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The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista  
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Meets Fridays at noon, 4475 Bonita Road, Bonita (CV Golf Course)

**CHUCK PRETTO**  
**District Governor**  
**August 19, 2022 - Noon**



Please join us this Friday at noon as we welcome District Governor Chuck Pretto to our Club.

Chuck was invited to join the San Diego Rotary Club 33 in 1992. He found his niche hosting exchange students. He and his wife hosted a half a dozen students throughout the years.

In Club 33, he chaired numerous committees including Camp Enterprise, Project Allocations & Grants, and Youth Exchange. He served as President in 2013-14 and then Chair of the Club 33's foundation the following year. He has been active at the District level and served as District Conference Chair, Chief of Staff, Rotaract Chair, Chief Aide and Chief Assistant Governor.

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**Chula Vista Rotary Golf Tournament—Friday, October 28**



## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS— August 5, 2022

President Mark Scott called the meeting to order.

Betty Waznis provided the News at Noon. Risa Baron was not present but served as the sponsor this week.

Frank Whiteley was the guest speaker and provided an interesting presentation about Top Gun and working in Hollywood.



The lucky drawing winners received a nice assortment of Jackie's Jams thanks to News Sponsor Risa Baron.

L-R: Ramon Moncada, Rasha Roshdy, and Mary Johnson.

Frank Whiteley shared his experiences during the production of the first Top Gun movie and his security work in Hollywood.

He even brought coffee mugs for everyone! Thanks Frank!

## Club Service at Project Hand Food Distribution



Club members helped pack and distribute much needed food to local residents through the Project Hand location at St. Mark's Church, Hilltop & I Street.

L-r: Gary Bryant, Duane Buckingham, Jesse Fernandez, Carmen Sandoval, Mary Johnson, Chris Lewis and Troy Ray. (cont. on page 4)





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## JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON

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With Betty Waznis

Hello, fellow Rotarians. Welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Risa Baron and Republic Services.

A U.S. drone strike killed Ayman al-Zawahri at an urban safe house in Afghanistan this past weekend. Al Zawahri was a key plotter of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and took over as the leader of al-Qaeda after Osama bin Laden's death. The early-morning strike in the heart of downtown Kabul capped a 21-year search for the Egyptian radical. After tracking him down in Kabul earlier this year, U.S. forces fired two Hellfire missiles and killed al-Zawahri on his favorite balcony in a private home without killing anyone else.

Unlike last year, Padres management did not let the MLB trade deadline pass them by. They made five deals over the two days leading up to the deadline at 3 p.m. Tuesday. Most exciting acquisitions were outfielder Juan Soto and first baseman Josh Bell from the Washington Nationals. Soto, a 23-year-old from the Dominican Republic, is considered one of the best hitters in the majors, and in his first five seasons has put up numbers comparable to the game's all-time greats. He is ranked sixth all-time in on base and slugging percentage only behind Ted Williams, Ty Cobb, Mike Trout, Stan Musial and Albert Pujols in their age-23 seasons. Not only that but he won the Home Run Derby just last month. Padres fans are already excited.

Soto and Bell debuted to a sold-out game on Wednesday night. The team will also get a boost from the return of Fernando Tatis Jr. following his wrist surgery, likely in no more than two weeks. Tatis and Soto have known each other since they were teenagers in the Dominican Republic.

Risa Baron is a New York native who moved with her family to California during her senior year of high school, Baron is an SDSU graduate and was the first in her family to attend college. She was a nontraditional student, working mornings full-time and taking classes afternoons and evenings, often finding herself on campus as late as 10 pm. She graduated with BS degrees in Political Science and Public Administration.

She joined Republic Services in March 2021 as Municipal Manager, working closely with the City of San Diego and cities throughout San Diego County to provide waste and recycling services. Her prior experience includes work at the San Diego County Water Authority, SDG&E and Caltrans. Among her other accomplishments, she is past President of I Love a Clean San Diego and currently serves as President of SDSU Alumni Association.

She and husband David are also small business owners. Their family, including son Jonah and daughter Hannah, were fans of San Diego-based Jackie's Jams for years when they learned the owner intended to retire and sell the business. David was ready for a change after a career in politics and had a passion for cuisine and cooking, so they decided to buy the business. David and a team of employees handcraft the specialty jams using fresh ingredients from local growers, while Risa handles the administrative side.

Risa said she never dreamed of owning a small business. Now, her whole family is involved in the company. She says, "It has brought us the most joy and is one of our greatest accomplishments." This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Risa Barona and Republic Services.





**HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS DEAR ROTARIANS!**



**GLEN GOOGINS - AUGUST 10**

**BERNARD HERNANDEZ - AUGUST 25**





# MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.”

HENRY FORD

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# AUGUST



## Membership Workshop

August 20, 2022 - 9:00 -10:30 AM - Via Zoom



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