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CAMILLE WILDBURGER
OTAY VALLEY REGIONAL PARK
Friday, August 9, 2024 - Noon



Otay Valley Regional Park (OVRP) is a multi-jurisdictional planning effort by the County and the cities of San Diego and Chula Vista.

The long-term vision for this park is for it to connect recreational park and trail land from the salt ponds at San Diego Bay to the land surrounding the Otay Lakes Reservoir. From playing fields and picnic areas to hiking, biking and horse trails, the park will provide visitors with a variety of recreation opportunities.

Development will be balanced by efforts to protect and preserve native habitats, local wildlife and cultural resources.

Camille Wildburger, the Park Project Manager, will provide a project overview, share updates and insights, provide ways to help share this news, and access to public participation surveys. This will serve as an opportunity for South Bay residents, community members, and stakeholders to contribute ideas, provide feedback, and stay informed about the project's developments.



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR AUGUST 2, 2024

President Jesse Fernandez called the meeting to order. Bill Torre gave the invocation.

Past President Mora de Murguia shared the Rotary Citation that our Club received in recognition of our excellence. Less than a third of the clubs in District 5340 received this honor. Thanks again for a great year Mora!

President Jesse gave a special shout out to Jim Biddle who has zoomed for several months. Jim received a big welcome back and many hugs. The Club sang "Happy Birthday!" to Bernard Hernandez. President Jesse highlighted some upcoming District events. He shared a link to the District website where members can sign up to receive the weekly Newsbits.

Gary Bryant announced the date for this year's Christmas in October - Saturday, October 26. More details to follow.

The meeting was adjourned to convene the Annual Meeting of the Chula Vista Rotary Foundation. David Hoffman, Chair of the Nominations Committee presided. He presented the slate of officers and directors for 2024-2025. They are: Ben Koala, Chair, Jesse Fernandez, Vice Chair, Directors: Bob Bliss, Mauricio Lutteroth, Michael Monaco, Mark Scott and Rasha Roshdy. Motion by Mike Green/Second by Bernard Hernandez: To approve the slate.

The regular meeting was reconvened. Mark Scott made a final call for members to join the next Rotary fish catching trip, Thursday, August 8. See Mark to attend.

President Jesse announced there was \$251 in Pancho the Polio Pig for the month of July. Thanks everyone! Thanks Max Scrivens for helping to pull all the money out and count.

Mark Scott sponsored the Jim Biddle News at Noon and the lucky drawing winners were: Ken Weimer, David Hoffman and Mora de Murguia.

Mark introduced Arthur Muniz with Archipelago Wealth Management, who manages our Legacy Fund. He provided a very thorough overview. Mark Scott added insight into early contributors and how it came to be.

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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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 Mark Scott and the Rotary Legacy Endowment.

As sometimes happens, Betty is on vacation, and I am subbing for her...but our vacations overlap a bit. When that happens, I report remotely from a random location, so I am coming to you from somewhere on the route between California and Nevada.

Well, what else is there really to talk about except the Olympics. I will get to that momentarily. There is a little additional interesting news to report. The last two weeks I mentioned Twisters and its early box office success. It was simply blown out of the water last weekend by Deadpool and Wolverine which earned more than \$205M its opening weekend. Recipe for super success...take two individually successful film franchises featuring mega stars [Hugh Jackman and Ryan Reynolds], blend well, and serve it up mid-summer. Drop the mic!

Locally, a few Rotarians including Past Prez Mora, Tiago Carneiro, Maria Kachadorian, and me, along w/honorary Rotarians Greg and Cheryl Cox, and Mayor John McCann were there to celebrate the 'topping off' [last place of roof steel placed] of the new HQ and community center for SBCS [aka: South Bay Community Services]. Located at the former First Bank site on Fourth Avenue, this 61,000 SF building will allow consolidation of many community services for families and children. Our club has partnered with and supported many programs at SBCS, including Mi Escuelita Pre-school.

Before we get to some amazing Olympic feats and success stories, let's talk controversy. According to media sources, controversy is not listed on the official Olympic program of 48 sports. But it's part of the Games. Always has been. Always will be. Put 10,000+ athletes from 200+ nations in the same hot, overcrowded city for three weeks, and something is going to happen. Remember Ryan Lochte, or as he was known after the 2016 Olympics...the Lochte Mess Monster. Let's talk 2024...how about a staffer on the Canadian soccer team sending a drone up to spy on the practice of the New Zealand team. Woops... The Canadian coach called it "an error in judgement" and sent the staff member packing. How about the captain of the Japanese gymnastics team sent home for smoking and drinking? She is 19 and the age to do that in Japan is 20. Another error in judgment perhaps? But the Netherlands takes the controversy cake, allowing a convicted rapist to play beach volleyball.

Past president Mark Scott is our sponsor today. Mark's persistent leadership of our Rotary Legacy Endowment has propelled us toward sustainable programs and community support. Mark and Stacey Scott own and run a Property Management Company as well as a Real Estate Sales office here in Bonita. 23-year-old Carly is headed to Washington State to begin her culinary career. 21-year-old son Jacob has been interning at the New Orleans Zoo, thanks in part to Ken Weimer and Lori Torio as he worked at the Living Coast Discovery Center last semester. Mark's favorite Rotary project is Bikes and he is excited to share the new lead in forming the Legacy Endowment committee. He is looking for volunteers to serve.

Let's conclude today's news with just a few of the amazing Olympic moments so far...

- Teenager Jagger Easton, a skateboarder from Encinitas won a silver medal
- The USA Women's Rugby 7's team, who train at Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center took the bronze and first medal ever in this sport for the United States. **(continued on page 5)**



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—AUGUST 2, 2024



L-R: Max Scrivens ready to count the money in Pancho the Polio Pig. Turns out it was \$251!
President Jesse and Past President Mora with the Rotary Citation awarded to our Club.
Jim Biddle is back! It was great to see our favorite Buckeye in the house after many weeks away, but still on zoom.



Mark Scott brought our favorite—See's Chocolates—as the drawing prizes. The lucky winners were: Ken Weimer, David Hoffman and Mora de Murguia.



L-R: President Jesse with Arthur Muniz, our guest speaker this week. Our friend Fernando de los Santos, former Tijuana Rotarian and current Y of Tijuana Board member, with our own Laura Humphreys who presented a check to the Y of Tijuana on behalf of our Club, Tonie Andrade with the Chula Vista-Eastlake Rotary Club and another member, who also presented a check to them. Our contribution will assist the highly impacted Migrant Youth program they run.

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- Too much swimming to note everything but think about this...decorated Olympian Mark Spitz won eight gold medals in a speedo, mustache, and no goggles. Swimmers today have the advantage of technology in training and aerodynamic suits. Amazing that often, the difference between a gold medal and a bronze medal is less than 5/100 of a second – about the time it takes a human to blink!
- Men's team gymnastics won bronze – the first men's team medal in gymnastics in 16 years for the U.S.
- Women's team gymnastics gold...redemption tour...US won three of the last four Olympics team golds, narrowly losing in Tokyo to the Russian Olympic Committee. Simone Biles is now the most decorated gymnast ever; and could become the most decorated female Olympian by the end of the Paris Olympics. And those wild and crazy triathletes finally did it! They jumped in and swam in the Seine!
Keep watching for more amazing stuff!

And that concludes this edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's news was brought to you by past president Mark Scott and our Rotary Club's Legacy Endowment.



CLUB CALENDAR

Friday, August 9 - Food Distribution at St. Marks (580 Hilltop, near I St), 8:00 am

Friday, August 16 - District Governor Dianne Crawford Visits, noon

Monday, August 19—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*

