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DIANNE CRAWFORD
DISTRICT GOVERNOR
Friday, August 16, 2024 - Noon



Dianne is an accomplished Rotary leader with a strong commitment to community service. Joining Rotary in 1997, she is a proud member of the Rotary Club of Southeast San Diego, serving as Club President, Secretary and Board member. For more than 50 years the club has served the needs of the underserved community in Southeast San Diego, consistently earning the Rotary Citation for their exceptional work. Dianne's passion for education shines through her involvement in leadership projects and Rotary programs like RYLA, LEAD, and Interact, aimed at developing future leaders.

Her professional career spans 15 years as Director of Sales for several national telecommunications companies, where she excelled in managing sales and support teams, achieving revenue growth and market share expansion. Subsequently, as Director of Major & National Accounts for Language Line Services, the largest provider of language interpretation services in the U.S., she successfully managed account teams and the company's prestigious Fortune 100 clients including American Express, Bank of America, AT&T, Microsoft, Citibank, Amazon and more.

Currently working as a Sales & Management Consultant, Dianne offers her expertise to small and mid-size clients, providing guidance in sales, customer support, business planning, organization and training.

As the selected District Governor for the 2024/2025 Rotary year, Dianne is excited & ready to lead one of the largest and most successful Districts in the Rotary organization. Residing in San Diego, CA, with her husband Michael, Dianne cherishes spending time with her son Regis and grandson Kingston, as well as visiting her family at home on the beautiful island of St. Martin in the Caribbean.



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR AUGUST 9, 2024

President Jesse Fernandez called the meeting to order. Carmen Sandoval gave the invocation. President Jesse put Pancho the Polio Pig into circulation.

He welcomed Neisha Hernandez to the podium for a check presentation. Neisha's students raised \$3500 for the Tijuana Home Build - amazing! This is \$1000+ above last year and the projected amount this year. We appreciate and thank her dedicated Dance Teams.

Announcements were made. Gary Bryant said the food distribution at St. Mark's was held this morning and several Rotarians were there including Bill Torre, Chris Lewis, Monica Griego, Nancy Kerwin and Gary.

A report was made on the Rotary Fishing trip on August 8. Several guests joined Mark Scott, Rick Richardson, David Hoffman, Mike Green, Mauricio Lutteroth, Gary Bryant, Ben Vallejos and others for a fun day on the ocean. There were 60+ boats out on the water, all looking for yellowtail and other big fish.

President Jesse highlighted the upcoming Rotary Friendship Exchange to India. Please let him know if you are interested.

Operation Gratitude is Monday, August 19 and Tuesday, August 20. Teams will pack care packages for deployed troops. Sign up online for this District activity. Other District events and Club programs were reviewed.

Jerry May was the Jim Biddle News at Noon sponsor. The lucky winners were Darrel Johnson, President Jesse and a county person who is not able to accept "gifts." We think she gave it to whoever gave the ticket to her.

Camille Wildburger, the Park Program Manager for the evolving Otay Valley Regional Park gave an overview of progress to date and encouraged us to log onto their community engagement website to provide further comments. There were many questions and suggestions. After the program, extra time was used to provide suggestions on mental health topics

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

Summer Club Social—Friday, September 13, 5:00 p.m. \$10

At the home of Lisa & Eric Johnson

We will be recognizing Red Badgers and there will be a Taquero preparing fresh food

Please respond if you plan to attend; pay on Club Runner or at our Meeting





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 sponsored by Jerry May and Rotary International.

Well, we are off and running. The two major parties have decided on their tickets for the 2024 presidential race: Donald Trump and JD Vance against Kamala Harris and Tim Walz. It will be a speedy race to election day, only 88 days from today. After flying in from China and spending six weeks behind the scenes, giant pandas Xin Bao and Yun Chuan made their public debut at noon yesterday at the San Diego Zoo, the first giant pandas to enter the U.S. in 21 years. San Diego has had panda fever before and it appears that 2024 will be no different. Governor Newsom has already issued a proclamation declaring yesterday California Panda Day in celebration of the bears' debut. The San Diego mayor is warning of traffic jams heading into Balboa Park.

If you've been overcome by panda-monium, you have three options to see our new celebrities: Reserve a free ticket and viewing time by scanning a QR code on signs posted throughout the zoo; wait in the standby line at the panda exhibit, beginning at 9:30am; purchase a one-hour "Early Morning with Pandas" walking tour led by an expert guide, starting at \$92 per person. Those are sold out for the rest of the month. The bears are in a new habitat called Panda Ridge that's four times bigger than the zoo's previous panda space. It features pools and misters to keep the bears cool, and rock outcroppings, lush trees and bushes inspired by Chinese forests where wild pandas roam.

Athletes who live or train here in San Diego County have been well represented at the Olympics. Let's just look at one sport – the men's park skateboarding competition held on Wednesday. Two San Diegans, friends who have skated together in Encinitas for years, ended up winning the gold and silver medals. Keegan Palmer got the gold for Australia. He was born in San Diego, the son of a UCSD grad, moved to Australia and then back to North County at age 14 to further his promising skateboard career.

His friend Tom Schaar got the silver. He attended San Dieguito Academy High School and lives in Encinitas. Point Loma High School grad Tate Carew finished fifth. Cardiff resident Alex Sorgente was sixth, representing Italy. Other locals in the competition included Gavin Bottger, the reigning world champion from Oceanside, who just missed making the finals; another local was Thomas Augusto, a San Marcos resident skating for Portugal; and Andy Macdonald, who moved to San Diego from the East Coast in 1992 to become a pro skater, found himself in the Olympics representing Great Britain at age 51.

Our Padres swept a 3-game series against the Pirates that ended yesterday and will start another three-game series against the Marlins on the road today. They are looking good - second place, in the NL West, sitting 2 games behind the Dodgers.

The annual Chula Vista ArtFest is this Saturday from noon to 6 pm at City Hall. It features more than 30 artists, more than 60 vendor booths, live performances and food trucks. Artists will be creating works onsite based on the theme "Written in the Stars". Admission is free. Visit cvartfest.com.

Today's sponsor Jerry May is happily retired from two careers, aerospace and teaching. His hobbies are string art and needlepoint. His children are here in San Diego County, plus three grandsons. Current passion is Groot, a big beautiful nine-year-old Great Pyrenees dog, that he first met at a Rotary meeting program. Jerry encourages every member to give to Rotary International through the Rotary Foundation. He says, "It's the best value for your charity dollar that will help the world."

This concludes this edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today' sponsored by Jerry May and Rotary International.



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—AUGUST 9, 2024



A very happy Neisha Hernandez shares the great news about Neisha's Dance Teams' fundraiser for our Club's Tijuana Home Build—They raised \$3500—great job and a big THANK YOU!



Jerry May was this week's sponsor and the lucky winners were Darrel Johnson and Jesse Fernandez.



SECOND FRIDAY FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT ST. MARK'S



L-R: A new friend, Gary Bryant and Monica Griego, with a long line of waiting cars behind them. Monica hauling boxes - in a skirt! Way to go Monica! (Not something we see everyday.)



L-R: Nancy Kerwin taking a quick water break. A smiling Bill Torre and Chris Lewis on the job.

**GOOD-BYE POLIO
THANKS ROTARY**





See how many Rotarians you can find in this picture.
Mark Scott, Rick Richardson, David Hoffman, Mike Green, Mauricio Lutteroth,
Gary Bryant, and Ben Vallejos in their fishing gear.

CLUB CALENDAR

August 19 & 20 —Operation Gratitude—District event; assemble 5K Care Packages for Deployed Troops, 1-4 pm (other shifts available)

Friday, August 23 - Prevent Drowning Foundation - Club program, noon

Saturday, August 24—Chula Vista-Eastlake Rotary Club Fundraising Event: Sip n Sail, \$100

Friday, August 30 - Labor Day Weekend—Club Dark—No meeting

Friday, September 6—Registrar of Voters - Club Program

Friday, September 13 - No meeting—*Summer Social at 5:00 pm*