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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)

Ben Vallejos
Living Coast Discovery Center
Friday, August 20, 2021—Noon



Ben Vallejos, Executive Director of the Living Coast Discovery Center (and member of our Club), will provide an update on current activities there and how they have weathered the effects of the pandemic.

They are now re-opened from Thursday to Sundays and working towards their goal of connecting all of us to coastal wildlife through a variety of educational platforms.

The Living Coast Discovery Center is reconnecting with various groups, school programs, community activities, family events and scouts.

Please join us to welcome Ben back to his first in-person Club meeting—and bring a friend!



Meeting Highlights—August 6, 2021

President Neisha Hernandez called the meeting to order. Mora de Murguia gave the invocation and led us in the pledge of allegiance. President Neisha gave a shout out to the Rotarian of the Week—who was born in South Dakota and whose favorite Rotary activity is the Holiday dinner and music at Ronald McDonald House—Mora!

Mora announced that Baldwin & Sons had agreed to be the title sponsor for the upcoming Chula Vista Rotary Golf Tournament and donate \$5000 (!). Very exciting news—thank you! Albert Aguilera brought a check for \$1500 for ServPro's sponsorship—thank you! The fundraising thermometer is up to **\$11,400**—Wow! Keep it coming everyone.

First woman Chula Vista Rotary President Diane Flint Wages was the sponsor for the News at Noon and presented the drawing prizes to Sabrina Monaco, Risa Baron, and Duane Buckingham.

President Neisha showed off the beautiful Chula Vista basket that will be auctioned off at the District Conference in September.

Mayor Mary Casillas Salas gave an excellent update on work in the city of Chula Vista, including the bayfront project, infrastructure, parks and much more. Chula Vista has fared well due to its long-range planning and fiscal responsibility. Homelessness remains a challenge.

Mayor Salas discussed the ongoing impact of the pandemic on small businesses and the city's commitment to provide assistance as much as possible.

**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

●LIVE



Brought to you by:

All those who
logged-on!

With Betty Waznis

Good afternoon, Rotarians and guests. Today's Jim Biddle News at Noon is brought to you by Diane Flint Wages.

In COVID news this week: the State of California now requires all teachers and staff in public and private California schools to be vaccinated or be tested weekly. San Diego school leaders say this will not directly affect most county educators, since the vast majority are already vaccinated.

Hawaii Governor David Ige announced yesterday that two visitors from the US mainland were arrested by state authorities for allegedly trying to pass off fake proof of vaccinations. The arrests were made following a tip from a community member.

After igniting a month ago, the Dixie fire in northern California has now burned more than half a million acres. Last night's thunderstorms, with wind gusts up to 45 mph and reports of spotty lightning added to already treacherous conditions. The fire has crossed containment lines in some areas and grounded water-dropping helicopters. Smoke from the fire as seen in this aerial photo is drifting more than 1000 miles away.

San Diego was well represented with champions in the Tokyo Olympics. Team USA topped China 39-38 in the gold medal table with an unexpected win in one of the final events from Jennifer Valente, who learned to ride at the San Diego Velodrome to become the first U.S. women to claim gold in track cycling. She was part of a U.S. gold-medal haul that included four others with San Diego ties: Scripps Ranch High and SDSU alum Xander Schauffele (men's golf), former La Jolla Country Day star Kelsey Plum (3x3 women's basketball), Encinitas resident Michael Andrew (men's swimming) and SDSU incoming freshman Nevin Harrison (women's canoe).

Diane Flint Wages joined Chula Vista Rotary in 1989 when she became Vice President/Manager of Bank of America's Chula Vista Main Office on Third Ave and E St. That bank had a long history in Chula Vista dating back to the 1920's when it was known as Bank of Italy. Managers before her, probably dating to the founding of our club, were members of Chula Vista Rotary. She was the first woman to manage the bank, became one of the early women members of our club, and was installed as the first woman President of the Club in 1998-99, thanks to Jim Biddle who was Diane's sponsor. We were proud to honor her as Rotarian of the Year for 2017-18.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. This edition brought to you by Diane Flint Wages.





MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—AUGUST 13, 2021



Top left: Mora de Murguia presents the \$5000 check to President Neisha from Baldwin & Sons.
Top right: Albert Aguilera present the \$1500 check from ServPro.

Thank you sponsors!

Bottom left: Sabrina Monaco, member of the Chula Vista-Eastlake Rotary Club won a drawing prize.
Bottom right: Duane Buckingham denies Bob Bliss this week.





MESSAGE FROM LISA JOHNSON— CHULA VISTA ROTARY PROGRAMS 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. ljohnson@ntcfoundation.org

Thank you to my fellow Rotarians who have helped fill our program schedule so far – **Glen Googins, Mary Johnson, Michael Monaco, Ken Weimer, Maria Kachadorian, and Zaneta Encarnacion.**

HAPPY TRAVELS

Many Rotarians are traveling this summer.

Mary Johnson recently visited Glacier National Park in Montana.

Lisa Johnson is enjoying a month in Paris.

A group of Rotarian fishermen are off somewhere catching fish—and putting them back. We are told it is great fun. We will no doubt hear about it soon.

New member Risa Baron is traveling to Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin with her daughter Hannah, who is studying to be a music teacher. Hannah plays the cello.

Cheryl Shields is traveling the country dropping off the triplets at the three various colleges and universities.





MORE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—AUGUST 13, 2021



Above: Risa Baron with Diane Flint Wages.

Above right: Mayor Casillas Salas admiring her new Rotary mug.

Right: The fabulous gift basket that will be auctioned at the District 5340 Conference in September.





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



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES
Rotary

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




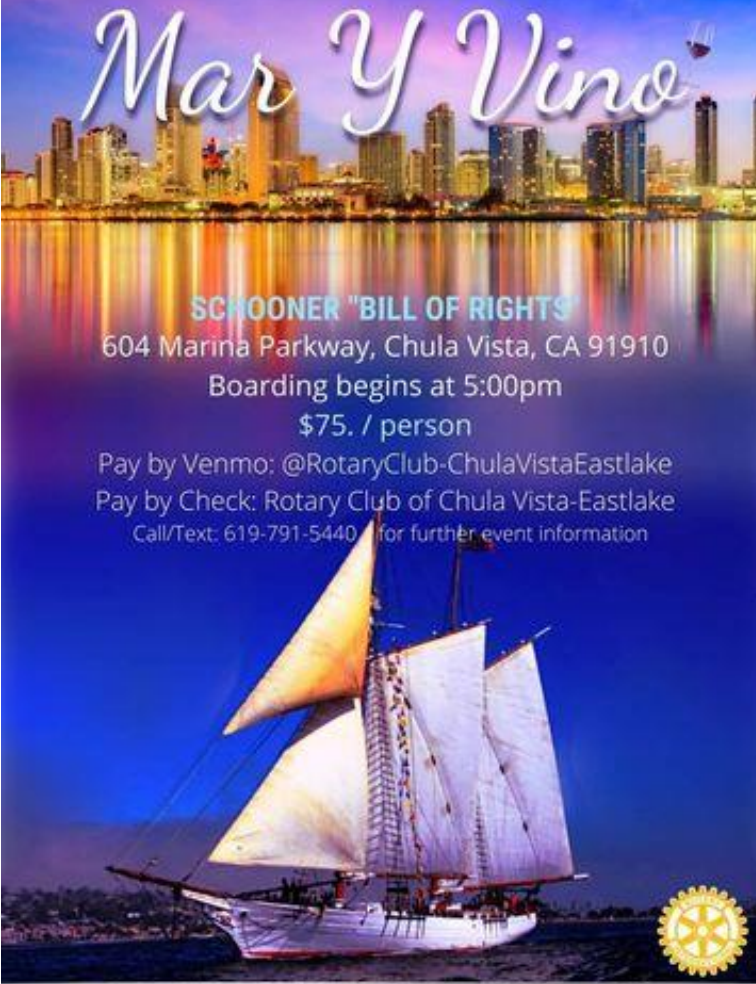


Join us for food and wine as we sail the San Diego harbor in this fundraising event to benefit our service projects.

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

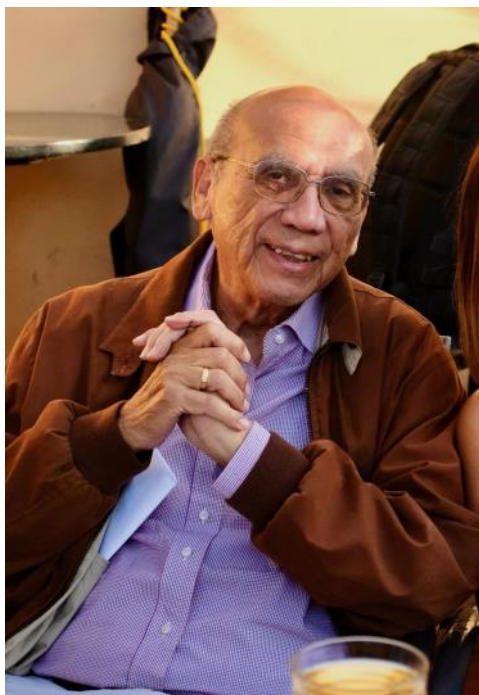


Registration Now Open!





THOUGHTS FOR TODAY



We recently lost a very dedicated and active Rotarian, David Ballesteros. He was a remarkable human being who dedicated his life to helping people around the world.

As a dean at SDSU, he assisted countless students in becoming future leaders in San Diego and Imperial County communities. As a Rotarian for over 37 years, David held numerous leadership positions within the Calexico Rotary Club and later the La Mesa Sunrise Rotary Club, where he led numerous district and global grant partnerships that delivered vital programs in Ecuador, Mexico, and Honduras.

He served as Assistant Governor for District 5340 and encouraged us to look beyond our own clubs. He worked to strengthen our bond with Mexico (Rotary District 4100- Baja California, Baja California Sur, Sonora, Norte de Sinaloa) through friendship and service to others.

David had long envisioned a future where technology would make it possible to create a truly global Rotary club where members from around the world could meet virtually and work together to effect positive change on a global scale. This vision came to fruition in 2016 when he helped found the Rotary E-club of San Diego Global. 5 years later, the Rotary E-club of San Diego Global continues to thrive with members in six countries and three Global Grants completed.

David touched many of our lives and will always be remembered. Truly a life well-lived.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, August 22nd at 11:30 AM at Funeraria del Angel at 753 Broadway, Chula Vista.

(Adapted from District 5340 Newsbits, August 15, 2021)

