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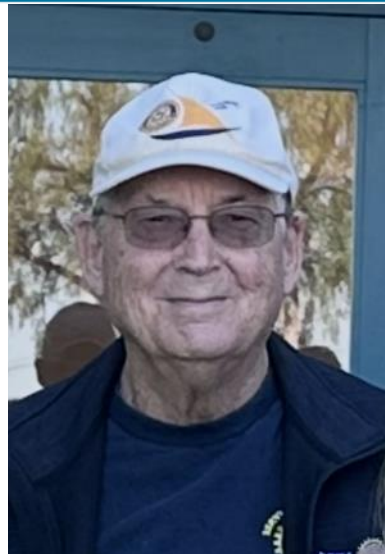
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JERRY MAY
CONGREGATIONAL PLACE
Friday, March 28, 2025 - Noon



Past President Jerry May will provide a unique insight into a community housing project with 56 units currently under construction right in downtown Chula Vista at Third & E - Congregational Place.

Learn how this project came to be and how our very own Jerry May helped to bring it to reality in his role with Community Congregational Development Corporation (CCDC).

See you on Friday!

GOOD-BYE POLIO
THANKS ROTARY





MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—March 28, 2025

President Jesse Fernandez called the meeting to order. In honor of the Padres new season, he was wearing team colors along with others. Michael Monaco gave the invocation and led the pledge.

Treasurer Rasha Roshdy introduced guests and visiting Rotarians. Bob Silvas gave an update on the Bike Project scheduled for May 24. Two shifts will be needed and sign-up boards were circulated. Bob also told the Club about the Model United Nations event held the previous weekend. We hosted 4 students and 3 stepped up to leadership roles—a very positive development in addition to the excellent experience.

Carmen Sandoval encouraged members to join in the Tijuana Home Build coming up on April 12. If members are not able to participate in person, support can be provided to the family by donating new and gently used household items such as plates, pots, pans, kitchen items, towels, blankets, tools etc.

Bob Silvas gave the Centennial minute with Club highlights from the Chulatarians over each decade—very informative and fun—thanks Bob!

Betty Waznis provided the Jim Biddle News at Noon, and was the sponsor as well. Lucky drawing winners were Tom Davies, Jeanette Badal and Duane Buckingham.

President Jesse introduced Chris Romero with The Outreach Program, who we worked with in early February in conjunction with the Chula Vista Sunrise Rotary food packing event. The organization was founded by Rotarian Floyd Hammer and focuses on support for Tanzania, and expanded to food distribution in the U.S. as well.

Chris is a fellow Rotarian with Mission Valley Evening Rotary Club and invited us to continue working with them on this very low cost food distribution project.



Mark Scott presented a check to the Club from the Legacy Fund for the Chula Vista Foundation.

President Jesse presents Chris Romero the speaker's gift for his talk about The Outreach Program.



JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON by Betty Waznis

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Hello, everyone, and welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today brought to you by yours truly, Betty Waznis and Chula Vista Public Library.

On Wednesday, State Attorney General Rob Bonta announced that he and several environmental groups reached a settlement with Baldwin & Sons over the Otay Ranch Village 13 project, the next phase of Baldwin and Sons' Otay Ranch master-planned community. In November 2020, the county Board of Supervisors had approved the development, but environmental activists and the state attorney general's office sued the county over claims it violated the California Environmental Quality Act. The project originally featured 1,938 homes, a resort hotel, an elementary school, a fire station, more than 3 miles of trails, 40,000 square feet of commercial space and more than 1,100 acres of nature preserves at the northeast corner of Lower Otay Lake in unincorporated San Diego County. Under the settlement, the project will reduce its building area footprint by nearly 300 acres, which will be preserved as open space. Still, the developer would be allowed to apply to the county to add 812 more dwelling units above the original 1,938 previously approved. Among other additional conditions, the agreement requires that all buildings be fully electric and have fire-suppressing sprinklers and speeds up the widening of Otay Lakes Road near Lake Crest Drive from two to four lanes.

We all know about the deadly bird flu that's killing birds and mammals around the globe. For the past three years, the San Diego Zoo, the Safari Park and Seaworld have created new and innovative strategies to protect the exotic and endangered animals in their care. So far, they have succeeded. None of the birds or animals in the collections of the zoo, Safari Park or SeaWorld have tested positive for the bird flu virus. Other zoos haven't been so lucky. Birds at Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo and New York's Bronx Zoo and Queens Zoo have died, and an animal sanctuary in Washington reported losing 20 big cats. San Diego is on the Pacific Flyway, a north-south route taken by migrating birds between Alaska and South America. The Safari Park is a popular stop. On any given day, wild birds can be seen next to birds in the park's collection. Migrating wild birds, especially ducks and geese, are considered the parks's number one risk, so the zoo and parks are doing everything they can to keep wild birds away. During migration months they relocate some birds into netted or covered habitat spaces, drain and enclose flamingo ponds, remove nests of wild birds, place metal spikes on railings and roofs to discourage roosting, install covered trash cans and new feeding troughs too tall for ducks or gulls to get into. Plus, veterinary staff have implemented an emergency trial of an experimental bird flu vaccine for their California condors, a highly endangered species with only 560 left alive.

The Padres 2025 season opened yesterday on a clear sunny afternoon at beautiful Petco Park, facing the Atlanta Braves. And what a start! In front of a record high opening day Petco crowd, the Padres came from behind to win 7 to 4 in the first of a 4 game series.

Coming up at your Chula Vista Public library - next Thursday the Registrar of Voters will present a voter education workshop in preparation for the District 1 supervisorial election on April 8. The Civic Center Library's Heritage Museum's current exhibit "Filipinos of the South Bay" continues through December.

And don't forget you don't have to give all your money to Amazon and Audible. You can borrow and enjoy audiobooks, eBooks, comics, movies, TV, magazines, or music, all free, everywhere you have a screen - your computer, your phone, your car, even your TV with the library's digital Hoopla service. All you need is a library card.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today brought to you by yours truly, Betty Waznis and Chula Vista Public Library.





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L-R: We had a surprise visit by former member Glen Googins pictured with Betty Waznis. Michael Monaco getting ready to take his medicine (Big Fine) for missing the week before when he was in charge of the invocation, presenting the Above & Beyond award, AND introducing the speaker. A panel of judges, included Mark Scott, gave a unanimous consensus of YES for a fine.



L-R: A very happy Tom Davies receives his gift from Betty Waznis; Jeannette Badal and Duane were also big winners. Thank you Betty!



MEET PROJECT MERCY FAMILY



Cristal Espinosa Matias (age 22) and Yoana Ballesteros Espinosa (age 3).

Husband Benjamin Ballesteros Méndez, not pictured. He works as a mechanics helper.

HOME BUILD IS SATURDAY, APRIL 12

NEXT WEEK!

CLUB CALENDAR

FOOD DISTRIBUTION—Friday, April 11, 8:30 am (Hilltop & I)

TIJUANA HOME BUILD—Saturday, April 12, 6:30 am

ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY—Saturday, April 26, 9—12 @Living Coast

**CHULA VISTA ANIMAL CARE FACILITY (14 volunteers needed) -
Sunday, May 18**

RED SHOE DAY—RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE—7:00-9:30 am—see email

**BIKE SAFETY RODEO—Saturday, May 24 (two shifts needed—morning/
afternoon)**

GOVERNOR'S DINNER— Saturday, June 7, Mission Valley Marriott

**INSTALLATION/OUTSTALLATION—Fri, June 27, 12-1:30
@ San Diego Country Club**





HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR ROTARIANS!



Duane Buckingham - April 4

Mike Green - April 5

Betty Waznis - April 11

Lisa Johnson - April 19

Hugo Thomaz - April 27

