

Chulatarian

Rotary
Club of Chula Vista 



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

ROTARY CLUB
OF CHULA VISTA

BOARD 2023-2024

President
Mora Keller de Murguía
mdemurguia@baldwinsons.com

President-Elect
Jesse Fernandez
fernjam@pacbell.net

Ben Koala
Treasurer
koalacpa@gmail.com

Rasha Roshdy
Secretary
sdeducator2014@gmail.com

Mark Scott
Past President
msscott@encorerealtysd.com

Zaneta Encarnacion
Executive Secretary
zaneta.encarnacion@gmail.com

Directors:
Risa Baron
Laura Humphreys
Lisa Johnson
Mary Johnson
Lane Pearson
Leon Redondo
Rick Richardson
Rasha Roshdy

www.chulavistarotary.org
P.O Box 324 Bonita CA 91908
Editor:
Carmen Sandoval Fernandez
csandovalzf@gmail.com

The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista
Chartered February 16, 1926 - Club Number 908 - District 5340
Meets Weekly, Noon, 4475 Bonita Road, Bonita (Chula Vista Golf Course)

**CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPEECH CONTEST**
Friday, April 5, 2024 - Noon



This Friday, we will host the Chula Vista Elementary School District Speech Contest featuring the first-place winners who will share their thoughts on: How Can We Unleash our Superpowers for a Positive Change?

Students will represent their schools: Veterans Elementary, Mueller Charter School, Wolf Canyon Elementary and Discovery Charter.

It will be an inspirational afternoon. See you on Friday!

CALENDAR—UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

TBD—Chula Vista Animal Care Facility—Assemble Dog Beds

April 12-14—Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

Saturday, April 20— Tijuana Home Build

May 22—RED SHOE DAY—For Ronald McDonald House

SAVE THE DATE - June 24—District Governor's Dinner—
Del Mar Hilton

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



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

CONGRATULATIONS MARIA!



Rotarian (and Chula Vista City Manager) Maria Kachadoorian was recently honored by MANA de San Diego, a national Latina organization for her many accomplishments and career of “Firsts.”

Fellow Rotarians on hand to cheer wildly (and missing our Club meeting) included Risa Baron, Carmen Sandoval, (not pictured) Sofia Salgado Robitaille and new member Monica Griego. Mayor McCann was on hand to lend his support.

It was a very beautiful event. Congratulations Maria!

CHULA VISTA ROTARY SCHOLARSHIPS UNDERWAY!

The application period is open until this Friday.

The Scholarship Committee will review the applications and we will meet the recipients in May.



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

PROJECT MERCY HOME BUILD UPDATE



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.

(From their application) In Mother Jessica's own words: *One of the biggest challenges living here is the lack of running water. We have to buy it from a passing tanker truck and it is expensive and not readily available. We borrow and electrical line from a neighbor, but the electricity is weak and intermittent. Our house is not well built because we have had to use whatever material we could afford. At night, the cold wind and dust blow in and when it rains, the dirt turns into a mud flow. These living conditions aggravate the asthma of my daughters and makes them very uncomfortable.*

Our economic situation is not very good. We can barely afford basic food and household needs. My daughters have big ambitions for their futures, so I tell her to study hard so that they can get a scholarship because maybe financially, we can't afford to help them. However, I hope that tomorrow their dreams will be fulfilled.

Having a decent house is very important to us more than anything, to have a warm place for my daughters. We don't have enough money to buy a jacket or thick blankets to get through the fold, and I want them to be more comfortable.

I would be very grateful if you could support us with a house. May you give us the opportunity and may God bless you always. Thank you.



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

PROJECT MERCY UPDATE



IDEAS 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

**Everything is a treasure to the
family—thank you!**

Above: The slab for Simbro Ximeo Family was recently poured and ready for the next step - construction day, Saturday, April 20. Their current home is pictured.

GOOD-BYE POLIO
THANKS ROTARY





CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR ROTARIANS!



Duane Buckingham - April 4

Mike Green - April 5

Betty Waznis - April 11

Lisa Johnson - April 19

Lori Mitchell - April 24

Hugo Thomaz - April 27

Monica Griego - April 30



Brad Wilson and his wife Catherine had a very nice visit recently with former CV Rotarian Chuck Peter and his wife Janet in Prescott Arizona.

Chuck is 94 and really doing great. His mental acuity remains sharp. Arterial sclerosis in his legs are slowing him down, but he gets around fairly well with his walker.

He says HELLO to Chula Vista Rotarians!

Jim Biddle reported that he has been forwarding the Chulatarian to him for the last 18 years—
What a guy!