## **Chulatarian**







ROTARY CLUB OF CHULA VISTA

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#### The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista

Chartered February 16, 1926 - Club Number 908 - District 5340— Meets Weekly, noon, 4475 Bonita Road, Bonita (CV Golf Course)

> TIFFANY ALLEN CHULA VISTA BAYFRONT UPDATE Assistant City Manager, City of Chula Vista Friday, APRIL 14, 2023 - Noon



Tiffany Allen serves as Assistant City Manager in the City of Chula Vista, overseeing Development Services, Engineering and Capital Projects, Finance, Human Resources, and Housing and Homeless Services Departments. She also leads the City's efforts related to development of the Chula Vista Bayfront, commercial cannabis licensing, and short -term rentals.

During her more than 20-year tenure with the City of Chula Vista, Allen has worked on infrastructure finance, including the creation and administration of development impact fee programs and special tax districts; served as Treasury Manager overseeing a broad portfolio of tax and fee programs and managing the City's parking district. She also served in the Office of Budget and Analysis where she worked on citywide special projects and budgeting.

Allen holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Oregon and a Master of Public Administration degree from Walden University. She is a member of the Urban Land Institute (ULI), Lambda Alpha International (LAI), and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and lives with her family in Chula Vista.

<u>CLUB CALENDAR</u> TIJUANA HOME BUILD—Saturday, April 15 RISE AGAINST HUNGER ROTARY EVENT—April 22, 8 am-Noon, Register to volunteer; See President Mark email Ronald McDonald House Red Shoe Day—May 24, 2023 SAVE THE DATE: Installation/Outstallation— TUESDAY, JUNE 20 PM

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#### MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—April 7, 2023

President Mark Scott called the meeting to order. Chuck Bevan provided the Thought of the Day and the invocation.

President Mark recognized all of the April birthdays and there was a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday" assisted by pianist Joe and the many guests in attendance for the District Speech Contest. Birthday honoree Duane Buckingham was on hand to enjoy it.

We said a hearty hello to Bill Padleford and his technical assistant, daughter Lori, who helped him connect via zoom.

President-elect Mora de Murguia asked members to reply to her recent President's Letter. Please indicate your areas of interest and service, as well as your financial commitment for the upcoming Rotary year.

The Eastlake-Chula Vista Rotary Club is having a Noche en Buenos Aires event. Please see flyers for information and to get your tickets.

Regular guest Diana Marjip-Chuh with Club 33 (and Bonita resident) shared about the Bonita Museum event on

The five students from throughout the county did a fantastic job with their presentations. There was a very large turnout from other Rotary Clubs, students and their family members. The students were from Coronado, Valley Center, Carlsbad and Hoover (2).

#### **THOUGHT & INVOCATION Given by Chuck Bevan**

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.

#### Will Rogers

Gracious God, as we gather together as Rotarians and friends, We acknowledge that wherever we go, We are always in Your presence. We pray that our actions may reflect this awareness as we seek Your nearness and as we count our many blessings In the weeks and in the months ahead:

> Clothe our lives with charity. Deepen our lives with loyalty. Hallow our lives with integrity.

Help us to live our lives so that we may enhance the future of those whose lives we touch.

May Your radiant spirit Guide us, and our loved ones, all of our days, Amen.



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#### **MEMBER NEWS!**



Here is **Lisa Johnson** being interviewed by Jeff Zevley from CBS 8 this week. Did anyone else see her?

Liberty Station is celebrating its Centennial this year. Lisa and her team have a wide variety of activities planned to honor this milestone.

They did an excellent job highlighting its rich history and numerous present day contributions to San Diegans who know to visit for fun, food, and culture.

#### **FRIENDLY REMINDERS**

President-elect Mora de Murguia sent her letter via email to all members on April 2—please be sure to respond by April 14. It is vital to planning for our upcoming Rotary year.

District Governor Chuck Pretto has asked us to consider a donation to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund. These go to ensure our District Designated Fund grants. As he said: Your gift brings peace, health, literacy and opportunities to people in need.



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#### MEETING HIGHTLIGHTS—APRIL 7, 2023



President Mark received a big gift for the wind down of his Presidential year—a giant gavel—handcrafted years ago by Tab Talbert.

There was a large turnout for the District Speech Contest-and a very tasty pasta/shrimp dish for lunch.



Drawing winners this week for the cash prizes were Carmen Sandoval, a lucky guest and a very exuberant Zaneta Encarnacion.



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#### MEET THE VELEZ FLORES FAMILY

Velez Flores Family (M12 L14) Rinconito



We will be building a much-needed, new, safe home for Licet (29), Paulino (33) and 5 year old Oziel. They are the Velez Flores family that Project Mercy has selected for our Club's home build on April 15.

They are both from Acapulco and migrated to Tijuana during the pandemic in search of work. Oziel is in kindergarten and has many dreams of what he wants to be. His current choices are fireman, police officer or construction worker.

Paulino works as a mason and earns 2500 pesos per week (@\$128) when he can find work. Licet works in a pizza parlor and earns 1900 pesos per week (@\$97).

In Licet's own words: The biggest difficulty we face is with our finances. It is very difficult and painful for my husband to deal with the situation we are going through because of the lack of money. He is concerned that we are not able to fix out house and have a decent life. Sometime we don't have enough to buy food or anything nutritious for our family. We lack basic utilities such as a sewer system.

Our son Oziel has a congenital strabismus (misalignment of the eyes) Doctors have done studies for an operation but in Tijuana there are no specialist, and he would have to go to Guadalajara. We are unable to afford that bill on top of all our other expenses.

It would be a great help to us to have a decent house because it would provide better security for us and keep the insects and vermin out. The condition of the house in which we live is bad because it is made from hard-foam and tarps. We would be very grateful to the sponsors if they could help us with this great opportunity.



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#### IDEAS FOR VELEZ FLORES FAMILY—Gently Used is Good

Food, pots, pans, cooking utensils Storage items—bins, tupperware Tools - hand tools, shovel, hoe, broom

Homegoods—sheets, blankets, towels Folding tables—card, tv trays, chairs

Toys, crafts, coloring books—for a 5 year old boy

Everything is like a treasure to the family—thank you!

Chula Vista Sunrise Rotary invites you to Trivia Night 2023, an evening of facts and fun as we raise money to support Polio Plus and local charities.

> ENTRY FEE \$40 PER PERSON \$320 PER TEAM OF UP TO EIGHT PLAYERS

This event is great for clubs, schools and business sites. Form your winning team of eight and challenge others.

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1 WWW.CVSRTRIVIANIGHT.ORG

Teams that have registered /paid in full by March 28 will receive two free mulligans (free answers!) Registration closes at midnight April 21.

#### TABLE TAILGATE WHILE PLAYING

Bring your own food and snacks.
Beer and wine will be sold.

NO OUTSIDE LIQUOR ALLOWED DUE TO OUR LIQUOR LICENSE



FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023 AT 6:00 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 5:15)



THE VENUE AT EASTLAKE 871 SHOWROOM PLACE, SUITE 104 CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA 91914

Your participation in this fundraiser will benefit the Chula Vista Sunnise Rotary Community Benefit Fund, Proceeds will support local charities and Polio Plus. The Community Benefit Fund is a 501 (c)3 organization and your contributions are tax deductible. (Tax ID 33-0622092)

### A Níght ín Buenos Aíres!



#### SAVE THE DATE Saturday, Apríl 29, 2023

6:00pm to 9:00pm

At Westmont San Miguel Ranch

2325 Proctor Valley Road, Chula Vista, CA 91910 Tango Dancers 8

Music!

Delicious Argentinian Dinner



Rotary Club of Chula Vista Eastlake's fundraiser to support our community service projects. Visit https://portal.clubrunner.10108 for more details.



#### SIGN UP SOON IF YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPATE. THESE EVENTS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO SELL OUT!