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**ART MUNIZ**  
**Wealth Manager, Archipelago Wealth Management**  
**Friday, August 2, 2024 - Noon**



This Friday, come meet the financial advisor who is managing our Chula Vista Legacy fund.

Arthur Muñiz is a Southern California native whose journey from humble beginnings has shaped his passion for finance and helping others. Born and raised in the vibrant SoCal culture, as a child, Arthur excelled in sports, particularly soccer and surfing, showcasing an early determination and discipline. His love for numbers led him to excel in math and science, eventually earning him a coveted spot at his dream school, UC Santa Barbara, where he graduated with a BA in Business Economics.

Arthur's financial acumen traces back to his teenage years when he discovered his calling as a second-generation financial advisor. His first taste of the working world involved driving a tractor at a local driving range, an experience that taught him the value of time and the impact of taxes on earnings. Raised by a single parent, Arthur draws inspiration from his mother, whose unwavering grit, holding two jobs while studying, instilled in him the resilience needed to achieve one's goals.

Outside the world of finance, Arthur finds joy in diverse activities. A culinary enthusiast, he enjoys cooking and exploring new restaurants. His love for travel extends to family adventures, complemented by an appreciation for wine tasting. Whether on the golf course or riding the waves, Arthur embraces the outdoors, showcasing a well-rounded approach to life.



## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR JULY 26, 2024

President Jesse Fernandez called the meeting to order. Michael Monaco gave the invocation and led the pledge. Treasurer Rasha Roshdy introduced the guests.

President Jesse announced some upcoming events and programs. Lisa Johnson shared about the Club Social which will be held on Friday, September 13. Please sign up on the clipboard and/or pay \$10 online to confirm your attendance on Clubrunner. There will be a taquero and we will have a special recognition for our Red Badgers as they receive their Blue badges.

Other upcoming events include a fundraiser that Mark Scott will spearhead—with help from the rest of us. Joe DeMers—our piano player—will be helping to coordinate our Holiday Program this year. Get ready for a fun time!

Our Club will be 99 years young on February 16, 2025 and we will be celebrating - getting warmed up for the big 100th in 2026. Save the date!

President Jesse is asking for help from members to make sure we have all of our club bases covered this year. There are a couple of areas where we need leadership. We are almost there.

He brought his Olympic Torch from the 1984 games. He ran a leg of the relay and it comes out every four years to share.

Lisa Johnson provided another excellent News at Noon. The Shields family were this week's sponsors and brought beautiful items from Africa, Chik Fil-A cookies and a gift card. Thank you!

The program was a family effort with the Shields sharing their beautiful experiences in Zambia this summer. Zach and Caroline were there two months and the rest of the family—Cheryl, Rob and Hannah—arrived for one of the camps that local children attend, receive medical care and have fun. The country of Zambia has 19 million people, with 55% living below the poverty level there. AIDS, malnutrition, sickle cell anemia and severe drought has wreaked havoc in the country. The major city is Lusaka which has 3 million people. There are 700 tribes with variations of the Nyanja language. As a former English colony, English is the official language for education and business.

The Shields work with the Family Legacy organization which run schools, training programs for guardians and the Tree of Life which houses many children removed from difficult family situations or orphaned. It was a beautiful and moving presentation. Thank you Shields family!

### **INVOCATION BY MICHAEL MONACO**

**Heavenly Father or Guiding Light,**

**We pray that your light shines bright on what is truth.**

**We pray that our actions in service demonstrate fairness to all.**

**We pray that we seek greater fellowship and goodwill through peace.**

**And we pray that all our efforts to serve our fellow man is beneficial and blessed.**

**Amen & Shalom**



## JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON by Betty Waznis

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### ***GUEST EDITOR LISA JOHNSON - BETTY WAZNIS IS ON VACATION***

Good afternoon, Rotarians, visiting Rotarians, and guests. Today's Jim Biddle News at Noon is sponsored by The Shields Family.

Starting the news this week where I ended it last week... 'Twisters' whipped up big crowds and big dollars at box office. Moviegoers ran toward the tornadoes over the weekend, propelling "Twisters" to a blockbuster opening. The standalone sequel to the 1996 hit made \$80.5 million in ticket sales from more than 4100 theaters in North America. That is about \$30 million more than analysts expected initially and makes for the biggest opening of a live-action movie yet this summer.

Look out golf... Pickleball is coming for your corporate schmoozers. While golf courses long have been hailed as the premier venue for closing deals and wooing clients, a growing number are finding that pickleball saves them time and money, while being more inclusive and easier to play. Corporate bookings at pickleball clubs across the U.S. spiked in June from the previous month. Individual pickleball club operators back this up, saying that company events are increasing exponentially. Ace Pickleball Club, with locations in various states, has had a steady flow of corporate gatherings, with event requests at new locations piling up even before they open. Pickleballerz club in Chantilly, Va., reports corporate bookings have roughly tripled since 2021. The court is becoming especially popular among lawyers, bankers and realtors looking to expand their professional circles. In Rochester Hills, Mich., pickleball instructor Robert Dunn said he sees lawyers with clients, business types talking shop and auto industry executives bringing suppliers and purchasers to play. "Even if the intent isn't business, business is often a topic of conversation," Dunn said.

The Shields Family is an active family. Yes, they do play pickleball... in addition to playing pickleball, Rob is a Corporate Defense Attorney and a partner at Wilson Turner Kosmo. Cheryl is Senior Director of Marketing and Community Relations for Chick-fil-A. Rob & Cheryl have 21 year old triplets: Caroline - is a Senior at Liberty University in Virginia - graduating with her degree as a Child Life Specialist and then will complete her nursing degree; Hannah is a Senior at Liberty University - graduating with her Business Degree and is currently in the process of applying to Law Schools; and Zach is a Senior at Baylor University in Texas - graduating as a Science Research Fellow and has taken the MCAT and is in 2nd round of applications for Med School. Beyond their jobs and education, the Shields family loves to serve together - whether at Rotary, at Church, running A Night to Remember Prom for kids with special needs together for 11 years - and now the past 2 years - in Africa ... they love to jump in and serve.

Firefighters in the West are scrambling as new wildfires threaten communities in Oregon, California and Washington, with at least one Oregon fire so large that it is creating its own weather. Interstate 84 in eastern Oregon was closed in both directions Tuesday between Ontario and Baker City as flames from the Durkee fire advanced toward the road in multiple locations. On Tuesday, the Oregon Department of Transportation also closed the eastbound lanes of I-84 from Pendleton to Baker City. Near the California-Nevada border, a series of lightning-sparked wildfires was threatening structures Tuesday in several communities southwest of Portola.

Big happenings this weekend... no... not the Padres. You'll have to fly way east to catch a game in person this weekend. Next home game is Rotary night on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

The big San Diego happening this weekend is COMICON 2024! If you are fortunate enough to have scored a ticket, you can see all the craziness up close and personal and experience the joy and fun of seeing your super-hero friends in person. But if you did get tickets... you wouldn't be sitting here listening to me... you would be downtown at the event.





**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—JULY 26, 2024**



L-R: Dan Dredla really getting into his time with the Olympic torch. Hannah and Zach Shields closely examine the torch as it makes its way across the room.



L-R: Lucky winners with Cheryl Shields, Ken Weimer, Diane Flint-Wages and Rasha Roshdy.





Speakers mugs for everyone! A small token of appreciation for their wonderful presentation on their work in Zambia.  
L-R: President Jesse, Zach, Cheryl, Rob, Hannah and Caroline Shields.

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For COMICON aficionados [like past prez Zaneta], you know it is much more than super-hero sightings and people in costumes. COMICON is a jam-packed, five-day experience highlighting some of the best arts, culture, and creative experiences on the planet. You don't need a ticket to enjoy the fun. Head downtown this weekend and keep your eyes peeled and you might spy Hugh Jackman, Ryan Reynolds, Will Ferrell, and many other famous folks. Let's talk COMICON numbers...this is a true economic boon to our region. Expected revenue this year exceeds \$160M and anticipated attendance is more than 135,000 visitors to our 'hood. COMICON will be in San Diego at least through 2026.

And tonight...be in front of your television with a croissant and some good French wine to watch the historic opening ceremonies of the Summer Olympics 2024. Paris is the host city, and the opening ceremonies will be historic, as it is the first time they will occur NOT in a stadium, but will be happening on the Seine River. The highly polluted river is said, after over \$1B invested in cleaning it up, to be ready to host the swim portion of the triathlon. How badly do those triathletes want to win a medal? There are too many interesting angles to the Olympics this year to report them all, but highlights will include Simone Biles returning full force as the oldest [at 27] gymnast on the U.S. women's team and LeBron James being one of our flag bearers. Controversary includes no A/C in the Olympic village housing units and the Russians sending only about a dozen athletes instead of the hundreds who usually compete from that country. And a first...break dancing is now an Olympic sport for the first time this year.

And that concludes this edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's news was brought to you by The Shields Family. We can't wait to hear about your adventures in Africa.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR ROTARIAN!**



**BERNARD HERNANDEZ - August 25**



**1984 FLASHBACK:** President Jesse running his leg of the Olympic Torch relay which went through San Diego before it went to Los Angeles for the games.