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

**ROTARY DISTRICT
FOUR-WAY SPEECH CONTEST**
Friday, April 8, 2022—Noon



This Friday, we will host the Rotary District Speech Contest where we will witness some of the best and brightest students in our region sharing their thoughts with us.

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

They must use the values of the Four-Way Test into their subject matter.



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—APRIL 1, 2022

President Neisha Hernandez called the meeting to order. Chuck Bevan gave the invocation.

Reed and Beta Dinsmore were honored as Rotarians of the Week. Reed got to wear the giant Rotary bling logo.

President Neisha called on David Hoffman, Chair of the Nominating Committee to give their recommendations for the new slate of Officers and Board Members. The new Board members for two-year terms will be: Leon Redondo, Risa Baron, and Lisa Johnson. The Secretary-Treasurer will be: Jesse Fernandez. There was a voice vote of acclamation.

Bob Silvas introduced two students from Chula Vista High. Our Club is sponsoring them in this year's Model UN program. They gave their presentation on Climate Change from Egypt's point of view.

Gary Bryant said twenty people have signed up for the deep sea fishing trip this summer—sold out!

Fernanda Capetillo, wife of Mauricio Lutteroth, has taken a keen interest in the Ukraine refugee crisis. She provided an update on what is needed and ways to help.

Andressa Wainwright, Mission Support Analyst with the local office of the FBI, gave a very interesting presentation on their activities. Their top priority is to keep us safe from a terrorist attack. They are hiring! 1800CallFBI

INVOCATION by Chuck Bevan

I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was Always. Red Skelton

We are thankful for this day that you have given us, for its blessings, its opportunities, its challenges.

May we appreciate and use each day that comes to us.

We pray for strength and guidance for each day as it comes, for each day's duties, for each day's problems.

May we be challenged to give our best always, and may we be assured of your presence with us.

Amen





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JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON

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All those who
logged-on!

With Betty Waznis

Good afternoon Rotarians and guests. Welcome to the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's news sponsored by David Hoffman and Hoffman Hanono Insurance.

More than 4 million people, nearly 10 percent of the population, have fled Ukraine in the last five weeks. It's the fastest-growing refugee crisis in Europe since World War II. The conflict has forced 1 in 4 Ukrainians, including half the nation's children, out of their homes, seeking refuge within the country or across its borders.

The White House announced yesterday that the nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve will release 1 million barrels of oil a day to offset the loss of Russian crude oil from world markets, starve Russia of revenue, and lower gas prices. The release is the biggest withdrawal in the reserve's more than 46-year history and will continue for the next six months. The first barrels will hit the market in May.

Federal regulators authorized second booster shots of the Pfizer and Moderna coronavirus vaccines Tuesday for everyone 50 and older, to bolster fading immunity against severe disease in case the virus sweeps the nation again in the coming months. The FDA said this age group could get the additional shot at least four months after their first booster. The agency authorized a second booster for people 12 and older with certain immune deficiencies.

A NASA astronaut caught a Russian ride back to Earth on Wednesday after a U.S. record 355 days at the International Space Station. Mark Vande Hei landed in a Soyuz capsule in Kazakhstan on Wednesday, returning with two Russian cosmonauts. Despite escalating tensions between the U.S. and Russia, Vande Hei's return followed customary amicable procedures. A small NASA team was on hand for the parachute touchdown and planned to return immediately to Houston with the 55-year-old astronaut. Vande Hei underwent medical testing during his long space voyage to further NASA's quest to get astronauts back to the moon and on to Mars.

For the first time this season, some of the cold, hard cash in the billion-dollar world of college sports is hitting the wallets of the players themselves by legitimate means. Tomorrow Kansas, Villanova, North Carolina and Duke will play in the first NCAA mens basketball Final Four to be held under the new world of "name, image and likeness" endorsements in college sports. The new rules permit college athletes to profit from endorsements within certain guidelines. Experts estimate that by the time next year's Final Four rolls around, every men's basketball and football player on a major Division I roster could be making \$100,000 or more.

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 graduating high school in June and will be heading off to Chico State in Northern California. Sophia was born the year that David joined Rotary. Eldest son Alex was married in November of 2021. Austin, the youngest, is heading to high school in the fall and playing Lacrosse year-round on travel teams. 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 brought to you by David Hoffman and Hoffman Hanono Insurance.





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President Neisha has had multiple gavels stolen this year including her blinged out one and a temp. Now she has a GIANT gavel chained to her. This may pose a challenge to the gavel stealers.

Reed and Beta Dinsmore were honored at the Rotarians of the Week!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We're looking for a few good men and women to help at the **Fiesta FUN-raiser on Saturday, May 7.**

Your Job? Welcome party-goers and collect their donations. Shifts are only one hour. Two shifts available: 3:45 to 4:45 or 4:45 to 5:45.

See Betty Waznis for details, 858-216-6266, or bwaznis@gmail.com, or live and in person at a meeting.





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Bob Silvas, Chair of our Club Model UN initiative brought two students from Chula Vista High that we are sponsoring this year. They gave their speeches on climate change from Egypt's point of view. Excellent!



L-R: Rasha Roshdy, pictured with David Hoffman this week's sponsor, won again. The Spartan won also—minus the alcohol that went to her host Bob Silvas. Rasha's son was also a winner. Underage as well, the bottle in that bag went to his appreciative older brother.





CLUB HIGHLIGHTS



ITS ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIME!

Please be sure to encourage any worthy students you may know to apply for one of the two scholarships per school.

They must be seniors at:

**Chula Vista
Castle Park
Hilltop
Olympian
Otay Ranch**

All the information and application is located on the “Scholarship” gold bar on our Chula Vista Rotary website.

Steve Brodbeck (pictured above) and Gary Bryant volunteered at the recent clean up of the Sweetwater Valley.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Friday, April 15 (Good Friday) - Roundtable

Friday, April 22—Rita de la Fuente, San Diego Community Power

Saturday, April 23—Tijuana Home Build

Friday, April 29, Chuck Day, Ronald McDonald House

Friday, May 6, DARK

Saturday, May 7, Fiesta FUN-Raiser, 4:00 p.m.

Friday, May 13—CVESD Speech Contest

Friday, May 20, Rotary Scholarship Presentations





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FIESTA FUN-RAISER!



**Please join us for a FIESTA FUN-RAISER
Saturday, May 7, 4:00 p.m.**

At the Home of Mary and Robert Johnson
Capacity is limited—sign up soon

TAQUERO—MUSIC—FUN !

Various fun-raising opportunities include CONTESTS FOR BEST:

**SALSA
MARGARITAS
GUACAMOLE**

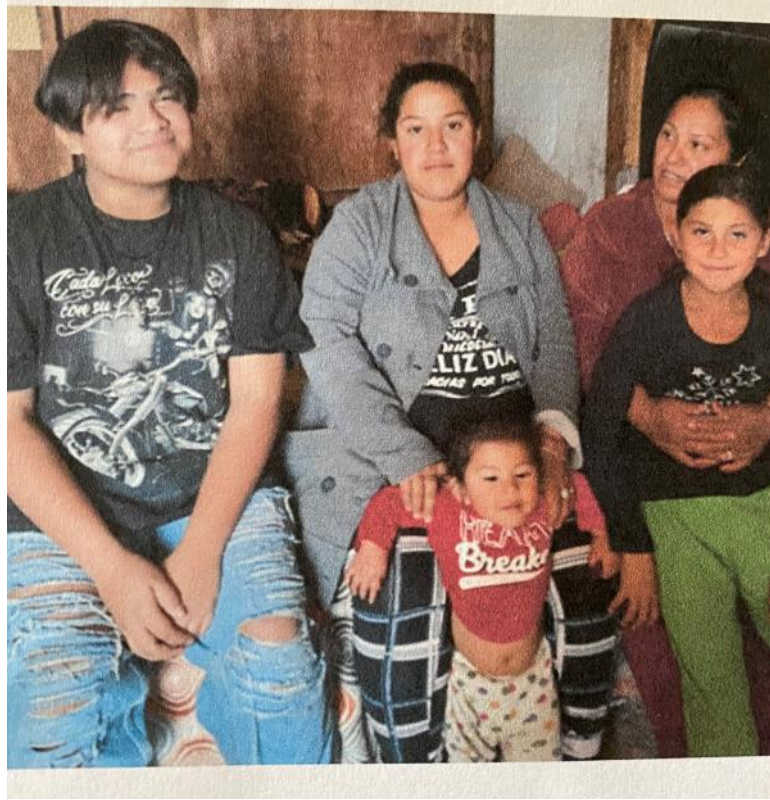
Please reserve your ticket by emailing Jesse—fernfam@pacbell.net
Address provided with confirmation

PER PERSON DONATION - YOUR CHOICE





MEET THE RAMIREZ TAFOLLA FAMILY— TIJUANA HOME BUILD IS SATURDAY, APRIL 23



L-R: Grandson Dilan Alexander (14), Daughter Alexandra (20) with her daughter Elizabet (2), Yamilet (9) and Concepcion (57)

Meet the Ramirez Tafolla family that will receive the home we will build in collaboration with Project Mercy!

The mother, Concepcion, is 57, and was born in Sinaloa. She and her husband migrated to Tijuana 40 years ago in search of work. Unfortunately, her husband of 35 years died 8 years ago and she was left to raise 8 children—and now her grandchildren.

Grandson Dilan is 14, very attentive and likes to help others. He wants to be a doctor.

Yamilet, 9, is caring and loving, however she has significant learning disabilities. Because the family does not have money, they have not been able to provide therapy. Two months ago, she developed strange bruises and spots on her skin and mouth. It was diagnosed as an allergy but the medicine is expensive (2500+ pesos) and they cannot afford it.

Concepcion receives a small pension of 2000 pesos (@\$103) Her daughter Alexandra (20) sells donuts in the streets and earns 150 pesos per week (\$8).

In Concepcion's own words: We do not have running water so we have to buy water from a passing tanker truck but it is expensive. When it rains, water leaks through holes in the roof and turns the floor to mud and get our clothes and bed wet.

I am very happy to know that you can help us by building a house since it is very difficult for us to do so on our own. We dream of a place where we will not be cold; a place where my children and grandchildren will be safe and warm.

