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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)**

**LAURA HUMPHREYS**  
**South Bay Y Cross-Border Collaborations**  
**Friday, APRIL 28, 2023 - Noon**



**Laura Humphreys**, Executive Director of the South Bay Y will discuss innovative cross-border collaborations with colleagues in Mexico. Their good work know no boundaries. See you on Friday!

**WORLD  
IMMUNIZATION  
WEEK**  
**24-30 April 2023**



## **CLUB CALENDAR**

**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 21, 2023

President Mark Scott called the meeting to order. Carmen Sandoval gave the invocation.

A representative from the District Youth Exchange came by to thank our club for sponsoring an outbound student and encouraged us to consider hosting. Splitting the commitment makes it more manageable and less daunting.

Carmen Sandoval spoke on the Tijuana Home Build and called on a couple of participants to share some remarks. Gus Slovinsky, Bob Silvas, Jesse Fernandez, Cheryl Shields, Autumn Reid, Mike Green, Max Scrivens, Carmen Sandoval and others were on hand to make the home happen. Thanks to Max and Cheryl who brought along some extra muscle to help fill in for four of our regulars who could not attend—saved the day! Thank you for the gifts!

Gary Bryant encouraged members to sign up for Red Shoe Day, a fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House. It will be held May 24.

Our Installation/Outstallation (In/Out) will be held Tuesday, June 20 in the evening. Details are being worked out. Be sure to save the date.

Jim Biddle is on the mend—hope he is back soon!!  
Betty Waznis gave an amazing Jim Biddle News at Noon—as usual!

Gabe Fasolino told us all about starting a new Rotary Club in Baja and touched our hearts with their many good works in their adopted community. There may be a visit in the near future.

### Invocation by Carmen Sandoval

May we be ever mindful of those in need. Help us to provide food to the hungry;  
to heal the wounds of hatred with our love; comfort those in sorrow;  
bring peace to those living in areas of unrest.

Through our service to all we thank you for all our gifts. Amen.

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### Invocation by Cheryl Shields (April 14, correct version)

God, thank you for today. Thank you for spring. God— in a world that can feel dark and overwhelming at times, help us have a perspective of seeing the good in each day and help us to see people around us and be an encouragement to those you put in our path.

I pray over the House Build trip tomorrow. Please give us safety as we travel down to Mexico and safety as we build a house for this sweet family. Help them know they are loved and valued. Thank you for the opportunity to serve through Rotary.

Bless this food to our bodies and bless this time together today. 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 David Hoffman and Hoffman Hanono Insurance.

A new tourism opportunity between Baja CA and San Diego may be in the works. Baja California's Secretary of Economy Kurt Honold Morales announced plans for a June trial run of a ferry from Ensenada to San Diego. The boat would dock at the Embarcadero and could carry about 300 people. The trip would be a touristic option, not a commuter option, with an expected duration of 2 to 3 hours and a projected cost of \$28. There are also tentative plans for a ferry stop in Rosarito.

Netflix has announced the end of its DVD-by-mail rental service, ending an era that began in 1997. The DVD service will mail its final discs on Sept. 29, having shipped more than 5 billion discs across the U.S. over the past quarter century.

Remnants of ancient viruses passed down over thousands or even millions of years and still in our DNA may help fight cancer, according to a recent study. Ancient viral DNA which forms about 5% of the human genome is passed down from the historic infections of our ancestors. The discovery was made by scientists at England's Francis Crick Institute who were studying lung cancer, trying to understand why some patients respond better than others to immunotherapy.

Through their research, published in the journal Nature this week, they found the dormant relics of certain of these virus cells can be activated by cancer cells to produce antibodies that then attack the cancer tumor. It's hoped that the link between viruses and the antibodies they can produce could lead to a vaccine for cancer.

If you've been to the beach this week, you might be asking, "what are those blue blobs on the sand? In a spectacle rarely seen along the San Diego County coastline, thousands of little critters called Velella velellas — or "by-the-wind sailors" — are washing ashore in a mass stranding with sightings from Ocean Beach to Carlsbad. Scientists say it is a natural phenomenon that typically occurs when there is a combination of onshore winds and plenty of food in the water. The creatures — which are about the size of a human thumb — consist of a blue disc with a sail-like vertical crest rising from the middle, and tentacles whose sting is benign to humans.

Yesterday was the day Padres fans have been waiting for. Fernando Tatis Jr is back after serving an 80-game suspension for use of performance enhancing drugs. He started in the first of a four game away series against the Diamondbacks, playing right field. Padres won 7 to 5. It was estimated that Zonies-in-reverse San Diegans outnumbered Phoenix fans in the Chase Field stands to welcome Tatis back.

David Hoffman is President of Hoffman Hanono Insurance, a three generation local firm founded in 1959. It provides commercial and personal insurance in multiple lines guided by the motto, modern insurance solutions grounded by old school values. There has been a lot of excitement in the Hoffman household. Sophia is finishing her first year at Chico State with a major in music and recording arts. Her Rotary fan club was thrilled to see her outstanding performance a few weeks ago on NBC's The Voice television show. Austin is finishing his freshman year at Olympian High School and played on the freshman football team for them as well as Varsity Lacrosse. When not tending to his lovely family and his business, David enjoys fishing, golfing, and a good bourbon! This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by David Hoffman and Hoffman Hanono Insurance.







## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—APRIL 21, 2023



President Mark with guest speaker Gabe Fasolino, who shared many interesting stories about their Rotary Club in Mexico.

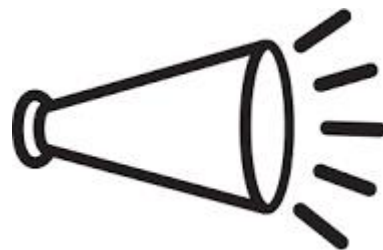


David Hoffman was the sponsor for this week's Jim Biddle News at Noon.  
L-R: Cheryl Shields, Darrel Johnson and Max Scrivens each scored a gift card, compliments of David.





## MEMBER NEWS!



Congratulations to the **Michael and Sabrina-Monaco** on the marriage of their son Andre to Amy Parker.

They were married earlier this month in the Camarillo area and live in LA.

**MORE SPORTS FUN:** **Bernard Hernandez** could not resist seeing Padres' star Fernando Tatis return to the team—in Arizona. He went for the one game and was back home—and at Rotary—the next day.



**Slight correction: Laura Humphreys IS the special honoree for this year's Las Primeras Annual fundraiser Bubbles & Brews coming up Friday, May 12th.**

**See Mary Johnson for more information or [LasPrimeras.org](http://LasPrimeras.org). Congratulations Laura!**







## ROTARIANS IN SERVICE



Top photo: The Hoffman family—David, Hilda and Austin joined Gary Bryant at the RISE Against Hunger food packing event sponsored by the Chula Vista Sunrise Club.  
Above: Duane Buckingham was also on hand to help out. A touch blurry but we can make him out! Thanks for helping!







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## HOME BUILD FOR VELEZ FLORES FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS



L: Our Master Builder Mike Meziere directs the crew.

R: Kneeling left Jesse Fernandez got a turn on the saw, guided by Gus Slovinisky, supervised by Mike Green.



L: The paint team did a great job keeping up with the work. Patty Silvas, Nedina Fernandez (daughter of Jesse and Carmen), Taylor Reid (Autumn's daughter) and Cheryl Shields tackled this batch of lumber.

M: A joyful young painter "helped out." She is Nathaniel's cousin.

R: By some miracle, Diana Marjip-Chuh, our regular guest from Club 33, found us and gave us a delicious soup for lunch. It was so filling we never ate the chili dogs and left them for the families to enjoy another day. Thanks Diana!







An inside view of the home. A loft adds sleeping space for the family. Taylor Reid putting the finishing touches on the new walkway bridge over the stream. A beautiful additional project made from scraps lumber.

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](http://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)**

**TRIVIA NIGHT**  
Rotary Chula Vista Sunrise

**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](http://cvsrtrivianight.org). If you prefer to register and pay by check or cash, please email us at [chulavistasunriserotary@gmail.com](mailto:chulavistasunriserotary@gmail.com) and information will be sent to you!

**Rotary**  
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.

