



ROTARY SPOKES

Rotary Club of Ventura

Est. May 1, 1919

"The Friendliest Club in Rotary"

July 9, 2023

FIREWORKS SHOW & FAMILY PICNIC



The Rotary Club of Ventura put on our 30th Anniversary 4th of July Fireworks Show and Family Picnic at Ventura College. Guests enjoyed more food trucks, more volunteers to staff the Kids Zone and Kids Games, a great return performance from Soul Infusion, prizes for Superlative Spectators, and an incredible pyrotechnics show. The National Anthem was performed beautifully by club member and New Art City Theatre co-founder Beverly Ward. Thanks to so many of our members for volunteering, along with members of Ventura East and South, Lions, and all the other

community volunteers. Special thanks to Ken Leandro, Neal Lassila, and the Fireworks Committee: Brenda Allison-Hutchinson, Dave Wellik, Aaron Campbell, Anil Aggarwal, Anne King, Steve Doll, Rob van Nieuwburg, Steve Dato, and Hutch Hutchinson. And a big thanks to our sponsors (see list below). (Sincere apologies to any I left out.)



Ken, Brenda and Neal brief the volunteers





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UPCOMING EVENTS

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



July 12 lunch meeting: President Neal Lassila’s kick-off meeting with inspirational words from **John Silva**, President & Sr. Creative Director of The DuPuis Group. Part designer, philosopher and provocateur, John’s joy is envisioning and activating breakthrough innovations that inspire, solve and shake-up how we live and conduct business. He’s led DuPuis work for clients such as Clorox, PepsiCo, Nestlé, Kashi, WD-40 and Patagonia. He is also founding partner in DuPuis’ business incubation interests,

including Battle Born Beer (brewed in the heart of Nevada) and PlanitProtein, a DIY plant protein tech platform for commercial foodservice. Led the design of brand marks for Downtown Ventura, Ventura County Food Share, and VEP’s Launch program & Influential U 2014 Innovation Award; Ventura Chamber Poinsettia Awards 2018 Chair Ventura Chamber of Commerce; 2019 Volunteer of the Year Award; Ventura Chamber Poinsettia Awards.

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.

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.

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