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CLUB ASSEMBLY
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The annual club assembly is a meeting of all club members, including the club's officers, directors and committee chairs, held for the purpose of discussing the program and activities of the club and for membership education.

All members of the club are urged to attend the assembly. The club president, or other designated officer, presides at club assemblies.

This is an excellent opportunity to learn what is planned for the Rotary year and provide additional ideas.

**See page 4 for update on
School Supplies Drive**

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CLUB HIGHLIGHTS - July 31, 2026



L-R: Michael Oliveri shared his experience with Nativity Prep Academy where he served as a mentor for a couple of years. He introduced the guest speakers Maria Powers and Corrine Rodriguez, pictured with President Rasha Roshdy.



L-R: This week's news sponsor and Board Treasurer Bill Torre pictured with Bob Bliss—who celebrated his first win in a very long time - Rochelle Carroll and Ken Weimer, who a reliable source says donates \$10 every week to the Chula Vista Rotary Foundation (his secret to winning A LOT).

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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 Bill Torre

High surf shorted out railroad communications systems along the track south of the San Clemente Pier over the weekend, delaying or cancelling several Metrolink and Amtrak trains on runs between San Diego, Orange County and Los Angeles. Rail officials say the continuing high surf could bring more trouble.

San Clemente is one of the few areas along the coastal rail route where the track runs along the beach near sea level. Here in San Diego high surf and rip tides are causing many more lifeguard water rescues than usual on our beaches - 464 as of last weekend and counting, over 2000 in LA County. Heat and high surf advisories continue through the weekend.

Even after the World Cup, the Transportation Security Administration screens more than 2 million passengers daily. While officers spend most of their time pulling out full water bottles and family-size sunscreens from carry-ons, they've also stopped some more unusual items from getting on airplanes. Here are some of TSA's noteworthy catches of the summer. Officers at Indianapolis International Airport caught two live smoke grenades in a traveler's checked bag — one of which was submerged inside a jar of peanut butter. Officers in Las Vegas intercepted a more than three-foot-long samurai sword packed in a guitar case. Luckily for the warrior-in-training, they were allowed to return to their airline's ticketing counter and check the weapons instead.

Last week at Alabama's Gulf Shores International Airport, a TSA officer found not one, not two, but five small cannonballs wrapped in paper towels inside a checked bag. They're not explosives but are still considered contraband. Turns out they were stolen from Fort Morgan, a nearby historic site that was attacked by the British in the War of 1812. The recurring find of the summer was ranch dressing, which captured the hearts of international World Cup travelers. Countless bottles were confiscated thanks to TSA's liquids rule.

It's time for a local celebrity's annual return to his hometown — the city of Hobart in Tasmania, Australia's northernmost state. It's Neil the Seal. Born off Tasmania's coast in 2020 after his mother failed to reach the traditional sub-Antarctic breeding grounds, **Neil** is a rare southern elephant seal in a world of humans. Elephant seals naturally return where they were born, so Neil's visits to Tasmanian towns are entirely normal behavior—just in the wrong location.

Now weighing 2,200 pounds, the five-year-old mammal hauls ashore twice a year to molt, rest, and practice adult behaviors. Without fellow male seals around to mix it up with, Neil uses his surroundings for practice, picking fights with traffic cones, bollards, and parked cars. He's turned into a beloved viral TikTok icon with 1.4 million followers. Neil may grow three times bigger than he is now and is likely to spend his life, maybe 10 more years, along Tasmania's coast where local communities are learning to keep a distance and coexist with a favorite son.

The Padres rose 2 ½ games in the standings and moved ahead of four teams to the edge of playoff position over the past week. They swept the Rockies in a brief 2 game mid-week series, and before that swept the Marlins in three games. They finish their home stand with a 4-game series against the Giants, losing Game 1 last night, with game 2 starting tonight at 6:45.

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- Pencils
- Erasers
- Notebooks
- Folders
- Loose-leaf paper

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES



- Dry erase markers
- Printer paper

ART & CREATIVITY SUPPLIES



- Crayons
- Markers
- Glue sticks
- Scissors

HEALTH & HYGIENE ITEMS



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- Tissues
- Hand sanitizer



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Today's sponsor, Bill Torre, enjoys doing fun things with his wife and family, and granddaughter. He enjoys his time at their cabin in Big Bear fishing and boating, enjoys wine making and has a small vineyard here in Chula Vista. His favorite past-time is helping out in community volunteer work for various organizations including his church, Rotary Club, Red Cross disaster relief, Engineers Without Borders providing fresh water and power for developing countries, Meals on Wheels and other organizations.

His background is in electrical engineering and research; he holds two graduate degrees in engineering. He has worked as manager and Chief Engineer for the engineering department at SDG&E for 30 years, led research as Director of Research at UCSD in the engineering department for 5 years, and taught graduate electrical engineering classes at SDSU for 8 years. He currently has an engineering consulting company and another company focused on aerospace and electrical engineering.

Bill looks forward to continuing to support the great work that Chula Vista Rotary Club is doing for our community.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon today' brought to you by Bill Torre.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR ROTARIANS!



Ryan Crawford - August 7

Bernard Hernandez - August 25

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BETTY'S SPECIAL GUEST: This was not just ANY guest last week—it was Betty's daughter, Anne, visiting from North Carolina. Welcome Anne! Hope you enjoyed your visit with your mom.

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& NEW CLUB
DEVELOPMENT MONTH