



WELCOME TO

Rotary Club of Ventura

The friendliest club in Rotary

CITY COUNCIL UPDATES

By Doug Halter

Club member and City Councilmember Doug Halter provided insights on key issues currently before the council:

- **Housing Challenges:** Housing remains a pressing topic. While Ventura has more jobs than residents to fill them, many locals commute outside the city for work.
- **Main Street Moves:** The council has approved another extension for Main Street Moves, keeping a portion of Main Street closed to vehicles to enhance pedestrian accessibility and business activity.
- **Strategic Prioritizing:** The council is focusing on setting clear priorities for the city's future—essentially a structured approach to goal setting.



New Member!

EVERYONE WELCOME DAVE MORRIS

Induction: David Morris (Investment Advisor at JP Morgan Chase Bank) was inducted as the newest member of the Friendliest Club in Rotary.



Recap

Introductions: Anne Paul King led the flag salute and shared two poems by Danielle Doby from I Am Her Tribe.

Wildfire Relief Fundraiser – Hosted by Rotary Ventura East and Poinsettia Pavilion to support those affected by the Los Angeles County wildfires through the Rotary District 5280 Charitable Foundation. Saturday, February 15, 2025, 5:00–9:30 p.m. at Poinsettia Pavilion. Appetizers donated by Food Affairs by Stacey. No-host bar. Live music: Second Wind Band (5:15–7:00 p.m.), Mid Life Crisis Band (7:30–9:15 p.m.). Tickets: \$25.

Dictionary Project – Volunteers will distribute dictionaries to third graders on Feb. 4, 6, and 7. Pick up books, stickers, and instructions at Hilford Moving & Storage. If scheduled for Thursday or Friday, materials will also be available at next week's meeting. (Ken Leandro)

Perspectives on Peace – Entries for this high school senior art scholarship program are due in early April, with judging on April 22 or 23. Judges needed. (Ken Leandro)

Peace Social – February 11, 5:30–7:30 p.m. at Bright Spark Brewing, 4561 Market St., Ventura. A chance to connect and learn about the work of our Peace Committee. (RSVP to RoseAnn Hill)

Meeting Volunteers Needed – Looking for members to lead introductions, flag salute, or an inspirational message at upcoming meetings. (Keith Moschetto)

Rotary Foundation Gala – Indy Batra attended the event in Pismo Beach last Saturday, where our chapter was honored for 100% member participation in donations to the Rotary Foundation.

Rotary Moment – Kristin Taylor shared a touching story from our December Holiday Event, where a young girl picked out a pink coat for herself and another for her father.

Paul Harris Plus 4 Award – Congratulations to Mike Schwartz on receiving his Paul Harris Plus 4 pin in recognition of his continued contributions to Rotary.





Program

MB HANRAHAN

MB Hanrahan gave a lively presentation about the murals she has created in Ventura and nearby communities including Tortilla Flats, Dinosaurs, hubcap projects, youth projects, and so much more.

Upcoming Events

- **Feb. 5** Luncheon meeting: Ventura High School Interact will run the meeting.
- **Feb. 11** Peace Social. Bright Spark Brewing, 4561 Market St., Ventura. Socialize and learn about our Peace Committee. District Governor will attend. Appetizers provided, no-host bar. If you bring a prospective member, the Membership Committee will buy them a drink. RSVP to RoseAnn Hill.
- **Feb. 12** Luncheon meeting: Visit from our District Governor.
- **Feb. 15, 2025** Rotary Ventura East and Poinsettia Pavilion host Wildfire Relief Fundraiser at the Poinsettia Pavilion. , 5:00–9:30 p.m. See details above.
- **Feb. 19** Luncheon meeting: Jim Brace from the Gem and Mineral Society
- **Feb. 26** Luncheon meeting: New Art City Theatre
- **Feb. 27** Board Meeting, Crowne Plaza Hotel, 12:00–1:30 p.m.



Birthdays

- **Bill Kearney – January 1**
- **Sally Crain – January 11**
- **Deidre Monarres – January 12**
- **John R. Brant – January 13**
- **Dianne Fergus – January 26**
- **Mary Saputo – January 31**

Rotary Anniversaries

- **Dick Hatcher – 49 years (Joined January 1, 1976)**
- **Rosa Lee Measures – 27 years (Joined January 7, 1998)**
- **Kellye Patterson – 7 years (Joined January 3, 2018)**
- **Neal Lassila – 6 years (Joined January 23, 2019)**
- **Mike Schwartz – 5 years (Joined January 22, 2020)**
- **Anil Aggarwal – 4 years (Joined January 27, 2021)**