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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)**

The Honorable Mary Casillas Salas
Mayor of the City of Chula Vista
Friday, August 13, 2021—Noon



This Friday, we welcome the Mayor of Chula Vista, Mary Casillas Salas. We will hear up to date information about our city and region.

Mayor Mary Casillas Salas was elected to the City Council in 1996 and re-elected in 2000. In 2004, she served as the first Latina Sweetwater Authority Director. In 2006, she was elected to the California State Assembly and served until 2010. She returned to the City Council in 2012 and in 2014, she made history as the first elected Latina mayor in the County of San Diego.

She led two half-cent sales tax measures, Measure P in 2016 to rebuild aging infrastructure, and Measure A in 2018 to hire more police and fire personnel. She has advanced the development of the Chula Vista Bayfront, a 1600-room resort hotel and 275,000 square foot convention center.

Mayor Salas continues to work to bring a four-year university and the revitalization of western Chula Vista. She has two daughters Michele and Sara and is grandmother to Michael, Adriana, and Marissa. Mary graduated with honors from San Diego State University



Meeting Highlights—August 6, 2021

President Neisha Hernandez called the meeting to order. Carmen Sandoval gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

There were various announcements including an update by the Fundraising Committee which highlighted the progress made in just one month—\$4000+ raised—of our \$20,000 goal. **THANK YOU** to everyone who has stepped up to support the Chula Vista Rotary Foundation. Even the weekly drawing tickets brings in \$100+.

A contingent from our sister club—Chula Vista/Eastlake—joined us to invite everyone to a couple of their fundraising events coming up. They will have a trip around San Diego Bay on the Schooner “Bill of Rights” on August 21 and a paella event soon after that.

Longtime Rotarian Kathi Tanaka Mits sponsored the news and provided gift bags which Betty Waznis gave to the lucky winners on her behalf. Thanks Kathi! This week’s drawing winners were Troy Ray, Ken Weimer (who gave it to his son/guest) and who else? Bob Bliss!

The guest speaker, Rita Saliba shared her journey as the parent of a child with autism. She founded the non-profit organization Blissful Seeds to help provide purpose and employment opportunities to young adults with autism. They produce products, including beautiful soaps, and sell them at various farmers’ markets in the region. It was an interesting and informative presentation, with many questions from those present.

GOOD-BYE POLIO
THANKS ROTARY



[ZOOM LINK:](#)

<https://neishas.zoom.us/j/95585492823?pwd=cTFkeXB2Sm42OXpIM0dvU0gxWDBQdz09>

Meeting ID: 955 8549 2823

Passcode: 728501





JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON

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Brought to you by:

All those who
logged-on!

With Betty Waznis

Good afternoon, Rotarians, and guests. Welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today sponsored by Dr Kathi Mits and Tanaka Dental Corporation.

A 3-week-old wildfire engulfed the tiny Northern California mountain town of Greenville on Wednesday. A church, hotel, museum, and bar were among the gold rush era structures that burned down. More than 100 homes were destroyed as well.

Another evacuation warning was issued yesterday as flames pushed toward two other nearby mountain communities, Taylorsville, and Chester. Although progress was made earlier this week, high heat, low humidity, and gusty winds are expected to remain a threat. Firefighters say that trees, grass and brush are so dry that if an ember lands, it's virtually guaranteed to start a new fire.

Southwestern College students, faculty and staff must be vaccinated against COVID-19 before returning to campus for the fall semester on August 23. The policy relies on individuals attesting that they have been fully immunized. Students and employees who are partly vaccinated will have to provide proof of their next vaccine appointment.

Face coverings will also be mandatory in indoor spaces for everyone. Unvaccinated people without medical or religious exemptions will be asked to continue virtual learning. San Ysidro Health will be offering vaccination clinics on campus during the first two weeks of the fall semester.

Big league pro football debuted in San Diego 60 years ago today. The San Diego Chargers of the American Football League defeated the Houston Oilers 27-14 on a 93-degree afternoon in the first preseason game in Balboa Stadium on August 6, 1961. Jack Kemp was quarterback, coming off a season ranked as the AFL's premium passer.

Dr. Kathi Tanaka Mits is a 29-year Chula Vista Rotary member and a USC graduate. She follows in the footsteps of her father, longtime Chula Vista Rotarian and dentist Dr. Terry Tanaka with whom she shares a dental practice here in Chula Vista.

August is a special month for Dr Kathi. Her parent's wedding anniversary and her own wedding anniversary are this month. This August is the 30th anniversary of her beginning work as a dentist. And this month her son Michael starts his second year at SDSU and daughter Kristin starts her senior year at Bonita Vista High School.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's news sponsored by Dr. Kathi Mits and the Tanaka Dental Corporation.





MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—AUGUST 6, 2021



These four Rotarians helped with the clean-up event at Eucalyptus Park on Saturday, July 31. Spear-headed by Gabriel Ruz, pictured above with his 2-year daughter Olivia, (l-r) Ralph Rodriguez, Gary Bryant and Bernard Hernandez helped out also.



Making progress on fundraising means our Club will be able to fulfill big plans in our community,
Right: Ralph Rodriguez in attendance at his first in person in a long time. Welcome back Ralph! Great to see you.





FROM LISA JOHNSON—CHULA VISTA ROTARY PROGRAM CHAIR

I am excited to once again be Program Chair for our club. I am often asked, “what makes a good Rotary program?” My rule of thumb is, if it’s something of interest to me, then my fellow Rotarians might also be interested. In preparing for this year, Prez Neisha and I walked and talked a lot about what types of programs she would like to have. I appreciated that insight because it helps me have direction on what to look for and what to have my fellow Rotarians look for in selecting programs. Below are the areas on which Neisha wanted programs to focus:

Something youth related at least monthly (ex. Music/dance performances, speech contest, scholarship recipients, RYLA, LEAD, MUN participants)
Experience-type programs/fun stuff (ex. Wine tasting, food demos, hands-on art, hypnotist, magician)
Informative (ex. History of our region, local updates from elected officials, environmental issues (Rotary’s new focus), non-profits we work with and support)
Vocational (ex. Interesting industries, Rotarians telling us about their vocation and how they got there)

I am pleased to say that, so far, all our programs fall within one of these areas and we are nearly booked through the end of 2021. If you have an idea for a program, there are plenty of dates remaining. I will be happy to help you book and host a program. Just email me to get that process started. Thank you to my fellow Rotarians who have helped fill our program schedule so far – **Glen Googins, Mary Johnson, Michael Monaco, Ken Weimer, Maria Kachadoorian, and Zaneta Encarnacion.**



Gabriel Ruz helped out at the Welcome Table today and told us about the Clean Chula Vista park clean-up with four members on hand to help.

Right: Speaker Rita Saliba shared her vision to work with people with autism.





MORE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—AUGUST 6, 2021



Betty Waznis had double-duty this week, taking care of the News at Noon, and pinch-hitting for news sponsor Kathi Mits who could not attend. Betty is with he-who-never-wins Troy Ray.

Left: He-who-always-wins Bob Bliss, back on track after a no-win last week. Bob has won three of the four weeks since our return to in person meetings.

Above: Sam Hernandez, with the Chula Vista-Eastlake evening club, invited us to a couple of their fundraising events. A trip around the bay is coming up soon—August 21 (see info on page 9), and a paella event after that.





CHULA VISTA ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, October 29, Shotgun Start at Noon
Chula Vista Golf Course - 4475 Bonita Road



Supporting Youth Leadership, Scholarships, Community Projects & More!



\$125 per player/\$450 per foursome paid by Oct 14
\$500 per foursome after Oct 14

**INCLUDES LUNCH, SNACKS, DRINKS, DINNER &
FUN!**

TOP THREE TEAMS WIN PRIZES

Golfers in Costume Will Be Entered to Win Prizes!

Contact Jesse Fernandez (619 370-6805) or Albert Aguilera (619) 395-7947



SAVE THE DATE!



HAWAIIAN THEMED SOCIAL
(Let us enjoy the perks of full vaccination)

Thursday, August 26

Drinks at 4:00 p.m.

Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

At Leon & Cecilia Redondo Home
3238 Via San Vitale, Chula Vista
Gate Code 032

August is



Membership and New Club Development Month


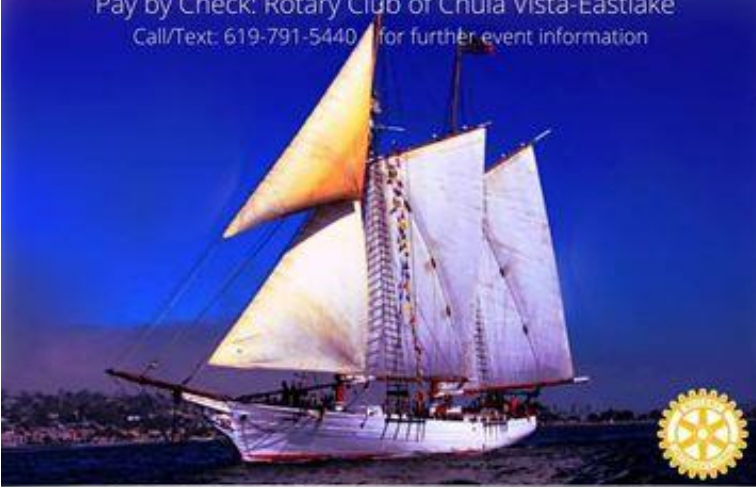




Join us for food and wine as we sail the San Diego harbor in this fundraising event to benefit our service projects.

Mar Y Vino

SCHOONER "BILL OF RIGHTS"
604 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, CA 91910
Boarding begins at 5:00pm
\$75. / person
Pay by Venmo: @RotaryClub-ChulaVistaEastlake
Pay by Check: Rotary Club of Chula Vista-Eastlake
Call/Text: 619-791-5440 for further event information



SATURDAY AUGUST 21ST 2021

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AREAS OF FOCUS:

Promoting Peace

Fighting Disease

Providing Clean Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

Saving Mothers and Children

Supporting Education

Growing Local Economies





SAVE THE DATE:

Evening with Heroes ²⁰²¹

Cocktail Reception & Luau Dinner

and Special Tribute to the 20th Anniversary of 9/11

Saturday, September 11 ★ 4 - 8 pm

Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center, Easton Archery Center

*Silent Auction, Dynamic Demonstrations,
and Interactive Experiences!*

★ *With Emcee Kimberly Hunt, and
Auctioneer Clint Bell.*

Tickets: chulavistapolicefoundation.org



Rotary 
District 5340

2021 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Rotary at the Beach: Celebrate & Connect!

September 10-12, 2021



Registration Now Open!





THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

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**1. Loaning someone
your strength
instead of
reminding them of
their weakness.**

