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## FOUR-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST

Rasha Roshdy  
Friday, April 19, 2024 - Noon



Our Club will host the Four-Way Test Speech Contest this Friday.

This is one of our favorite programs as we witness intelligent, articulate and brave students address topics of the day as viewed through the lens of the Rotary Four-Way Test.

Bring a friend and see you on Friday!





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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR APRIL 12, 2024

President Mora de Murguía called the meeting to order. Bill Torre gave the invocation and led the pledge.

Gary Bryant presented a donation check to the Irma Flores and the Board rep from the Salvation Army.

Gary reviewed the final hands-on projects for the remainder of the Rotary year. These include helping at the CV Animal Care Facility (date TBD), packing food with the CV Sunrise Rotary, and helping at the local recovery home detailed below.

Laura Humphreys asked members to select one of the two dates on the clipboard to work at the Animal Center. Kiwanis has challenged us to have 20 people there. Lisa Johnson gave an update on the new Bike Project that is coming together with partners very soon. Carmen Sandoval said we are on track for the Tijuana Home Build and to bring items for the family by next week.

President Mora reviewed the calendar and there are a couple of open dates for speakers. Please contact Risa Baron or President Mora if you have a suggestion.

The Installation/Outstallation will be at NOON this year, June 28 at the Living Coast Discovery Center. Please let President Mora know if you would like to attend the Governor's Dinner, Monday, June 24, 5-9 pm at the Del Mar Hilton.

Betty Waznis gave an informative News at Noon. Suzanne Catanzaro was the sponsor. The Cygnet Theatre donated three additional door prizes of two tickets to a show.

Sean Murray shared big news about their upcoming move to Liberty Station. It is going to be an outstanding venue for future productions. For now, they are working at the Old Town Theatre. Their evolution from a strip mall in the College/Rolando area to the present is fascinating. Be sure to check out their upcoming productions.

Thank you Lisa Johnson for all your work at Liberty Stations Art District—with them and so many other groups - and for bringing their team to visit us.

## ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY

On **Saturday, April 27, 2024**, Rotary District 5340 Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force will be having a work morning at a local recovery home in the South Bay.

We will be working inside the house (cleaning and repair), and in the yard, improving landscaping and providing needed clean-up. These work events are vital to support the facility and to show the residents that people can be kind.

No special skills are needed - just a good spirit and willingness to work.

If you are interested, **please contact Kimberly Schafer** ([kschafer108@gmail.com](mailto:kschafer108@gmail.com)). Due to the need to keep the location confidential and a clear list of volunteers, each volunteer will need to contact Kim to sign up.

## 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 is sponsored by Suzanne Catanzaro. Monday was a red-letter day for sky watchers as a total eclipse rolled across North America with almost everyone on the continent able to see at least a partial eclipse. The total solar eclipse started along Mexico's Pacific coast and in just 1 hour, 40 minutes the moon's shadow raced more than 4,000 miles across 15 states, Canada and then the North Atlantic. An estimated 44 million people live within the path, with a couple hundred million more within 200 miles, making it likely the most viewed astronomical event in history. In San Diego, a lot of excitement and viewing parties even though our eclipse was a partial one. The Fleet Science Center threw a viewing party for thousands, providing eclipse glasses and telescopes for the public.

Several airlines across the country promoted flights with routes that intersected with the total eclipse path, including this one departing from San Diego. Passengers were supplied with glasses, an information guide and eclipse-decorated cookies. As one point, the plane slowed, maneuvered some S-turns, and descended to 33,000 feet, allowing passengers to view a once-in-a-lifetime event: a total solar eclipse seen from the air.

Gold has turned into money for [Costco](#). They're selling 1-ounce bars made of nearly pure 24-karat gold at an estimated 2% above the spot price, estimated at \$2400. The limit is 2 bars per customer and sell out quickly, typically gone in a few hours. Expected revenue is \$100 million to \$200 million a month, thanks to aggressive pricing and a high level of customer trust, quite a move for a product that only [debuted last August](#) and generated about \$100 million in sales in its first quarter.

The NCAA final men's tournament concluded this past week. UConn proved too much for the Purdue Boilermakers, as the Huskies won 75-60, giving the winners back-to-back titles, and their sixth crown in men's basketball. And the women of the other USC (The University of South Carolina) completed their perfect season with an 87-75 NCAA victory over national scoring champion Caitlin Clark and the Iowa Hawkeyes. The Gamecocks with a 38-0 record became only the 10th Division I team to go an entire season without a loss.

The Padres [celebrated the 20th anniversary of Petco Park](#) Monday by overcoming an 8-0 deficit to defeat the Chicago Cubs, 9-8, on an eighth-inning, two-run homer by Fernando Tatis. They wrapped up their first winning series of the season Wednesday with a 10-2 victory over the Cubs. Next up - Dodgers in LA, tonight at 7:10.

Today's sponsor is Suzanne Catanzaro. Born in Buffalo, married her college sweetheart, moved to San Francisco where she worked for the Reading Development Center. She and husband Paul and their two school age children spent nearly 4 years living and cruising on their 45' sailboat, In 1983, they moved to Bonita where Suzanne started one of the first computer-based tutorial companies. Three years later, she founded a private high school and later added elementary grades. She became very interested in the learning disability, dyslexia. Being dyslexic herself, she understood the strange characteristics of this disability. This led her to develop a unique sequence of reading exercises for dyslexic students. Bonita Country Day School became recognized for its students' academic accomplishments, with whole kindergarten and first grade classes ranked at the top one percentile in the nation. The school closed in 2020 with the onset of COVID. Suzanne gifted the entire facility to the adjacent church. Now retired, she's a community volunteer, a full-time artist, is still an avid sailor, and crews in weekly sailboat races. At nearly 80, she thinks that she's the oldest sailor in the fleet! This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, sponsored by Suzanne Catanzaro.

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L: Gary Bryant presents a check to the Salvation Army's Irma Flores and the Board Chair.  
R: President Mora de Murguia presents Sean Murray with Cygnet Theatre with a mug of our appreciation.



L-R: Suzanne Catanzaro brought beautiful gift baskets as the drawing gifts. Jill Green, Max Scrivens (again!) and our guest speaker Sean Murray were the lucky winners.



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## TIJUANA HOME BUILD IS THIS WEEK!



Project Mercy has changed the family for whom we will be building a home. The recent pounding storms made access to the building site in a steep hill area very difficult, especially for sedans. The Secundino family will receive their home in a few months.

Meet the Simbron Ximeo family! Jessica Ximeo (33) and Alberto Simbron (39) are from Veracruz. Alberto is a mason's assistant and earn 3000 pesos per week (\$176) when he can find work. Daughter Kenia (14) likes school, where she is doing very well. She likes to read and draw. She wants to be an architect when she grows up. The younger daughter Daniela is playful and helps her mother with housework. She wants to be a doctor when she grows up.

**Questions? See or contact Carmen SF—[csandovalzf@gmail.com](mailto:csandovalzf@gmail.com) - 619 948-1703**

### **ITEM FOR SIMBRON FAMILY—Gently Used is Good**

**Food— Beans, rice, oil, cereal, dry milk, etc.**

**Pots, pans, cooking utensils  
Storage items—bins, tupperware**

**Tools - hand tools, shovel, hoe, broom**

**Homegoods—sheets, blankets, towels  
Folding tables—card, tv trays, chairs**

**Warm coats for 11 & 14 year girls**



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## WILSON FAMILY OUT ON THE TOWN



The Wilson family had a fun night out recently at the Red Fox Inn with entertainment by Chula Vista Rotary's own piano player Joe DeMers! With Brad- his wife, Catherine; mom and dad - Bud and Sandra; daughter Annie and son-in-law Jimmy; and brothers Blake and Greg.



Drawing winners for the Cygnet Theatre tickets were (l-r): Jeanette Badal, Laura Humphreys and Jon Miller. Congrats!



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Free Public Event

## ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS SUMMIT

FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

Featured Booths  
Hands-On Activities  
Project Showcase & Contest

Sunday May 19, 2024 | 10am - 3pm  
San Dieguito County Park, Del Mar, CA



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## BUNCO



**COME ROLL WITH US!**

Please join CV Sunrise Rotary

Sunday, April 21 2pm-5pm

At The Bell Home  
5235 Sunnyside Drive, Bonita

Light snacks and drinks provided

BUNCO is a FUN dice rolling  
game—no skills necessary.  
All ages welcome!

Please RSVP to Pres-Elect Ryan @  
619 972-8218

### CALENDAR—UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Saturday, April 20— TIJUANA HOME BUILD, 6:30 am—5:00 pm

Saturday, April 27 - ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY (see page 2)

Saturday, May 4, FOOD PACKING Project with CV Sunrise Rotary, 8-noon

Friday, May 10, FOOD DISTRIBUTION—St. Mark's Lutheran, 8-11 am

May 22—RED SHOE DAY—For Ronald McDonald House

SAVE THE DATE - June 24—District Governor's Dinner—  
Del Mar Hilton—RSVP to President Mora

SAVE THE DATE—Friday, June 28—Installation/Outstallation