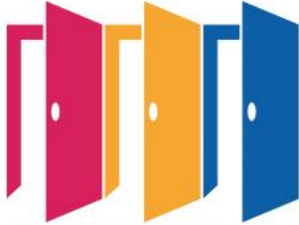


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The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista
Chartered February 16, 1926 - Club Number 908 - District 5340

Friday, April 16, 2021—Noon

FOUR-WAY SPEECH CONTEST Donna Moss



Join us to hear from local high school superstars as they compete in the Rotary District 5340 Four-Way Speech contest.

Rotary's Four-Way Test is the basis of this public speaking contest among high school students.

They must weave the values of the 4-Way Test into their subject matter.



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS— April 9, 2021

President Zaneta Encarnacion called the meeting to order. Cheryl Shields gave the invocation. Mora de Murguia introduced her guest, Mark Daggett who is very involved with the Rally for Reilly group. Sarab Aziz is a guest of Rasha Roshdy and member of the Amna Sanctuary board of directors.

The breakout groups' topic was: What is one thing you cannot wait to do this summer? Jerry May is going to body surf and Donna Moss is going to Arkansas for a family reunion—planned previous to the pandemic.

Chuck Bevan announced a model railroad sale event tomorrow at the National City train depot. Guest Mark Daggett shared information about an upcoming golf tournament to benefit the Rally for Reilly organization which supports those with spinal cord injuries through a wide variety of services. It will be held May 12 at the Sycuan/Singing Hills course. Go to their website for more information.

Rally4reilly.org

Gabriel Ruz has organized a park clean-up for **Saturday, April 17, 8-10 am** at Rohr Park. Meet at the R-1 gazebo. He is working with the Chula Vista Clean Team and Park Rangers. Please join in!

Immediate Past President Bob Silvas announced the Installation/Outstallation (In/Out) event will be Friday, June 18th. Details to follow. **Save the date!**

Carmen Richardson was the sponsor for the News at Noon and had various questions about her and her home state of Nebraska for us to guess or provide answers to. Duane knew Betty was her sponsor. Not sure if we knew the others—HUSKERS! She will donate to Polio Plus. Thank you Carmen!

Scheduled speaker Rasha Roshdy was running late from her covid vaccine and Sarab Aziz began the presentation about the work of Amna Sanctuary and all the wonderful services they provide to new Americans. Rasha finished the talk and answered questions. Thank you Rasha and Sarab!

INVOCATION - by Cheryl Shields

Dear God,

Thank you for today. Thank you for Rotary. I pray in a world that can feel divided on so many issues – that you would help heal our nation – physically and emotionally and that you would knit our hearts together in Unity and help us find more ways we can serve each other and our community.

Help us daily to stop and focus on our blessings – and help us be a blessing to those around us.

We ask this all in your name.



**GOOD-BYE POLIO
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All those who
logged-on!

With Betty Waznis

Good afternoon Rotarians and guests. Welcome to our speaker, our own Dr. Rasha Roshdy. Today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon is sponsored by Carmen Richardson and the Chula Vista Charitable Foundation.

Plenty of Californians are still searching for a vaccine. Last Thursday, the state opened eligibility to anyone 50 and up. Within the first 12 hours of the day, 837,000 people visited MyTurn (myturn.ca.gov), the state's vaccine notification and scheduling system, a 23% increase from the day before.

A popular local Facebook group is here to help them. The group, aptly named San Diego Vaccine Hunters, shares tips and tricks on how to secure an appointment at the more than 150 San Diego vaccination sites.

Started by a local who struggled to get her own shot and figured others might be in the same boat, the Facebook group now has more than 7000 members. It features information from local news outlets, government websites and social media. In addition, members post real time experiences, current waiting times, and minute to minute alerts about open appointment slots. The group also features a guide with tips on the best times to look for appointments, suggests automated Twitter accounts to follow for regular updates on availability, and links for those willing to volunteer at a site to get a vaccine.

More than 3.1 million Americans ages 55 or older plan to apply for Social Security benefits earlier than they once thought because of the pandemic, according to the Census Bureau. That is offset by 1.4 million people in the same age group who anticipate working longer. The upshot is a net 1.7 million early retirements, which will likely mean more positions opening up for younger Americans.

The Padres completed a 3-game series with the Giants Wednesday, unfortunately losing 2. They start another 3-game series against the Texas Rangers tonight on the road. Headliner Fernando Tatis Jr is sidelined with a shoulder injury. Good luck, Padres!

Carmen Richardson currently serves as chair of the Chula Vista Charitable Foundation and also holds leadership positions in the Altrusa Club of Chula Vista Foundation and the Chula Vista Library Foundation. She's recently completed a Masters degree in Non-Profit Leadership and Management from USD, and has also renovated and now operates a top-rated Air B&B retreat in Borrego Springs. If you want something done, ask a busy person.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Carmen Richardson and the Chula Vista Charitable Foundation.





MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—MARCH 26, 2021

Amna Sanctuary's vision is to empower refugee families to enter the workforce through education.

They work to bridge the digital divide and assisted in matching local resources to families in need of access to computers. They provided digital education in some of their native languages which include Farsi, Pashto and Arabic.

Another program, Bless These Hands, enables participants to build on skills they may already have such as sewing. They receive training and a sewing machine and eventually can become licensed tailors.

They also have a family of the month and provide green baskets to help support participants.

Be sure to see their website for more information: amnasanctuary.org

HELP NEEDED!

SOUTH BAY COMMUNITY SERVICES (SBCS) NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP CHILDREN IN THE CONVENTION CENTER

- They are in urgent need for volunteers to support the unaccompanied minors that are currently at the convention center under the care of SBCS
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- Volunteers will need to pass background clearance and can sign up for one shift of multiple shifts.
- Volunteers are needed to participate in activities with the children (such as crafts, playing games, and teaching basic English words) and general supervision

If interested in volunteering, contact **Hilary Taylor:**

Volunteer@Promises2Kids.org or complete this form
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ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE EXTENDED



The application deadline for the Chula Vista Rotary Scholarships has been extended until Friday, April 30, midnight.

Please **encourage** high school seniors to apply. All the information is on our Club website under the scholarship tab.

Our Club Scholarships are available to students attending the following High Schools:

- ◆ Chula Vista
- ◆ Hilltop
- ◆ Castle Park
- ◆ Olympian
- ◆ Otay Ranch

Students should be planning to attend a two-year or four-year college in fall 2021.





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STILL TIME TO VOLUNTEER-ASAP!

Altrusa has invited our Rotary Club to participate in “Community Story Time” on **Thursday, April 15 and Friday, April 16. Time slots are available from 12-6.**

It is also National Library Week and Altrusa International’s birthday.

Please email Senior Librarian Laura Mendez at lmendez@chulavista.lib.ca.us to sign up for a time and date. Options are to: 1) come to the Civic Center Library to be recorded; 2) ask to be recorded from your home via Microsoft Teams with Laura recording you; or, 3) record on your own and ask Laura how to send the video to her.

You will have a selection of books for babies and toddlers to read when you come in to the Library. If you are reading from home, you need to email Laura the book title and author ahead of time to make sure there are no copyright issues.

It is estimated to take 20 minutes for the entire story time, from set up to reading. Laura will do the editing, adding songs, music, and graphics, as needed. The readings will be rolled out over time and not all at once. If you do not want your face shown, let Laura know.





VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteer Opportunity Supporting Migrant Families

Jewish Family Services (JFS) is the lead NGO supporting the efforts to support the migrants while they are in San Diego.

Currently JFS has volunteer staffing needs to support the following (4 hour shifts all days of the week):

- 10AM-2PM to help pack and deliver lunch
- 3PM-7PM to pack and deliver dinner
- 4AM-12PM To work as airport guide support
- 6PM-10PM To work as airport guide support

Ready to get started? Please create a profile on JFS' volunteer database, Galaxy Digital, and email:

shelternvolunteer@jfssd.org indicating a few days/times you are available for a brief phone interview.


Photo by Joanne Tomlinson Linn, Rotary Club of Miri. Design layout by Gilbert Thien.



APRIL DESIGNATION IS

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

"What is the value of the life of one child saved? No one will ever know, but if the child were our own, the price tag would be marked: Not for sale - this life is invaluable." 1979-80 James L. Bomar Jr

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April 8, 2021

Chula Vista Rotary
Attn: Gary Bryant

Dear Mr. Bryant and Friends at the Chula Vista Rotary,

Thank you for your support of Southwestern College students through your generous donation to Southwestern College Foundation benefiting our SWC Cares Emergency grants.

Commitments such as yours help Southwestern College offer assistance to students at risk of dropping out of college due to unexpected financial emergencies, such as COVID-19.

Maintaining quality educational programs that offer the best in hands-on opportunities is essential for the college to compete with other schools and attract exceptional students and faculty. Your backing helps us meet this challenge. Southwestern College Foundation truly appreciates your support and looks forward to strengthening our partnership.

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Thank you for making a difference in the lives of SWC students!

Warmly,

Sofia Salgado Robitaille
Executive Director

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Check Date	3/31/21
Donation Amount	\$1,000.00

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The motto of 2020: Please scream inside your heart.

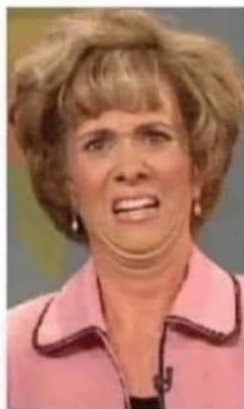
Japan's theme parks have banned screaming on roller coasters because it spreads the coronavirus. "Please scream inside your heart."



Every parent right now



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