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The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority was created on January 1, 2003, as an independent agency to manage the day-to-day operations of San Diego International Airport (SAN) and address the region's long-term air transportation needs. Previously known as Lindbergh Field, the airport's name was officially changed to San Diego International Airport in 2003 to better reflect the global mission of SAN as an international driver for business and tourism.

Angela Shafer-Payne is the Chief Development Officer (CDO), at the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, owner and operator of San Diego International Airport. Ms. Shafer-Payne is a long-tenured executive of the Airport Authority, where she has held various leadership positions, including Chief Operating Officer. Most notably she oversaw the transition to an independent airport authority in 2002 and the technical study/ballot initiative to site a new airport in 2006. While the Chief Operating Officer she oversaw the opening of Terminal 2 West, the Green Build, Terminal 2 Parking Plaza and the Rental Car Center. Presently, she oversees Planning, Noise & Environment, Airport Design & Construction, Board Services, Intergovernmental Affairs and the Airport Capital Improvement Program including the \$3.8 billion New Terminal 1 Project.

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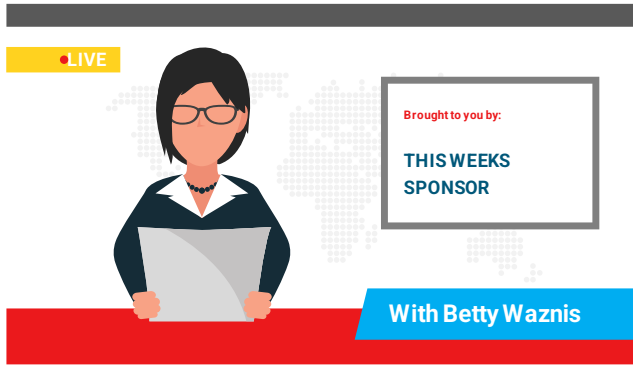
APRIL 10, 2026 HIGHLIGHTS



An animated Jon Miller led the April Happy Birthday dear Rotarians songs and several members were on hand—Mike G., Duane, Betty, Wendi and (not pictured) Lisa Johnson. President Ben with dynamo guest speaker, Lolita Rico, with the Innovations programs at CVESD.



L-R: Peter & Ginger Rullan hosted the **Fireside Chat** for new and transferring members at their home. Peter is pictured here with Patty Silvas. Several new members are listening intently to various presentation. Peter sharing club history and more.



**JIM BIDDLE
NEWS AT NOON**

**BY
BETTY WAZNIS**

Hello, everyone. Welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today brought to you by Betty Waznis.

The world has been following the 10-day Artemis II space mission, the first manned flight since NASA's Apollo 17 mission in 1972. It launched from the Kennedy Space Center with four crew members on April 1. Early last Monday it entered the lunar sphere of influence, when the pull of the moon's gravity becomes stronger than Earth's. That's when the spacecraft started speeding up for the mission's main event, swinging around the moon for a first close-up look by astronauts in more than 53 years. Among the astronaut's many goals were to observe and record geology of the moon's back surface, never before seen by humans, - we've all seen a new moon- here is "new Earth" and to test the technologies we'll need for long-term lunar exploration and human missions to Mars. Deep space communication firsts included a live press conference right from the Orion space module and the astronaut's live real time streaming YouTube channel.

The San Diego-based USS John P. Murtha amphibious transport dock ship, seen here practicing the recovery, will be deployed to recover the astronauts after their spacecraft splashes down off the Southern California coast today, after hurtling toward earth at an estimated top speed of 24,000 miles per hour. Depending on weather, the capsule is expected to splash down around 5 pm tonight, roughly between San Clemente Island and Catalina Island.

Nearly two months after the grandson of Reese's founder accused Hershey of quietly changing the formula of some Reese's candies, the company says it will return "a small portion" of products to their classic milk and dark chocolate recipes. The Hershey Company confirmed the move during its 2026 Investor Day on March 31, said the company is updating several products, including giving Kit Kat a "creamier chocolate" and transitioning candy colors to natural sources. Hershey also plans to ensure Reese's and Hershey's products stick with their traditional chocolate recipes and emphasized that its core formulas — including Reese's Peanut Butter Cups — have not changed. The announcement follows criticism from Brad Reese, grandson of Reese's founder H.B. Reese. In February, he accused Hershey of replacing milk chocolate and real peanut butter in some products with compound coatings and "peanut butter crème." Reese said he first noticed the difference on Valentine's Day when he tried Reese's Unwrapped Chocolate Peanut Butter Creme Mini Hearts and found the taste so different that he threw them away.

Adrian Gonzalez - Chula Vista native, Eastlake High graduate, and former first baseman for the San Diego Padres - has opened a taco shop in Otay Ranch. Gonzalez, who joined the Padres in 2006 and is ranked 2nd all-time in Petco Park home runs, wanted to do something to return to his roots and his community in his life after baseball. His shop, Tres Dos Tres (323), a Tijuana-style taco shop, opened this month at 1924 E Palomar St, #101. The restaurant offers a build-your-own-plate concept with tacos, burritos, and bowls, focusing on authentic flavors from his childhood. The shop name represents his **three business partners** and his **No. 23 jersey** worn during his MLB career.

The San Diego Padres have returned to a plus .500 record (7 and 6) following a successful 4-2 road trip against Boston and Pittsburgh, and a spectacular 7 to 3 win over the Colorado Rockies in extra innings last night, thanks to a game-winning walk-off grand slam by Xander Bogaerts. The four-game series continues tonight at Petco Park at 6:40. Padres debuted their new City Connect colors yesterday,

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MORE APRIL 10 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



L-R: Betty Waznis was this week's Jim Biddle News at Noon sponsor and is pictured with Beverly Sumwalt, Mike Green and Mora de Murguia.



L-R: Suzanne Catanzaro popped in if only for a short while as her sciatica was acting up—always fun to see her when she can make it. Jeanette Badal, Gary Bryant, and President Ben presenting a check to the Emilio Nares Foundation which provides excellent services to families whose kids have cancer. Other checks were given to St. Mark's for the Project Hand food bank and the Living Coast Discovery Center.

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TIJUANA HOME BUILD HIGHLIGHTS



It was a beautiful day—no rain! Most of the helpers are pictured above. The Chula Vista-Eastlake club sent a hard working crew, the family helped and later in the day, Project Mercy Baja's crew (yellow shirts) helped us wrap it up. (This is the back of the home—better light).



L-R: The homeowner Gerardo painting the interior ceiling panels; the leaky house they lived in; Carmen Sandoval in a Mike sandwich, Green and Meziere, the Project Mercy Baja volunteer who has helped us build for the last 17 (or so) years—we could not do it without him!



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Past President Jesse Fernandez and Chula Vista-Eastlake Rotary President Odette Orduna presenting the keys to the new home to the Ramirez-Bayon family—better helper ever Aurora (11 years old), Mother Socorro, Father Gerardo and son Bruce—other kids helped earlier. Mike Green working the saw!



L-R: Beta Dinsmore working super hard!
PP Jesse and volunteer Jake standing one of the walls (Gary Bryant behind).
Jesse, Richard Arroyo and Mike Green doing prep work. MORE PICS NEXT WEEK!

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Family
Community Cleanup

SOUTH BAY SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES Network

Bringing together the best in all of us for a lasting impact!



Chula Vista
and
Eastlake Clubs

**Saturday
April 25, 2026
9:00am**

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
Creek to Bay Cleanup
OUR ENVIRONMENT

24TH ANNUAL

Largest environmental cleanup during
Earth Week in San Diego County

Location:

Marina View Park
900 Marina View Pkwy
Chula Vista



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RSVP: Sign-up sheet will be passed around at the lunch meetings,
or contact Tina Matthias: (619) 738-4188 Text/VM

Make a difference in your community!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MULTI-DISTRICT MEETING—APRIL 24-26 @ GAYLORD PACIFIC

ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY—SAT, April 28

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE RED SHOE DAY—Wed, May 20

**INSTALLATION/OUTSTALLATION LUNCHEON
Friday, June 5—Noon**

DISTRICT 5340 GOVERNORS' DINNER—June 26, 5:00 pm

**2026 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
TAIPEI, TAIWAN—June 13-17**