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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)

ROTARY DISTRICT—SPEECH CONTEST South Regionals Friday, APRIL 7, 2023 - Noon

Join us this Friday, as we will hear from some of the best and brightest students during the annual Speech Contest.

Our meeting will begin as usual at noon with fellowship and lunch, followed by the timed and scored presentations by the student participants. Our members have volunteered to assist by serving as judges.

See you this Friday!



CLUB CALENDAR

Rotary District Speech Contest—Friday, April 7

HAPPY EASTER! - Sunday, April 9

TIJUANA HOME BUILD—Saturday, April 15

RISE AGAINST HUNGER ROTARY EVENT—April 22,
8 am-Noon, Register to volunteer; See President Mark email

SAVE THE DATE: Installation/Outstallation— TUESDAY, JUNE 20



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—March 24, 2023

President Mark Scott called the meeting to order. Michael Monaco gave the invocation. Given the nautical theme of today’s presentation, the Club made a half-hearted attempt to sing the Coast Guard song, which apparently no one had ever heard.

President Mark gave a shout out to the *Chulatarian* for the new feature “Member News!” He reviewed a list of items that would be useful for the home build Velez Flores family. (See page 6).

We also attempted to sing the Butcher Boy song (again related to today’s presentation) and even with Joe our piano player doing his best to help, the rendition may have been even worse than the Coast Guard song.

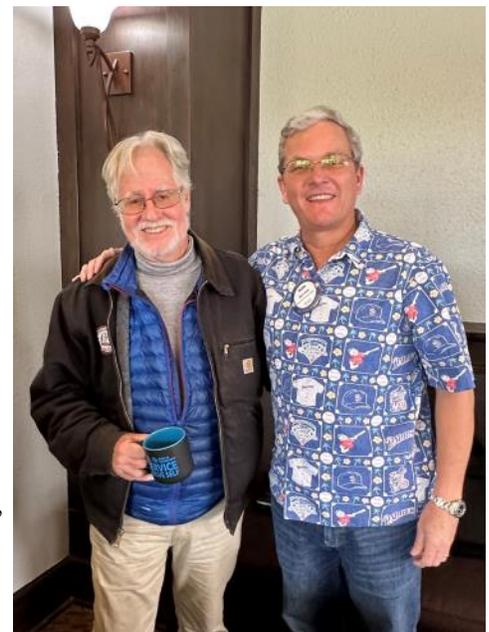
There was no News at Noon today in order to allow more time for our speaker. The drawing winners received cash as their prizes: \$20, \$10, and \$5. Pictured below (l-r): Mike Green, Duane Buckingham and Laura Humphreys.

The guest speaker, Ray Ashley with the San Diego Maritime Museum, did an excellent job reminding us of our region’s history and outlined how various elements of our earliest days were intertwined with access from the sea and bay. (Right: Ray Ashley with President Mark).

He shared about some of the ships owned by the Museum and described the importance of the Butcher Boy yacht and the journey to re-build it.

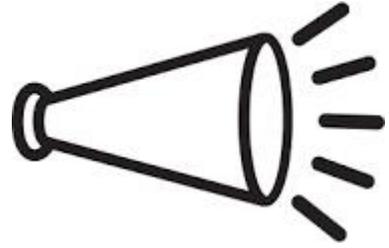
Who knew Yuma was considered a major port in 1860? We learned about the struggle to re-shape San Diego as a desirable place vs. the negative image of cowboys, sailors, pimps and prostitutes.

It was a fascinating journey through time and also included were facts about how the Navy was wooed to locate here. Thanks Ray!





MEMBER NEWS!



NO MORE HOUSE: Gary Bryant is off to Utah to inspect what is left of his and friends' co-owned vacation home in Utah. Three walls collapsed due to the weight of snow on the roof. We wish him well on this impromptu journey and a safe return home.

NEXT YEAR! As in we'll get 'em... Risa Baron (current SDSU Alumni President) and her crew were on hand for the big games in Houston for the NCAA Final Four. We will find out if she ran into Bernard Hernandez who was also there. There were only about 72K other fans there too.



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

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

**District Governor Chuck Preto 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.**





HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR ROTARIANS!



Duane Buckingham - April 4

Mike Green - April 5

Betty Waznis - April 11

Lisa Johnson - April 19

Lori Mitchell - April 24

APRIL IS

MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver"
Mahatma Gandhi

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The poster features a black and white photograph of a smiling woman in a headscarf holding a baby. A large yellow Rotary International logo is in the top right corner. The text 'APRIL IS' is written vertically in large blue letters on the left. The main title 'MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH' is in bold yellow and white. A quote by Mahatma Gandhi is in white text on a pink background. The bottom of the poster includes the Rotary logo, a pink icon of a woman and child, and the website address.



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MEET THE VELEZ FLORES FAMILY



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 fiddicutt 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 fic 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 si made from foam plastic and tarps. We would be very grateful to the sponsors if they could help us with this great opportunity.

**GOOD-BYE POLIO
THANKS ROTARY**





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

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

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!

A Night in Buenos Aires!



SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, April 29, 2023

6:00pm to 9:00pm
At Westmont San Miguel Ranch
2325 Proctor Valley Road,
Chula Vista, CA 91910

*Tango Dancers &
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.

