



ROTARY SPOKES

Rotary Club of Ventura

Est. May 1, 1919

"The Friendliest Club in Rotary"

February 25, 2023

MEETING FEBRUARY 22, 2023

Attendance—41 members and guests, with 0 via Zoom.

Treats—We were treated to champagne, bubbling cider, and three kinds of mini-cakes from Desserts to Die For: gluten-free chocolate, mini cheesecake, and jam cookies. It was super yummy, and nobody died!

Lunch—Food Affairs by Stacey served a delicious jambalaya with shrimp and sausage, mixed vegetables, green salad, fruit, and corn bread.



Flag salute, inspirational message, and introductions—**Rob van Nieuwburg**. “Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.” (Thomas A. Edison)

Songleaders—**Jessica Brandon and Bev Ward**—“Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah” (from “Song of the South”)

Announcement—**Dale Jaedtke**—The president of our **Rotaract Club** is seeking contributions through GoFundMe so she can attend the Rotary International Conference in Australia. (See attached flyer.)

Madhu Bajaj led a discussion of the **Club Survey**, which received 61 responses. She began with a champagne toast to all the members. 97.6 percent of those who responded agreed or strongly agreed that they were proud to be club members. Common issues were the desire to know other club members better, and feeling connected to the club. Each table discussed the issues of meeting format, communications, getting new ideas heard by club leaders, and building connections between members. A representative from each table reported their table’s suggestions regarding each issue. Prizes were awarded to several members who entered the raffle. A big thanks to Madhu for spearheading this project to make our club even better!

UPCOMING EVENTS

(For up-to-date and more complete information, check the ClubRunner app on your phone, or our web site, VenturaRotary.org)

March 1 lunch meeting—Phil Ranger, Rick Conrad, and Tanner Shelton will discuss the proposed renovation of the **Ventura County Fairgrounds**.

March 8 lunch meeting—Dr. Joe Cahill, botanist and Executive Director of the **Ventura Botanical Gardens**.

March 15 lunch meeting—Cecilia Ramirez Cid from **strwEATS**

March 16—Fireside Chat at Portside Community Center, 1196 Portside Drive, Ventura, 6:00-9:00 p.m. This is open to ALL members, but we especially encourage our newest members to join as an opportunity to learn more about our Ventura Rotary, meet people from our chapter and learn what committees we are all involved in. Spouses and significant others welcome. Beef/chicken will be provided. Please email Abiel Acosta to RSVP and indicate which side dish you will bring (to serve 12): vegetarian main dish, vegetarian side dish, salad, appetizer, dessert, wine (white/red), bottled water.

March 19—Walk for Kids to benefit Ronald McDonald House Room at Ventura County Medical Center. Meet at San Buenaventura State Beach, 901 San Pedro Street, Ventura. Check-in starts at 7:00 a.m., kick-off at 9:00 a.m. See Lynda to sign up at a weekly meetings, or register at www.walkforkids.org/ventura. Minimum \$25 per two adult walkers and children, those who raise \$100 will receive event t-shirt. Registration fee waived for club members.

March 22 lunch meeting—Lynda Girtsman hosts **Conversations in Rotary** when she will interview a mystery club member.

March 23—Board Meeting, 12:00-1:30 p.m. Tentatively scheduled at VCMC Ronald McDonald Room.

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Rotaract's President
Attend The Rotary
International
Conference In
Australia!

Olivia has been in Rotaract
for 6 years and this is her
2nd time as president!

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