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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)

**ALEXANDRA KEEGAN**  
East County Youth Symphony  
Friday, August 27, 2021—Noon



East County Youth Symphony, led by Music Director and Conductor Alexandra Keegan, is the most advanced music program in East San Diego County. Our young musicians (average age 14) meet the challenges of professional discipline, preparing for rehearsals, thoughtful and productive practicing, and original (not adapted for easy learning) repertoire.

Membership in East County Youth Symphony is absolutely free, there are no fees or tuition required. It's open to all musicians, ages 7 to 25, who wish to audition. Current members range from relative beginners to some of San Diego County's finest young musicians and come from 39 different schools.

Every musician in East County Youth Symphony upper divisions performs in a Symphony Orchestra. In addition, participation in ensembles and/or Chamber Orchestra is encouraged. All ECYS programs and ensembles are absolutely free.

The East County Youth Symphony orchestras rehearse weekly and perform 8-10 concerts a year, while the Chamber Orchestra and Ensembles perform year round at a variety of venues.



## Meeting Highlights—August 20, 2021

President Elect-Elect Mora Keller de Murguia called the meeting to order in the absence of President Neisha and President-Elect Donna Moss. Jim Biddle gave the invocation and led us in the pledge.

Mora shared greetings from our members on a fishing trip in Montana. The member of the week was Albert Aguilera who works with ServPro, residential and commercial restoration services.

Jerry May and Bob Silvas were recognized with their most recent multiple Paul Harris award. Thank you for your support to the Rotary International Foundation.

Fine Master Michael Monaco fined Past President Zaneta for her appearance in public without her Rotary pin.

Donna Moss was the sponsor for the Jim Biddle News at Noon. The lucky drawing winners were: Carmen Sandoval, Ramon Moncada and Duane Buckingham.

We had the opportunity to visit with a small own and a one-eyed opossum from the Living Coast Discovery Center. Rotarian Ben Vallejos has worked there since his college days and served as Executive Director since 2014. We learned a lot about the opossum which lives to 3-5 years.

Several Rotarians support the Living Coast as volunteers, board members and finance committee members. They include Ken Weimer, Jim Biddle and Chris Lewis who is the current Board Chair. The Center has carved out a niche in connecting local wildlife with the community. They have numerous educational

### Invocation by Jim Biddle:

Lord, we are gathered here today to share experiences with each other and to pray for the protection and healing of many others in our World – and there are many to pray for in the fire season in Northern California, for those in peril in Afghanistan, for those dealing with medical issues of every description.

Please let us be thoughtful and supporting of those as we go through our day.

Thank you for this meal and the time to gather in support of one another.

### [ZOOM LINK:](#)

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

Meeting ID: 955 8549 2823  
Passcode: 728501





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## 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 the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's news sponsored by Donna Moss and LPL Financial.

Well, we have our choice of troubles this week. As of yesterday, the US had evacuated some 12000 people from Kabul after the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan.

Closer to home, the Caldor Fire in El Dorado and Amador Counties joins the Dixie Fire and more than 14 current major fire outbreaks in Northern California. 11,000 fire fighters are on the front lines. 31,000 people in seven counties are under evacuation orders. More than 13 million California acres have burned this year. And from the country that can't catch a break, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit Haiti last weekend, killing close to two thousand and leaving many more thousands homeless. This was followed shortly by the arrival of Tropical Storm Grace, bringing rain, storm winds, flooding and landslides.

On a brighter note, the Rady Shell opened to great success and thrilled audiences on August 6. The beautiful new concert venue for the San Diego Symphony has a musical lineup that offers something for everyone – from Beethoven to Gladys Knight. Its spectacular bayside location on the Embarcadero is meant to operate year-round, taking advantage of our climate and promoting a healthy outdoor experience. Concerts are currently scheduled through November and include all kinds of popular and classical favorites. See what's ahead at [theshell.org](http://theshell.org).

Addressing a desperate need for starting pitchers due to injuries, the Padres signed Jake Arrieta on Monday. Arrieta, a former 2015 Cy Young winner who fell on hard times, was released by the Chicago Cubs last week.

Arrieta started Wednesday against the Rockies and lasted four innings before he left the mound with a left hamstring injury. Padres fell to the Rockies 7 to 5 to conclude the series. The loss leaves the Padres in third place in the National League West, clinging to a 1 game lead over the Reds in the race for the league's second and final wild card spot. Next up - Padres vs Phillies tonight at Petco Park.

Donna Moss is a financial planner with LPL Financial, the largest independent brokerage firm in the U.S. with over 16,000 representatives. LPL is the merger of Linsco and Private Ledger Financial Services. The latter firm was established in 1973 in Mission Valley; our very own Jim Biddle was one of its founders. In the uncertain environment of today's economy, this may be just the right time to reach out to Donna for professional advice as you map out your financial future. Her current office is downtown in San Diego at 406 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, right across the street from Petco Park.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today's News sponsored by Donna Moss and LPL Financial.





# CHULA VISTA ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

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

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**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**





## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—AUGUST 20, 2021



Above left: Jerry May received his Paul Harris +6. Above right: Mora presents Bob Silvas with his Paul Harris +3.



Above left, Fine Master Michael Monaco fined Past Prez Z with an assist from Jon Miller.  
Above right, Aiyana Reissman with the Living Coast Discovery Center tells us about her friend the opossum.







Top: Ben Koala has been fighting the Dixie Fire in northern California for the past few weeks as part of the California National Guard.

Above: Two scenes from the Fishing Rotarians trip to Montana.

It is the view from the lodge of the Clark's Fork River.





## SAVE THE DATE

Our Chula Vista Rotary Club provided a contribution to this project:

You're invited to Camp Bashor at Otay Lakes County Park on *Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>* when we will be celebrating all of the donors whose generosity helped create this extraordinary new outdoor camping and recreation facility for youth and families from all over San Diego County – especially the South Bay.

I'm delighted to provide you with the electronic registration link below that includes the details for the event.

To register, please complete the RSVP form at: <https://sdcbsa.doubleknot.com/event/camp-bashor-invite/2842806>

Invocation by Maria Kachadoorian—August 13, 2021

Let us pray,  
Lord, we are grateful for the food that is before us, for the friendship at these tables, and for Your many blessings.  
There are so many things that we take for granted. Let us not ignore them today. Let us all remember that life is a gift. That our health is a blessing, that today is a new day filled with great potential, and that we have the capacity to bring something wholly new and unique and good into this world. Let us remember, to be kind and patient with the people we love and those who love us  
And to those with whom we work with and interact with each and every day. Teach us to see all the beauty that we so often ignore, and to listen to those who feel unheard.  
Amen.

**GOOD-BYE POLIO**  
**THANKS ROTARY**







## THOUGHTS FOR TODAY



The less you  
respond to  
negativity,  
the more  
peaceful your  
life becomes.

