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**JOE DEMERS AND KAT SHOEMAKER
FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT!
Friday, April 26, 2024 - Noon**



Our program this Friday will be MUSIC! And fun! Our friend and regular music man Joe De Mers has invited his longtime friend Kat Shoemaker to make music.

Kat Shoemaker is a seasoned pianist and vocalist with extensive experience across the US, Europe, and South America. She has performed in diverse settings, from jazz clubs to pit orchestras for major productions like "Cats." Her accolades include winning the MTAC State Composition Contest and accompanying renowned artists like Charles McPherson.

She leads her own jazz quartet, showcasing her original compositions and standards. With a B.M. in Jazz Composition and Arranging from Berklee College of Music, continues to enrich the San Diego jazz scene through her performances and leadership in monthly concerts and jam sessions at Leonard Patton's Jazz Lounge.

See you Friday—bring a friend!

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR APRIL 19, 2024



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President Mora de Murguia called the meeting to order. Autumn Reid gave the invocation.

Michael Monaco and Lisa Johnson introduced Dr. Shaunte Griffith and presented her with the Above & Beyond Award (see bio page 3).

Finemaster Michael Monaco fined Sofia Salgado Robitaille for an article she was in the San Diego Business Journal. He then fined himself for the SECOND time this year as he again has welcomed a SECOND grandbaby—Juliette Rue Monaco. Welcome to our world Baby Monaco! First grandbaby, Jolene, was born just eleven weeks ago. Congratulations Monaco's!

International Chair Carmen Sandoval thanked everyone for the items donated for the Tijuana Home Build family— as well as for contributions to the Chula Vista Rotary Foundation through pledges and donations throughout the year— members' generosity makes this possible.

Save the date of June 8 for our first BIKE PROJECT in a few years. More details to come. We will be having a Bike Rodeo for the lucky recipients.

Miguel Hernandez with our sister Club—Chula Vista-Eastlake Rotary—invited us to their upcoming fundraiser May 4. Please join them for Carnival in Venice (see page 7).

There was no News at Noon to allow more time for the student speakers.

The presenters for the Rotary Four-Way test covered a variety of topics including perfection, teen pregnancy, drug pricing, mushroom farming and self-doubt. The students were excellent and thought provoking. The judges had a tough time narrowing the field to three to move to the next stage of the process.

Thanks to Rasha Roshdy, District volunteers and everyone who made this program happen!

INVOCATION By Autumn Reid

Dear God

We are thankful for this day and for all that you have given us. Help us to seek every opportunity to render our service to our community and truly keep service to others above ourselves.

Please keep our Rotarians sage in Mexico tomorrow. Be with the family we have blessed and the opportunity to serve.

Bless our fellowship today, bless this food to the nourishment of our bodies. In your name we pray.

Amen

ABOVE & BEYOND AWARD



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Our Club presented the Above & Beyond Award for Education to Dr. Shaunte Griffith, a truly remarkable educator that we hope to see again soon as a guest speaker.

Dr. Shaunte Griffith, Professor and Chair of the Biology department at Southwestern College, has worked in education for over 25 years since graduating with her master's from Grambling State University at 20 years old. Throughout the years she has asserted herself in mentoring faculty in culturally responsive, equity-minded pedagogy to promote student engagement in STEM. She received her PhD in Public Health, focusing on mental health issues. Partnered with Greater Malabar COGIC of Trinidad and Tobago, she has travelled to over 40 countries and throughout the United States to promote suicide awareness and pilot suicide prevention programs.

Griffith, along with her children, are currently pioneering "Sunkissed Surfers", a club exposing inner city Black youth to surfing, along with related activities such as fishing and kayaking. She is an active member of the STEM honors society, Beta Kappa Chi, and continues to passionately build a legacy of scholarship and community service.

(L-R: Sofia Salgado Robitaille, Dr. Shaunte Griffith, Above & Beyond co-chairs Lisa Johnson and Michael Monaco.)



Lisa Johnson sponsored the drawing. (L-R) A visiting student, Lori Torio and Rasha Roshdy took home the theatre tix.



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TIJUANA HOME BUILD 2024



Back row l-r: Haruto (Rotary Exchange student), Hilda Hoffman, Austin Hoffman, Mike Meziere, Bob Silvas, Gary Bryant, Bill Torre, Rob Shields, Shields helpers;
Middle row l-r: Jesse Fernandez, David Hoffman, Reed Dinsmore, Bernard Hernandez, new friend, Cheryl Shields
Front row l-r: Carmen Sandoval, new friend, Jessica Ximeo, Alberto Simbron, Daniela Simbron, Kenia Simbron, Beta Dinsmore, Neisha Hernandez, new friend. Not pictured: Gus Slovinsky, Chloe Slovinsky.

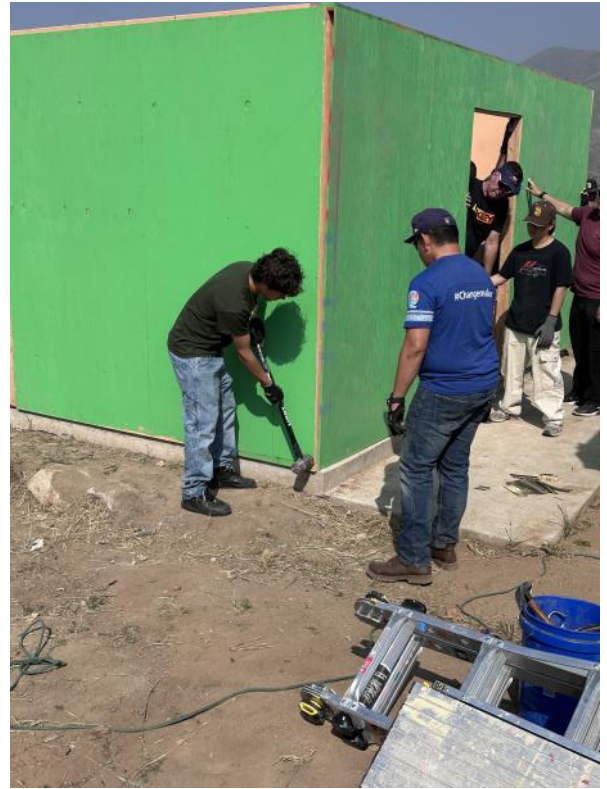


L-R: Haruto waves hi as the first wall goes up. Bill Torre, Gary Bryant and Jesse Fernandez at work.





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The Simbron-Ximeo family celebrating their new home. L-R: Jessica, Kenia, Alberto and Daniela. Austin Hoffman using the sledgehammer to move the 4th wall into position, under Bernard Hernandez's watchful eye.



Neisha and Bernard Hernandez pictured with the Simbron-Ximeo family. Neisha's Dance Academy students selected and raised more than \$2000 for the Tijuana Home Build. Thanks again!





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Above left: The shack the Simbron-Ximeo family called home.
Above right: Neisha Hernandez and Beta Dinsmore worked hard to paint ceiling board, trim and more!



Left to right: Mike Meziere, our project manager for many years, pictured here telling us what to do next.
Gus Slovinsky brought his daughter Chloe to help out.
Carmen Sandoval pictured with Paula Claussen, founder of Project Mercy Baja, greeted us at the home build site.
She is tireless in her humanitarian work to create housing for working families in Baja.



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The five students who spoke to our Club were from all over the County and one student was from Calipatria, in the Imperial County.

Thank you for contributing to the Friends of the CVACF with an item or two from the wish list below.

All items are available to purchase locally and online.

If you prefer, contributions can be made online at www.sdfoundation.org/cv-friends-animal-care or by mail payable to:
The San Diego Foundation, Fund 7211
2508 Historic Decatur Rd., #200
San Diego, CA 92106

Friends
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- PetSafe Martingale dog collars (medium)
- Miracle nipples for kittens, puppies, bunnies & other small animals
- Beggin' Strips dog treats
- XXL Kongs for dogs
- Cat toys wand charmer and tower of tracks
- Nutri-Cal for puppies, dogs and cats
- Tide laundry detergent - liquid or pods
- New or gently-used animal crates, small & medium size
- Hip and Joint Supplement for dogs (Glucosamine Chondroitin)

JOIN US FOR A

CARNIVAL IN VENICE

Saturday: May 4, 2024
5:00 pm -9:00 pm

\$100 PER PERSON
INCLUDES: DINNER, DRINKS,
ENTERTAINMENT &
DANCING

Hosted by: The Rotary Club of Chula Vista
Eastlake
2017 Chardonnay Terrace
Chula Vista, Ca 91913

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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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CALENDAR—UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

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

Sunday, May 19, 9-Noon

May 22—RED SHOE DAY—For Ronald McDonald House

June 8—BIKE PROJECT EVENT

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

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