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The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista
Chartered February 16, 1926 - Club Number 908 - District 5340—
Meets Twice a Month, noon, 4475 Bonita Road, Bonita (CV Golf Course)

CLUB SOCIAL
Carruth Cellars - Liberty Station Barrack 17
August 26, 2022 - 3:00 P.M.



Please join us this Friday for a fun gathering at the newest location of Carruth Cellars Urban Winery. Located at Liberty Station, the Wine Garden and Cheese Shop opened just a few weeks ago.

We will be there 3:00—5:00 to allow plenty of time to enjoy dinner on your own afterwards if you like. See President Mark's email for suggestions.

Carruth Cellars is located in Barrack 17 at 2710 Historic Decatur Road, on the south side of the complex, in the vicinity of Slater's 50/50 restaurant. Please let Lisa Johnson know if you can attend.

CLUB CALENDAR

Friday, August 26, 3:00—Social at Carruth Cellars at Liberty Station, Barrack 17 (near Slaters 50/50, on south side)
Friday, September 2—Labor Day weekend—**ROUNDTABLE**
Friday, September 9, **Jesse Vigil**, Big Table
Friday, September 23, **Megan Phelps**, Youth for Climate
Chula Vista Rotary Golf Tournament—Friday, October 28



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS— August 19, 2022

President Mark Scott called the meeting to order. Chuck Bevan gave the invocation. We welcomed several guests as well as District Governor Chuck Pretto.

Governor Pretto installed our newest club member—Eduardo Reyes. His day job is the Superintendent of the Chula Vista School District. Welcome Eduardo!

A group of fishermen were fined—\$100! They shared some of their fun catching and releasing.

Someone caught a photo of Mike Green walking down Third Avenue in the background on a story about the Mayor's time in office coming to a close.

Lisa Johnson invited members to the next social at Carruth Cellars at Liberty Station, Friday, August 26, 3-5 pm.

Local events coming up were announced—Bike the Bay on August 28.

Fundraising chair Jesse Fernandez gave an update on the Chula Vista Rotary Club golf tournament on October 28. We are also planning a Bunco Tournament fundraiser next spring.

Tina Matthias invited us to join in South Bay Sustainable Communities clean up event on Friday, September 16 at 11 a.m. See Tina for more information.

Gary Bryant shared the numbers of families positively impacted at the recent food distribution event hosted by Project Hand at St. Mark's Church: 350 families, 672 total bags of food, 1600 individuals.

David Hoffman introduced DG Chuck Pretto who gave a high energy presentation, sharing his journey with Rotary which included almost quitting, then finding his passion hosting exchange students, leading to more ways to serve the community. He is passionate about behavioral health issues and the crisis levels of suicide rates, made even worse by the pandemic. It is his area of focus during his year as District Governor.

He highlighted our District's support for the RI Annual Fund and encouraged us to continue and increase our support. The District Conference will feature the Gala on Saturday, October 29. DG Chuck discussed the importance of wearing our Rotary pins—which feature the word Rotary—as a way of reaching out to people and potentially new members. He said we need to share our stories and good work as a key way to grow Rotary.

Great visit - thank you District Governor Pretto!

God our Father,
You guide everything in wisdom and love.
Accept the prayers we offer for our Rotary Leaders.

In your goodness, watch over them and give them confidence in our support.
Help us to be the Rotarians they need in following their path.
Lord, we are thankful that our leaders have stepped forward to add their vision to the
world of Rotary.

Amen.





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JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON

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Hello, fellow Rotarians. Welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Ben Koala and Bonita Tax Services.

Sales of new cars and trucks in California fell almost 18 percent in the first two quarters of this year, due to shortages of computer chips and a challenging economy. But, in a first, a pair of electric vehicles finished in first and second place in overall registrations across the state. Tesla completed deliveries of 42,000 plus orders of its Model Y in the first six months of the year, putting it in first place, and the Tesla Model 3 racked up almost 39,000 units to come in second. Overall, EVs accounted for 15 percent of the share of new registrations in the first two quarters in California. When sales of hybrids were added, the market share came to 29 percent.

One of our hometown nonprofits has now reached a major milestone in its grant funding efforts. The Community Congregational Development Corporation (CCDC) founded by members of Community Congregational Church, has supported South Bay seniors through its philanthropic efforts since 2013. On Thursday, CCDC announced that, in awarding \$160,000 to Legal Aid for Justice for South Bay Seniors, it has now distributed more than \$6 million to 22 local nonprofit organizations and government agencies. It has enabled Meals on Wheels to buy a new food delivery van, Casa Familiar to offer meals and rental assistance, and Serving Seniors to provide housing subsidies for at-risk older adults. Working with the City of Chula Vista, CCDC has funded new bocce ball and pickleball courts at Norman Park Senior Center and a free community shuttle for older people in Northwest Chula Vista. Thank you, CCDC.

The San Diego Padres have replaced a planned [Fernando Tatis Jr.](#) bobblehead night scheduled for Sept 7 with a [Juan Soto](#) T-shirt giveaway after superstar shortstop Tatis was banned 80 games on Friday following a positive test for a performance-enhancing drug. The Padres started a four game home series against the Nationals last night, losing 3-1.

Today's sponsor, Ben Koala, was born and raised in San Diego. He's husband to the lovely Fiona and father to three beautiful kids--Lua (12), Aer (5), and Kya (9 months). He started his career at the County of San Diego, progressing from student worker to associate accountant in six years.

In 2012 he started Koala Financial, Inc. and bought the long-running local business Bonita Tax Services. As a CPA with numerous other licenses and credentials including Certified Financial Planner, Chartered Life Underwriter, Personal Financial Specialist, Series 7 Registered Representative, Series 66 Investment Advisor Representative, plus a real estate sales license, he has expanded the services offered beyond tax and accounting to also include wealth management, retirement planning, life/long-term-care/disability insurance, real estate estate sales, mortgage lending, and more. He works with hundreds of local business owners and individuals in the Chula Vista / Bonita area to help them make the most of their money.

Ben recently accepted a position as a finance officer / comptroller with the Air National Guard, making the switch from a signal officer with the Army National Guard, where one of his assignments was fighting wildfires in northern California. He loves to enjoy the beautiful outdoors in San Diego with the family, including hiking, biking, boating, and watersports. This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Ben Koala and Bonita Tax Services.





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Top left: District Governor Chuck Preto welcomes Eduardo Reyes into the family of Rotary and the Chula Vista Rotary.

Top right: Club members welcome Eduardo Reyes as our newest member!

Above 1-r: President-Elect Mora de Murguia, President Mark Scott, DG Chuck Preto, Eduardo Reyes, and Michael Monaco (one of Eduardo's sponsors).





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Missoula River Lodge, Montana - August 2022



Top: Rotarians enjoyed another fun fishing trip— and were all happily fined for it. It was the first for Glen Googins pictured at the top left with the guide. Steve Miesen popped in from northern California with the yellow Rotary shirt that will NOT die.

Group photo—back row: Lane Pearson, Glen Googins, Gary Bryant; front row: Bob Bliss, David Hoffman, Troy Ray, Ken Weimer, a friend, and Mike Green. Tell Gary if you would like to join in next time.

L-r: What are the odds the DG would win a door prize?! He REALLY loved the Rotary bling carried over from Neisha's year. DG Chuck was rocking End Polio red sneakers AND Rotary socks.

