

Nonprofits can profit from Rotary raffle

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Calling all area nonprofits: the local Rotary Clubs are offering a way to raise money, watch fireworks and benefit local youth at the same time.



"It's very simple," said Bill Graves, president of Goleta Rotary. By selling tickets to a raffle that takes place during the Rotary Club-sponsored Girsh Park Fourth of July celebration, he said, local youth-oriented nonprofits will be able to get some cash for some of their own operations.

It's a sweet deal: sellers of tickets will get a 50 percent cut of their sales. Last year 10 nonprofits split \$2,800 in profits. As a result, groups like the San Marcos Marquettes were able to go to Florida for a drill team competition. The local AYSO members had the funds to go to Chicago.

"A hundred tickets at \$5 gets the nonprofit \$250," said Graves. This year he anticipates more nonprofits joining in the program, and the Rotaries are starting their campaign earlier than they did last year to give local groups more time to sell tickets.

"They'll be getting the money that we normally would be contributing to them," Graves said. "It's a great opportunity."

A drawing will be held at the Fourth of July celebration to see who wins several prizes, including electronics and sporting goods.

For more information, contact Bill Graves of the Goleta Rotary at 964-9134 or Barbara Klein of the Goleta Noontime Rotary at 568-1710 ext. 108.

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Caption: Goleta Rotary members, from left, Mike Parsons, Stan Darrow, Scott Missman and Jay Wright spruce up the snack bar at Dos Pueblos.

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