richter Scale

## UPCOMING EVENTS

(For up-to-date and more complete information, check the ClubRunner app on your phone, or on our website)

**May 3 lunch meeting:** Conversations in Rotary. Interview of a mystery club member.

**May 10 lunch meeting:** Foothill High School Interact, Mother’s Day flower sale.

**May 12: Pacific High School Teacher Appreciation Lunch**, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 501 College Drive, Ventura. Contact Madhu Bajaj.

**May 17 lunch meeting: Perspectives on Peace Awards.**

**May 19: Pacific High School Prom**, Poinsettia Pavilion, 6-9 p.m.

**May 20: President Elect Retreat** for current and incoming board members to discuss next year’s goals, projects, fundraising events, and activities. Poinsettia Pavilion, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**May 24 lunch meeting: Salvation Army Eye Clinic Update.**