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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)

GABE FASOLINO
A NEW LIFE & ROTARY IN MEXICO
Friday, APRIL 21, 2023 - Noon



Looking for a way to serve as Rotarians once they moved to Mexico, Gabe and Lucille founded the Rotary Club of Rosarito La Misión in 2016. He will address the challenges and joys faced by ex-pats in starting and running a club in Mexico. Among the unique challenges are dealing with government officials who change every two years and the fascinating process of getting a Mexican bank account.

Gabe will talk about some of the projects his club has undertaken in partnership with US Rotary Clubs, with other non-profits, and with local community leaders. He will also touch on how the local communities have shown their appreciation for the club's efforts to improve the quality of life for their citizens. In addition he will cover the challenges and joys of building a house and starting a new life in Mexico.

Gabe Fasolino is a former CEO, now retired in Mexico. Before retiring he was a Rotarian in Portland Oregon for 10 years. He started his career as an engineer and has several patents in his name. He progressed to sales and then to management. He and his wife Lucille designed and built their home on the Pacific Ocean, south of Rosarito, Baja California, Mexico. They enjoy taking pickle ball vacations throughout Mexico. He has 5 children and 3 grandchildren.

CLUB CALENDAR

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



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—April 14, 2023

President Mark Scott called the meeting to order. Cheryl Shields gave the invocation. Jan Mellinger announced a drawing for her local quilting group and upcoming event. She had a beautiful quilt on display.

Red Shoe Day is May 24. Please sign up on online for our Club team. We will be at the major intersection on East H St. near the Y.

Gus Slovinsky returned to the Club and received a warm reception. During the pandemic, he and his son traveled to Mongolia and visited a Rotary Club there. He presented President Mark with their banner (page 4). Welcome back Gus, you have been missed!

President Mark gave a shout out to Lisa Johnson who was featured on a special segment on News8 with Jeff Zeveley about the Centennial of Liberty Station, being celebrated all year long.

Betty Waznis was back with the Jim Biddle News at Noon.

President Mark introduced the guest speaker Assistant City Manager of Chula Vista, Tiffany Allen. For unknown reasons, he had her listed as Kelly. The human mind works in mysterious ways... Tiffany provided a very detailed and interesting update on all of the activity FINALLY underway at the Chula Vista Bayfront. This includes the Gaylord Convention Center, other hotels, condos, open space and more. It is spurring significant re-investment in the areas east of the I-5, with housing in the works at the old City Maintenance yard.

THOUGHT & INVOCATION Given by Cheryl Shields

It is good to recognize how different we are. Out talents, our dreams, our backgrounds, our occupations.

And it is good o know that when You created each of us, You broke the mold. No one is exactly like anyone else. Even our thumbptin and our voice track tell us how unique we are.

Yet, we thank you that we can take these differences and mobilize them for the good of Rotary and our community. In our differences we can think the same thoughts and move together toward a common goal.

Bless us as we meet together. Bless and keep those working on the home build in Tijuana tomorrow. Keep us safe. Thank you for our individuality and also for our common bond of Rotary. Amen.





JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON

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With Betty Waznis

Hello, everyone. Welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today sponsored by Reed and Beta Dinsmore.

The Petra Development Group of investors, hoping to own a Major League Soccer franchise, is pursuing a long-shot venture to build the nation's largest soccer-specific stadium with up to 50,000 seats and two attached hotels on a 136-acre portion of the Chula Vista Bayfront formerly occupied by the South Bay Power Plant. Recently the group spoke publicly about its intent to privately finance a \$2.5-billion sports and entertainment complex, with the MLS stadium and hotels complemented by an athletic training center, shops and restaurants, an e-sports venue, practice fields for youth leagues and specialized office buildings. The project, which was presented to Chula Vista City Council in a redacted fashion in August, has garnered the support of city officials, including Chula Vista Mayor John McCann.

The Port of San Diego has permitting authority, subject to review and approval by the California Coastal Commission. The agency's board has yet to consider the proposition. Major League Soccer, the nation's top tier men's league, has telegraphed an intent to select its 30th franchise this year and has stated that San Diego is a top contender for the expansion.

Nearly 43,000 people died in U.S. traffic crashes in 2021, the highest number in 16 years. The 2021 final numbers, released last week by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, showed an 11 percent increase in deaths over 2020. That's the highest number since 2005 and the largest percentage increase since 1975.

Data shows a 12 percent rise in fatal crashes involving at least one distracted driver. Also up were other categories of deaths including pedestrians, cyclists, unbelted passengers, drunk drivers, crashes involving trucks weighing more than 10,000 pounds, and speeding related deaths. At a recent news conference, NHTSA focused on distracted driving fatalities, which they said are entirely preventable if drivers stop using their cellphones, eating, or doing anything that diverts attention from the road.

A \$250,000 grant from Republic Services's 2023 National Neighborhood Promise program will help clean up the Otay Valley Regional Park, one of South County's largest open-space areas. Urban Corps of San Diego County, a job-training program and charter school with a focus on community service, will carry out the project starting next month. It expects to remove about 600 tires, 2,000 pounds of electronic and hazardous waste and about 500,000 square feet of brush and non-native plant species. The Otay Valley Regional Park has been a work in progress for more than three decades. It makes up most of Chula Vista's south greenbelt and encompasses about 900 acres, linking South County to lower Otay Lake Reservoir through the Otay River. In 1990, San Diego County and the cities of Chula Vista and San Diego signed a joint-powers agreement to tackle years of illegally dumped trash, mattresses, tires, industrial debris, and stormwater runoff that was polluting the river. Today, the park offers 8.3 miles of multiuse trails, seven ponds, birdwatching opportunities and several recreational areas.

Beta and Reed met in Iceland in 1969, and it was love at first sight. Beta was born and raised in Reykjavik, and Reed was stationed there in the Air Force. They married in 1970 and lived in So. California until 1984 where they raised their 2 children. When Reed ended his law enforcement career, they moved to Oregon so he could attend law school. Reed worked as a Deputy District Attorney, and Beta serviced SBA loans and prepared taxes until they retired in 2013. Now they mix travel and watching five grandchildren grow, and have lived in Michigan, Maine, and Vermont as well as California. They enjoy being members of Rotary and the volunteer opportunities it gives.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Reed and Beta Dinsmore.





MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—APRIL 14, 2023



President Mark with Gus Slovisky who told us the pandemic was a boom to his divorce law practice, but did manage to go to Mongolia and visit a Rotary Club with his son. Welcome back Gus!
Tiffany Allen brought us up to date on numerous plans and projects underway on the CV Bayfront.

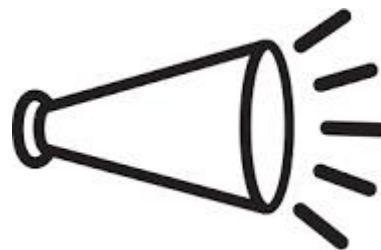


This week's drawing winners (l-r): Bob Bliss broke his couple of meetings losing streak and took home a prize! He is pictured with this week's sponsors Reed and Beta Dinsmore. It was a lucky day for Jesse Fernandez and Mora de Murguia. Thank you Reed and Beta!





MEMBER NEWS!



Laura Humphreys was the special honoree for this year's Las Primeras Annual fundraiser. Congratulations Laura!

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

President-elect Mora de Murguía sent her letter via email to all members on April 2—please be sure to respond by April 28. 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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HOME BUILD FOR VELEZ FLORES FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS



Team getting ready to work!
The family's current home.
Licet and her son Nathaniel Oziel.
Mike Green holding wall for installation.

Mike Green (plaid shirt) was one of the team holding the pre-fab wall up as others secure the other walls and attach to the foundation





More photos at
meeting and next
week!





GOOD-BYE POLIO THANKS ROTARY



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**

TEAM TRIVIA CHALLENGE XII

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 Sunrise 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)

Credit Cards (MC, VISA, AMER EX) are accepted for online registration at cvsrtrivianight.org. If you prefer to register and pay by check or cash, please email us at chulavistasunriserotary@gmail.com and information will be sent to you!

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Chula Vista Eastlake

A NIGHT IN BUENOS AIRES

*Delicious Argentinian Dinner,
Tango Dancers & Music!*

**Buy
Tickets
\$110**



Saturday, April 29, 2023
6 pm to 9 pm
Westmont San Miguel Ranch
325 Proctor Valley Road,
Chula Vista, CA 91914

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!