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Dr. Rasha Roshdy
AMNA Sanctuary

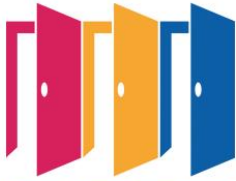


In Arabic, 'Amna' means safe.

It was also the name of my grandmother, who ironically, never felt safe. When she was in sixth grade, her parents removed her from school, as they believed it was time for her to get married. Although Amna was not educated herself, she believed that education was a doorway to women's independence, and made it a priority to house women and families in need so that they could continue their schooling. She opened her own home to single mothers and widows who needed support, and sponsored apartments for those she could not house personally. She died in 1958 at the age of 37.

Although I never met her, I grew up hearing stories about Amna's heart of gold. It has long been my dream to start an organization that carries on her legacy, and helps women and children achieve financial independence and pursue their education. My hope is for Amna Sanctuary to become a safe, supportive space for all who need it.

Dr. Rasha Roshdy
Executive Director (and one of our newest Club members)



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS— April 2, 2021

President Zaneta Encarnacion called the meeting to order. Mary Johnson provided the invocation. Albert Aguilera introduced his guest, Daniela Young.

The topic for the breakout sessions was: If you could add anyone to Mount Rushmore, who would it be; why? Most of the small groups had fun with it—nothing too serious. Albert suggested the current President, as in President Z and our next, President-elect Neisha.

Altrusa is seeking volunteers to help with a reading event at the library on April 15 and 16. More information to follow.

David Hoffman announced the virtual District Training Assembly coming up on Saturday, April 10th. Members are encouraged to participate. Sign up on the District website.

President Z held a poll to gauge club interest in meeting in person and how soon.

Betty Waznis gave the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Eric Rimmele had a few rabbit-related questions to ask of our members. The lucky winners of Amazon gift cards were our guest Daniela Young (Playboy), Mary Johnson (on knowing the fate of Peter Cottontail's dad), Carmen Sandoval (closest guess on how fast rabbits can run (40 mph). Thanks Eric!

INVOCATION - By Mary Johnson

As we gather here today as members of Rotary, we pray that we are ever mindful of opportunities to render our service to fellow citizens and to our community.

Keeping in mind always the enduring values of life, exerting our efforts in those areas and on those things upon which future generations can build with confidence.

Let us continue to strive to make a better world."

Thank you, Shalom & Amen."



**GOOD-BYE POLIO
THANKS ROTARY**





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All those who
logged-on!

With Betty Waznis

Good afternoon Rotarians and guests. Welcome to our speaker, District Governor Steve Weitzen. Today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon is sponsored by Eric Rimmele.

The 24-mile San Diego Bayshore Bikeway has a new name: the Greg Cox San Diego Bayshore Bikeway. Chula Vista City Council members voted unanimously Tuesday to rename the bike path after the former county supervisor and honorary Chula Vista Rotary member.

Since 1975, the nationally recognized bike path has grown to more than 17 miles, with multiple segments around San Diego Bay through the Coronado Silver Strand and into Imperial Beach, the Chula Vista Bayfront, the National City Waterfront and Harbor Drive in the city of San Diego. Final construction of the bike path is slated for completion by the end of the year.

The Padres kicked off the 2021 season yesterday with a roster full of talent and an exciting win, 8 to 7, over the Arizona Diamondbacks. Fans were back in the seats even at a reduced capacity. The series continues tonight with Game 2, at 7:10 pm. As one of the benefits of membership, Padres season ticket holders have always been able to sell up to 50% of their seats. And are they! Opening-day rates for Padres games were through the roof on the secondary market.

The week began with the average ticket price for the Padres' opener sitting at \$269 with a get-in price of \$137, up 169 percent from opening day in 2019. Because of the limited inventory, the price for some tickets topped \$1,500 each.

The NFL is increasing the regular season to 17 games and is planning on full stadiums. Team owners on Tuesday approved the 17th game as expected, marking the first time since 1978 that the regular season has been increased, when it went from 14 to 16 games.

The Super Bowl now will move back a week to Feb. 13, which places it directly in the middle of the Winter Olympics in Beijing.

Eric Rimmele, our president 2014/2015, spent 38 years in the Hospitality Business before re-orienting himself in 2020 to real-estate and business brokerage. Due to the pandemic however, Eric has spent more time with his 8-year-old son Yannick, homeschooling, than actually in his new business.

Now Eric describes himself as semi-retired. He is host to the Infotainment series "The Eric and Lizz Show" on his own YouTube channel....go and subscribe!

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Eric Rimmele.





MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—MARCH 26, 2021



District Governor Steve Weitzen liked us so much the first time, he decided to visit our club a second time. He talked about how Rotary is evolving and how all 60 clubs in the District became E-Clubs virtually overnight. We will likely maintain a zoom meeting once a month when we return to in-person meetings to help with access.

He shared that in 2018, there were no women on the Rotary International Board. There are now 8 women on the Board. Progress is being made.

He invited us to the District Assembly. Thank you for visiting us again DG Weitzen!





HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS ROTARIANS!



Duane Buckingham – April 4

Mike Green – April 5

Rick Andersen – April 6

Betty Waznis – April 11

Michael Simonsen – April 14

Lisa Johnson – April 19

Lori Mitchell – April 24

Rotary
District 5340



Online
Training

Don't Miss Out!

**District
Training
Assembly**

April 10, 2021
8:30 am
Via Zoom





VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – ALTRUSA LITERACY

Altrusa has invited our Rotary Club to participate in “Community Story Time” on Thursday, April 15 and Friday, April 16. Time slots are available from 12-6.

It is also National Library Week and Altrusa International’s birthday.

Please email Senior Librarian Laura Mendez at lmendez@chulavista.lib.ca.us to sign up for a time and date. Options are to: 1) come to the Civic Center Library to be recorded; 2) ask to be recorded from your home via Microsoft Teams with Laura recording you; or, 3) record on your own and ask Laura how to send the video to her.

You will have a selection of books for babies and toddlers to read when you come in to the Library. If you are reading from home, you need to email Laura the book title and author ahead of time to make sure there are no copyright issues.

It is estimated to take 20 minutes for the entire story time, from set up to reading. Laura will do the editing, adding songs, music, and graphics, as needed. The readings will be rolled out over time and not all at once. If you do not want your face shown, let Laura know.

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MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

“What is the value of the life of one child saved? No one will ever know, but if the child were our own, the price tag would be marked: Not for sale - this life is invaluable.” 1979-80 James L. Bomar Jr

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TAKE ACTION: Join a Project





FUN FOR TODAY

Another Saturday night
in the house and I just
realized, even the trash
goes out more than me.



**I think I'm finally
being grounded for
everything I didn't
get caught for when
I was a teenager.**

