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MAYOR JOHN MCCANN
CHULA VISTA MAYOR
Friday, AUGUST 11, 2023 - Noon



Chula Vista Mayor John McCann has been a lifelong resident in the City of Chula Vista. He was raised by his single mother who worked for Rohr/Goodrich Aerospace Factory. He attended and graduated from Bonita Vista High School, and then earned a Bachelor's Degree in Economics, Master's Degree in Economics and worked at the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.

Mayor McCann joined the U.S. Navy as an enlisted member and was later commissioned as a Naval Officer. He was mobilized to serve "boots on the ground" in Mosul, Iraq during the War in Iraq. McCann continues to serve in the United States Navy Reserves as a Commander.

He served four terms as City Councilmember and has consistently championed Public Safety. Mayor McCann is still living in Chula Vista, raising his four children and grandson, with his wife, Myssie.



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - AUGUST 4, 2023

President Mora de Murguia called the meeting to order. Carmen Sandoval gave the invocation and Songmaster Chuck Bevan led us in song.

President Mora wished “Happy Birthday!” to Club members born in August. She also wished “Happy Rotary Anniversary!” to those who joined in August.

Gary Bryant announced there is an opening for the August 24 fishing trip. See him asap if you want to fill the spot. Greg Cox encouraged members to eat at Rubio’s today to benefit the Chula Vista Animal Shelter.

Mora thanked everyone to participated in the Urbane Café fundraiser. There were many sightings of Rotarians. The amount raised will be shared once we have the information.

If you are interested in hosting or teaming up to host an exchange student from Germany Please let Mora know.

DG Don Fipps encouraged members to sign up for the District Conference which will be a cruise out of Los Angeles to Mexico. A unique and fun way to meet—April 26-29.

Did you know Rotary has a friendship exchange? Check it out! It could be a fun way to travel and lower costs.

District Governor Don Fipps presented Rick Richardson with his Paul Harris award. DG Don presented Carmen Sandoval with a Rotary Challenge coin for her work on the Chulatarian.

Finemaster Michael Monaco fined HIMSELF on the occasion of begin a grandfather in waiting—great news!

DG Don gave a wonderful presentation about his journey in Rotary, military service and career. He and his wife, Donna, are members of the Rotary Club of Del Mar and passionate puppy raisers through Canine Companions. They are always looking for raisers and sitters.

Originally from Delano, CA, DG Don met Donna working on a Rose Parade float while in college. He told us about the Warriors Warehouse in North County which helps young military families set up their homes. We were happy to hear past DG Chuck Preto is doing well with his treatment. Inspiring speech!

INVOCATION—Given by Carmen Sandoval

As we gather here today as members of Rotary, we pray that we are ever mindful of opportunities to render our service to fellow citizens and to our community.

Keeping in mind always the enduring values of life, exerting our efforts in those areas and on those things upon which future generations can build with confidence.
Let us continue to strive to make a better world. AMEN

JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON by Betty Waznis



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Hello, everyone. Welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News brought to you by Chris Lewis and The Lewis Group.

On Wednesday seven major automakers - General Motors, BMW, Honda, Hyundai, Kia, Mercedes and Stellantis - announced plans to build a network of fast chargers that will rival Tesla's and will nearly double the number of quick-charging plugs in the U.S. and Canada. There are just under 8,700 direct-current fast-charging stations in the U.S. and Canada with nearly 36,000 charging plugs. The new network would be public and open to all electric vehicle owners. It will have connectors for both Tesla's North American Charging Standard plugs as well as the Combined Charging System plugs used by other automakers. The companies will share in a multibillion-dollar investment to build "high power" charging stations with at least 30,000 plugs in urban areas and along travel corridors by 2030. The companies said the first of the U.S. chargers will be ready by next summer. Fast chargers can get a battery to 80 percent of its capacity in 20 minutes to one hour, much quicker than 240-volt "Level 2" chargers that can take hours to charge a car. The move is intended to speed the adoption of electric vehicles, currently 7% of all new vehicle sales, and forecasted to grow to over 1 million this year, almost 15% of sales.

The nursing home unit of Chula Vista's Fredericka Manor will cease operations Aug. 16, because of increased labor costs and staffing shortages. 185 staff members will be laid off and dozens of patients will be relocated to other facilities. Fredricka Manor is not alone is dealing with staff shortages. 77 percent of nursing homes continue to face moderate to high levels of staffing shortages, and only 3 percent are fully staffed. The upcoming closure does not affect the rest of the retirement community. Fredericka Manor will continue to offer assisted living services to residents in their apartments and cottages, and will open a new memory care neighborhood next year.

The Padres sensibly made low-cost trades Tuesday in the final five hours before the 3 p.m. MLB trade deadline. The team acquired left-handed starter Rich Hill and left-handed-hitting first baseman/designated hitter Ji-Man Choi from the Pirates, right-handed reliever Scott Barlow from the Royals, and right-handed-hitting first baseman/DH Garrett Cooper and Triple-A reliever Sean Reynolds from the Marlins. The Padres parted ways with former first-round pick Ryan Weathers and five other minor leaguers. The trades lack a blockbuster. But Hill, the oldest player in baseball at 43, and Choi are relatively big names who could play significant roles. Up next - a four game homestand series against the Dodgers starting tonight.

Chris Lewis was born in Wisconsin in 1944 and raised mainly in its West Central in the heart of America's Dairyland. He lived his formative years in a rural township where his father was a Butter Maker and Manager of a small creamery which regularly produced over 2000 pounds of butter per day. In early June 1958, at age 14, Chris was put to work on a nearby farm that had been demolished by a devastating tornado along with every farm in the area. He quickly learned to handle every type of farm implement to plow fields, plant crops, cultivate crops, cut, and bail hay, milk cows, operate chain saws, assisted on a portable sawmill to process lumber to rebuild the farm buildings. He worked on this farm while attending high school; playing football, basketball and running track and field until age 18 when he graduated. After high school, Chris attended college at the University of Wisconsin until joining the Navy. Chris married Jean soon after joining the Navy where they found themselves stationed in Williamsburg Virginia, Washington DC, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Great Lakes, Illinois, and the San Francisco Bay area where they retired. Chris was a qualified Naval Surface Warfare Officer of the Line and retired with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Upon retirement, Chris worked at Southwest Marine, a ship repair facility headquartered in San Diego, where he was Corporate Director of Planning. He left the ship repair industry after eight years and began his successful real estate career with McMillin Realty. Chris and Jean opened their own real estate and property management company where they have served San Diego County since 2009. Chris and Jean had three children, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today sponsored by Chris Lewis and The Lewis Group.



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L-R: Past President **Mark Scott** was finally able to connect in person with **Zaneta Encarnacion** Co-Rotarian of the Year. He is presenting her with her gift. Congratulations again Z!
District Governor **Don Fipps** presents **Rick Richardson** with his Paul Harris recognition.
DG Don gave a shout out and beautiful Rotary coin to Chulatarian editor **Carmen Sandoval**. He is a former editor of two Rotary Clubs' newsletters and appreciates the work—and all our logos were all up to date!



L-R: This lucky drawing winners this week pictured with Chris Lewis were Gary Bryant, Greg Cox and Tina Matthias. Congratulations!



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR ROTARIANS!



Tiffany Hecklinski - August 3

Julie Delgado - August 14

Bernard Hernandez - August 25

HAPPY ROTARY ANNIVERSARY!

Gary Bryant— 35 years

Jim Biddle—49 years

David Hoffman—19 years

Suzanne Catanzaro—20 years

Mora de Murguia—9 years

Jan Mellinger—32 years

Bob Bliss—36 years

Eduardo Reyes—1 year



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District Governor Don Fipps was not able to bring his current Canine Companion in training, however, he did bring his very fun bobble head.

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