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DISTRICT GOVERNOR

JEB BAKKE

Friday, August 28, 2026, Noon



Jeb originally joined Poway Rotary Club (now Poway Scripps) in 1991, where he served in various offices and avenues of service. He moved to the Rancho Bernardo Sunrise club in 1994 where he was also active in a variety of capacities. He took a leave of absence to raise his young family, while keeping in touch with the many relationships he formed through Rotary. He returned to Rotary in 2017 to RB Sunrise where he served as President in 2020-21. He has served the district as International Service Chair from 2021-23 and was an assistant governor for Area 15 that serves both the Paradise Valley and Sweetwater Rotary clubs as well as four active Rotaract clubs - D5340 of SDSU, UCSD, Pacific Beach and City Heights. Jeb is Paul Harris +8 and a Benefactor, a member of the Paul Harris society and a member of the Polio Plus Society.

He grew up in Denver, Colorado as the eldest of five boys. He was active in sports, service clubs and singing at Cherry Creek High School and the University of Colorado, graduating in 1983 with a BS in Finance and Real Estate. He has been married to his wife Evan for over 35 years and has three grown children. He enjoys golf, exercising and sports.

Jeb has been an award winning, successful commercial real estate broker in San Diego with CBRE, Inc. since 1984. His team has been involved in many recognizable, high-profile, ground-up office developments and represented many large, well-known tenants in Southern CA, other states and countries.

CLUB HIGHLIGHTS - AUGUST 21, 2026

President Rasha Roshdy called the meeting to order. Jerry May provided the invocation and Chuck Bevan led us in song—If I Had a Hammer.

Treasurer Bill Torre introduced guests and visiting Rotarians. President Rasha requested fun bucks from Ken Weimer in honor of his recent trip to Washington state and Victoria, Canada.

In her ongoing quest to find her missing/stolen gavel, President Rasha questioned Past President Ben Koala. He does not have it.

President Rasha gave an update on the number of polio cases in the world, where numbers are rising in Afghanistan (59) and Pakistan (121). This information was from the World Health Organizations (WHO).

The Chairperson of the Fun & Membership Committee, Tana Lorah, announced a farewell happy hour for Reed and Beta Dinsmore who are moving to Boston very soon. It will be Friday, September 4, 4:30-8:30 pm at Carmen and Jesse's home.

Betty Waznis provided the Jim Biddle News at Noon, sponsored by Wendi Messina. Drawing winners were Gus Slovinsky, Sergio Gutierrez and Bill Torre.

Lisa Johnson introduced the guest speaker, Katrina Bruins, Director of the Visions Museum of Textile Arts in Liberty Station. She provided an informative overview of their many activities. It was previously known as the Quilt Museum but updated their name to better reflect the multitude of other mediums for

INVOCATION GIVEN BY JERRY MAY

In this wonderful universe we live in, our lives are a miniscule spec. And yet, we find the needs of one human being to be of great value. Our history shows that much of the progress made by humankind has been as a result of our minds and our imagination.

And so it is that we can be grateful for the imagination of Paul Harris when he gave birth to this organization. Rotary sees the possibilities in the good that can happen in the world if we work together to help each other, as individual human beings.

The universe may be bigger than we can try to understand, but the good we can do together is greater than the universe.

We are blessed to be here and now. Let us see with our imagination what we can do to help people have better lives.

Amen and Shalom

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With Betty Waznis

JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON

**BY
BETTY WAZNIS**

Hello, everyone and welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today brought to you by Wendi Messina and the South Bay Family YMCA.

Work started Monday on some key road projects designed to improve travelers' access to and from the San Diego Airport, even as work on the new Terminal One is ongoing. The focus will be on Pacific Highway, Grape Street, and Palm Street, which will get multiple improvements, including additional lanes modernized traffic signals, and railroad crossing enhancements. The work will continue through fall of next year. Some temporary lane closures and traffic shifts are to be expected. However, access to the airport, surrounding neighborhoods, businesses, and emergency services will be maintained throughout the construction period.

We know Costco sells everything from travel packages to gasoline. Now it plans to sell Costco-branded Medicare plans starting with a limited roll-out, working with SCAN, a nonprofit insurer. The company declined to disclose exact location or timing of the initial launch. Both Medicare Advantage and Medicare supplement plans will eventually be offered. The idea is that the plans will integrate closely with Costco's offerings of prescription drugs, vision services, over-the-counter medications, and hearing products. The plans will be sold in Costco stores, as well as through normal channels such as insurance agents and websites.

Baseball is in the news this week. The Little League World Series is getting underway a day late – yesterday's matches were cancelled due to heavy rainstorms. Play began early this morning. Our neighbors, the little league team from Tijuana, are the Mexican national champs, and are there playing in the international bracket. They played Australia this morning and crushed them 7 to 1. They advance to play the winner of the match between Nicaragua and Panama. Sweetwater Valley Little also debuted today, playing the Midwest regional champion Davenport Iowa. After a nail-biter of a game this morning between two pitching superstars, Sweetwater lost 1 to 0. It's a double elimination tournament, so they have another chance to advance.

In other baseball news. Major League Baseball owners on Monday unanimously approved the new Padres ownership group led by José E. Feliciano and Kwanza Jones. The couple will be introduced as principal owners at a news conference at Petco Park on Monday. They purchased a controlling interest in the club from the Seidler family in a deal that valued the franchise at an MLB-record \$3.9 billion.

Monday's vote was seen as a formality. Feliciano and Jones had been vetted, and their group's financing was approved by a committee of owners earlier this month. That will bring to an end an era that began when Peter Seidler and Ron Fowler bought the team in August 2012 and has come to be seen, by some measures, as the most successful period in Padres history. Feliciano, a founding partner of Clearlake Capital, is estimated by Forbes to have a net worth over \$3 billion. The Padres are back home and play the Twins at 6:40 tonight. They lost last week's series against the Mets 2 games to 1 but are still in the last spot in the National League wild card playoff lineup.

Today's sponsor Wendi Messina, is the Executive Director of the South Bay YMCA and has served the Chula Vista community through her work at the Y for more than 25 years, dedicating her career to helping young people thrive and strengthening families. Outside of work, Wendi is the wife of Chula Vista native and local teacher Robert, proud mom to Josh and Amanda, and dog mom to Milo and Scout. She is passionate about giving back through local schools and school district initiatives, community collaboratives, and, for the past year, Rotary. Wendi believes in the power of service, connection, and investing in the next generation. And yes, fellow Rotarians—she is a die-hard DODGER fan!

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today brought to you by Wendi Messina and the South Bay Family YMCA.

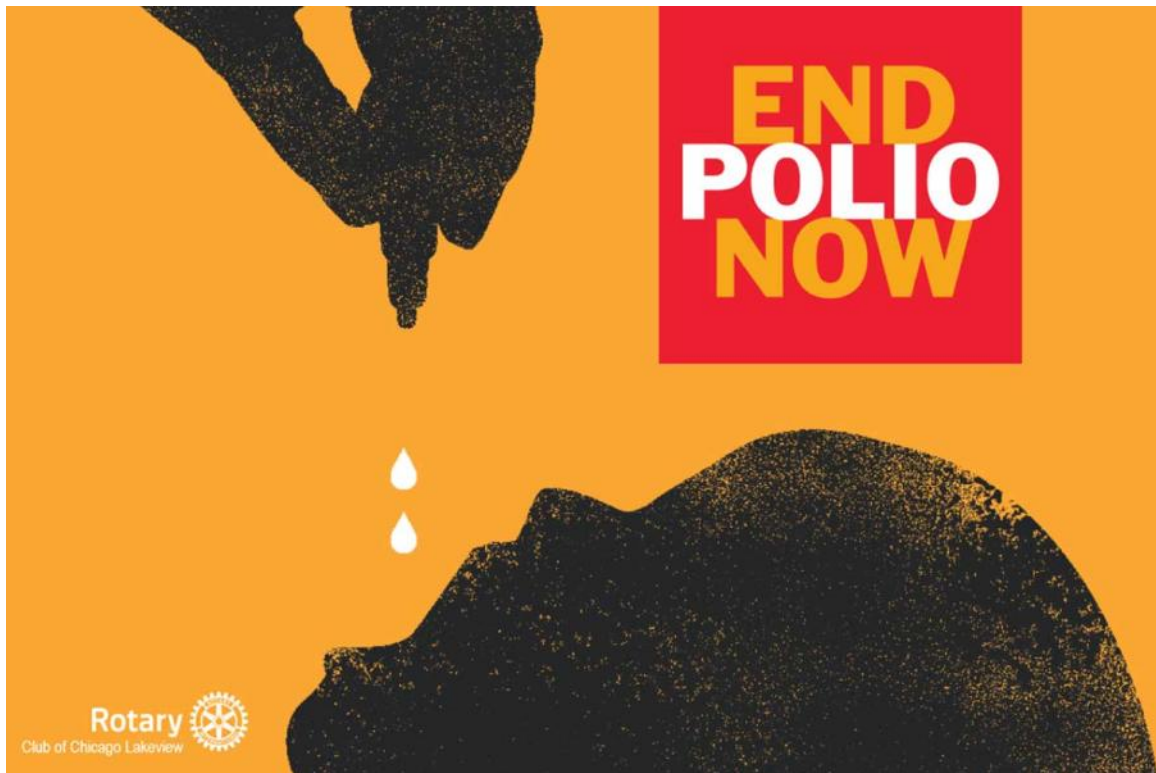
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L-R: This week's sponsor Wendi Messina pictured with the drawing winners: Gus Slovisky, Sergio Gutierrez and Bill Torre.



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CALENDAR

DARK - NO MEETING - Fri, September 4 (Labor Day)

Happy Hour Farewell to Reed & Beta—Fri, September 4, 4:30 pm

Food Distribution at St. Mark's—Fri, September 4, 8:30 (Hilltop & I)

Christmas in October - Sat, October 24—Save the Date!

