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

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

CHUCK DAY Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Diego Friday, April 29, 2022—Noon



San Diego's Ronald McDonald House provides a "home away from home" for families with children in medical crisis. Growing from 12 guest rooms to 56 guest suites and a Family Care Center, the House provides respite and sanctuary to more than 12,500 family members each year in two facilities totaling more than 72,000-square-feet.

Chuck assumed leadership of Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Diego in December 2010. He came to the Ronald McDonald House with a wealth of experience in non-profit fundraising, development, and leadership, most recently his 15 years at Rady Children's Hospital and Health Center.

Chuck is active in the Kiwanis Club of San Diego, Estate Planning Council of San Diego, Washington-Lincoln Laurels for Leaders, and the Association of Fundraising Professionals, where he received the 2009 Outstanding Development Professional Award. Chuck was named 2015 Most Admired CEO by San Diego Business Journal in the small nonprofit category. He is recognized for fostering a culture where volunteers, staff, and donors work together to keep families close to their hospitalized child at our San Diego Ronald McDonald House.

Chuck is a Chula Vista native and has his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Redlands.

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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—APRIL 22, 2022

President Neisha Hernandez called the meeting to order. Carmen Sandoval gave the invocation. Dan Dredla was honored as the Rotarian of the Week.

President Neisha called on him to give us an update on recent changes to the Club website. Dan shared a screen shot of the current scholarship application page which provides biographical information on the two distinguished Rotarians the scholarships are named for—Bill Padelford and Joe Rindone.

Gary Bryant gave a very brief announcement—due to Lane's request—for volunteers for the Rotarians at Work Day Saturday, April 30th, 9:00 a.m. at the Living Coast Discovery Center. The Tijuana Home Build is tomorrow—we are ready to go!

Lisa Johnson and Mora de Murguia provided information and encouragement for participation in the Contest at the upcoming Fiesta Fun-Raiser. Guest judges will taste test entries in three categories: margaritas, guacamole and salsa. Winners will receive \$100 gift card compliments of Baldwin & Sons.

Lane Pearson told us how our Club has 40 Paul Harris fellows and has donated more than \$500K over the years to the Rotary Foundation. He reminded us about the club match program—where a member can donate \$500 and the Club's matching points turns it into the \$1K amount. He encouraged everyone to work towards 100% participation. This past Tuesday, April 19th was Paul Harris' birthday and PH fellows were encouraged to wear their pins.

Bob Silvas gave an update on the recent Model UN event held at Del Mar City Hall. The two students we sponsored did very well, received recognitions—and their parents were able to attend.

Fine Master Michael Monaco cajoled members into paying fines for Mora de Murguia (Jon Miller!) and Betty Waznis (Jerry May!). Way to go Rotarians!

Betty provided her usual informative, well researched News at Noon-thanks Betty-you rock!

Mark Scott presented the drawing prizes to Ramon Moncada, Jim Biddle and Eric Rimmele.

Speaker Sebastian Sarria gave a interesting presentation on San Diego Community Power— a new choice for energy in various cities and communities in the region. Residents in Chula Vista will be enrolled very soon, while County unincorporated areas (i.e. Bonita) will be enrolled next year. Be sure to check out their website to get more information on this complex topic.

#### Invocation by Carmen Sandoval

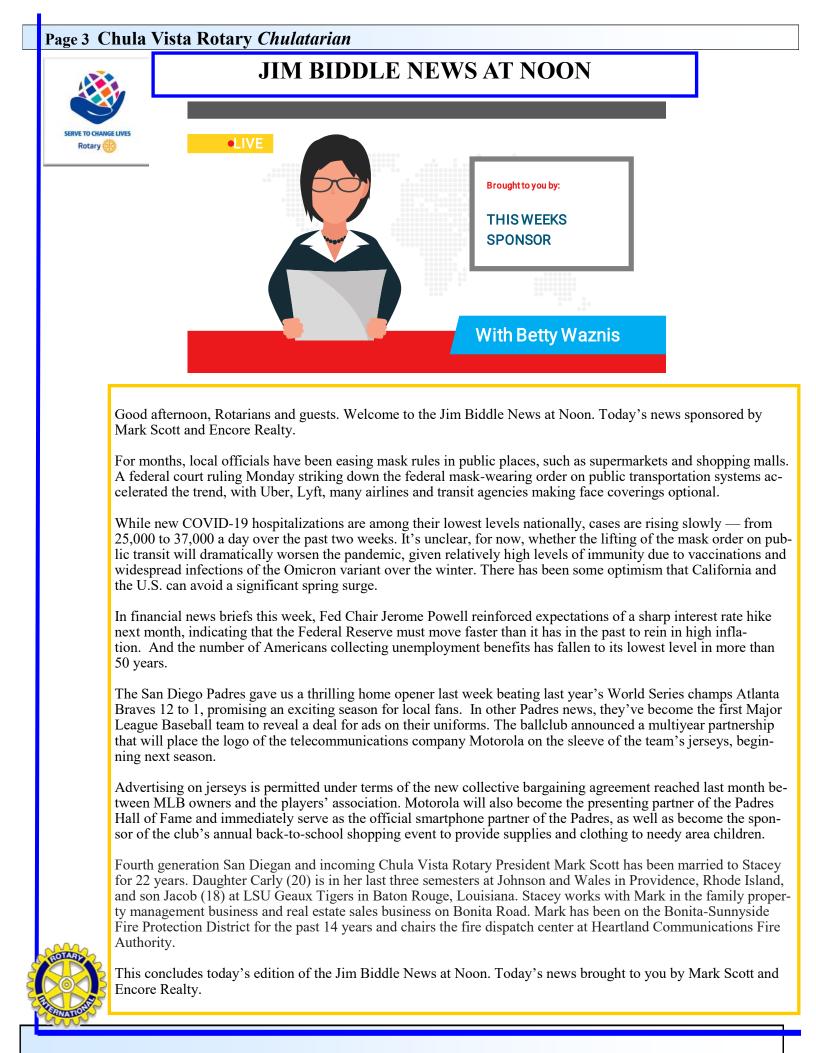
Lord God, let us never forget all that you do for us on a daily basis. Sustain us with hope and the other countless blessings you provide with your continuous presence in our lives.

Whenever we do something together, something good, something beautiful, everyone changes. All of us change in some way and this does us good.

Tomorrow, our Club will do something good. We will build a home in Tijuana. Thank you for our ability to make this home a reality and an incredible change in the quality of life for the Tafolla Ramirez family.



Lead us to live in continuing testimony to your incredible blessings, that your love may be known and experienced by all. Amen



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Top left: President Neisha with Rotarian of the Week and keeper of our Club website, Dan Dredla. Top right: Lane Pearson encouraging members to become Paul Harris Fellows or add to their current PH.

Above l-r: Ramon Moncada receives his gifts from Mark Scott. Jim Biddle wins again. Eric Rimmele was back and looking good following his recent visit to Sharp's—celebrated with a win!



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# **TIJUANA HOME BUILD 2022**





Top left: Gathering at the McDonald's at the Otay crossing. Top right: The area where we built the home. Above left & right: We traveled in a caravan, up the dirt roads.

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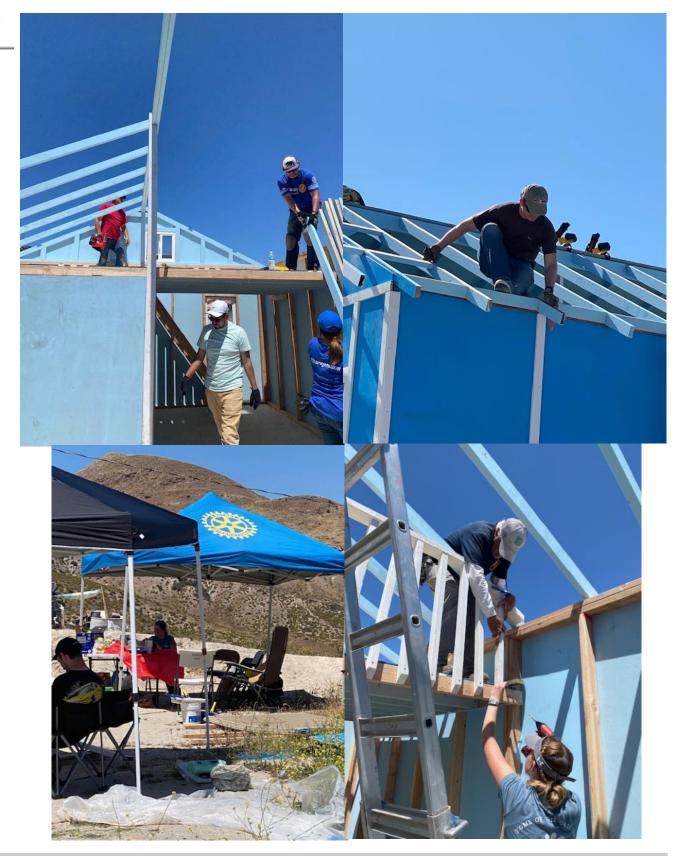
Top left: the concrete slab is a blank slate. Top right: President Neisha setting the pace by carrying beams to work site.

Above: the team—ready to work! Rotarians & friends l-r: Donald, Mary, Lua (Ben's son), Sheila, Bernard, Neisha, Mike M, Albert, Ben, Mike G, Autumn, Cheryl, Carmen, Gary, Taylor (Autumn's daughter), Rob and Jesse. (Not pictured: Diana).

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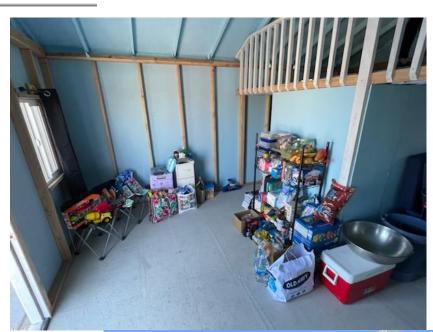


Top left: Albert Aguilera on his way for more wood. Neisha hands to Bernard. Top right: Ben Koala working on the roof. Above l-r: Rotary tent was rest and snack area. Gary Bryant assisted by Taylor Reid, daughter of Autumn.

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# TIJUANA HOME BUILD 2022









Gifts for the family included food, toys, diapers, towels, clothing, shelves, wagon, seating, chairs and cash! Thank you for your generosity Rotarians!

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# Help District 5340 Reach Our \$ Million Goal

The World Health Organization reports, "Wild poliovirus transmission has fallen to very low levels with **only one new case in 2022**." Only <u>one</u> case of wild poliovirus in 2022! Might this be the last ever reported case? What was once considered wishful thinking, is now within reach!

#### **GOOD BYE POLIO, THANKS ROTARY!**

This World Immunization Week (April 24-30, 2022) please help our Rotary District reach our \$333,333 giving goal this year to end polio. Every Dollar contributed to the PolioPlus Foundation is doubled by the Gates Foundation, which means we will have raised \$1 million toward our goal to end polio.

To celebrate and encourage donations to reach this goal, your contribution of \$100 to the PolioPlus Foundation will be doubled, and TRF recognition points awarded to you for Paul Harris Recognition will also be doubled. While you are at it, why not join the PolioPlus Society and pledge to give \$100 next year too!

Here's what to do:

1 Submit your donation of \$100 or more to The Rotary Foundation, for credit to the PolioPlus Fund. Your Club Foundation Chair, or President can get a contribution form to you, or you may <u>contribute by clicking here</u>. This will be doubled by our District match.

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Send us an email if you want the additional Paul Harris recognition points, need help, or have additional questions on PolioPlus Society. (<u>mike@mccuen.us</u>).



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