



ROTARY SPOKES

Rotary Club of Ventura

Est. May 1, 1919

“The Friendliest Club in Rotary”

July 16, 2023

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

The Board has accepted the membership application of **Monica Smith**, Strategic Health Systems Manager at Mammutone, Inc. (husband Andy). Pursuant to our club’s New Member Process, if you have any objection to her membership, please contact a board member within 7 days.

MEETING JULY 12, 2023

Neal Lassila called to order his First Meeting as Club President!

Attendance: 46 including guests and visiting Rotarians (one from France with foreign exchange program, one from Lima Peru, and Margarida Eidson from Ventura East)

Lunch: Assortment of salads, croissant with pudding parfait for dessert

Introductions: Patti Birmingham

Song: “America the Beautiful”

BIG congrats and thank you to **Ken Leandro and the committee** for all the work they did on the **firework event!**



Announcements:

District Step Down, Margi Wray announced that our club won: Gold Club, Impact Award, Best Large Club

Rotary Club of Ventura beat out the other clubs and won the most raised funds for Walk 4 Kids Ronald McDonald House Ventura

Thank you to Dan Holmes from students of Pacific High School for taking photos at prom

Megan Smith’s son is in critical condition, prayer vigil for him last Wednesday evening

Indy Batra announced a Blood Drive July 26th

Announcements (continued)

CRAVE (Gelato and Kofi bar) is OPEN, go support Karynsue

Beachside Bash, save the date Sept. 23

Hope Center, thank you to Kellye and Brenda for collecting coats from the schools.

Rotary Club Meetings will be in Santa Paula Room for the next two weeks while summer camp is in session at the Poinsettia Pavilion

Neal Announced Happy Dollars will continue to go to JGMRF

Hutch awarded **Paul Harris times 3 pins** (blue Sapphire) to **Doug Halter** and **Erik Finegold**



Presentation: Madhu introduced our speaker **John Silva** from The Dupuis Group. “So... What do YOU do?” “People don’t buy what you do, they buy what you believe.” (A PDF of his presentation is attached to the email that sent this newsletter.)

| ANNIVERSARIES: JOIN DATE | | |
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| Jim Newton July 1, 1984 39 years | Irene Henry July 1, 2004 19 years | Saurabh Bajaj July 1, 2009 14 years |
| Laura Dunbar July 13, 2016 7 years | Karl Waage July 10, 2019 4 years | |

| HAPPY BIRTHDAY! | | |
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| Crista Hermance July 3 | Irene Henry July 8 | Barbara Asbell July 10 |
| Mike Schwartz July 11 | Rob van Nieuburg July 13 | Jim Newton July 14 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



July 19 lunch meeting: Club Assembly. Neal will discuss goals for the 2023/2024 year, followed by club leaders who will introduce themselves and discuss their roles and goals.

July 26 lunch meeting: Ventura Chamber of Commerce, represented by President and CEO Stephanie Caldwell, and Board Chair Dena Rogers.

July 27 Board Meeting: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Anacapa Room, 12:00-1:30 p.m. All members welcome to attend.

August 2 lunch meeting: John Frankhauser, M.D., CEO of Ventura County Medical Center.

Sept. 23: End of Summer Beachside Bash, national ribeye steak cookoff, brew fest, car show, and more. San Buenaventura State Beach, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Big thanks to Joslynn Skelton
for proving meeting notes and photos
for this week's Spokes!