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Rotary Opens Opportunities

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Friday, August 28, 2020—Noon on Zoom
Mia Kang & Rastin Houshmand-Azad
Model UN & Youth Leadership Development



Model United Nations is a simulation of the United Nations. Young learners become advocates for their country's best interests as they work together to develop resolutions to some of the world's most pressing global issues. Our Club has long supported the Model UN program in our region.

Mia Kang teaches 6th and 7th grade science at Portola Highly-Gifted Magnet in Tarzana. She has been coaching Model United Nations (MUN) for the past twelve years. Mia is currently pursuing her doctorate degree in Organizational Change and Leadership at USC. She believes that young leaders hold the keys to a bright future for all.

In choosing his middle school, Rastin Houshmand-Azad was looking to find a program that had the option to join a Model United Nations (MUN) program. He has always been excited to learn about culture, history, and geopolitics. MUN provided Rastin with the opportunity to gain a greater understanding of other nations' viewpoints. He believes the program motivated him and other students to treat the other countries challenges and opportunities as legitimate and try to bridge the gap between the various perspectives.



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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 President Zaneta Encarnacion and Southwestern College.

Vendors and small businesses at Otay Ranch Market are struggling to operate amid a drastic decline in customers because of COVID-19 concerns. Having closed in March, the market reopened in July, but the decrease in foot traffic is hurting some of its businesses.

The Otay Ranch Market has put safety measures in place since reopening, including installing hand-washing stations and separating vendors by at least 8 feet.

Since its debut in 2007, the Market has been an integral part of the culture of Otay Ranch and Eastlake on Tuesday nights, especially during the summer.

Some community members are working to show their support, and encourage others to do the same. Katia Callahan started the Facebook group "Eastlake Food to Go" to bring her community together and support local restaurants and vendors.

Despite the lower numbers, the market will continue Tuesdays from 4 to 7 p.m., at the Otay Ranch Town Center.

Pres Z has been a Rotarian for 8 years and has had the blessing of working in our community for the betterment of our community. She is currently the Special Assistant (aka Chief of Staff) for Southwestern College's Superintendent/President Dr. Kindred Murillo. Zaneta oversees Communications, Community and Government Relations and leads special projects. She has been married for 22 years, has a 19-year-old son attending Southwestern College, and has had a slew of furry family members over the years ... all of them extra large! She is a believer in lifelong learning and wants to share that there are all kinds of classes at Southwestern College supporting lifelong learning ... and there is still time to register!

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today's News sponsored by President Zaneta Encarnacion and Southwestern College.

Meeting Highlights: President-Elect Neisha Hernandez called the meeting to order.

Francisco Escobedo, taking a short break from Chula Vista Elementary School District pandemic planning, gave the invocation and led the pledge.

Rich Brocchini zoomed in from Northern California where dedicated firefighters are battling hundreds of fires, resulting from nearly 12,000 lightning strikes.



One of his jobs is assisting in balancing global information with the needs of specific jurisdictions.

He introduced Sean Lowery from the Chula Vista Firefighter Foundation.



Highlights from Last Week's Presentation



Sean Lowery has quite a few friends in the Club who were happy to share fun facts— he was a Fire Explorer as a teenager and an Eastlake Cheerleader. After some good-natured ribbing, Sean shared that he actually met his wife through cheer.

The Chula Vista Firefighters' Foundation was the vision of a retired CVFD Captain. It's mission is to serve the community through numerous partnerships and targeted programs. The focus is on disaster relief, water safety initiatives, Adopt a Family and provide grocery gift cards to residents in need—and more. The Foundation partners with *Southwestern College* by providing equipment for their community CPR classes and also provides scholarships to students.

Rotarians asked about volunteer opportunities and Sean said there are several during normal times. Some events such as the Easter Egg Hunt and pancake breakfast were cancelled. The Vulcan Quarry 5k/10K is a fun and challenging event that helps to support their work.

Some members expressed an interest in reviving the Rotary community service activity of installing smoke detectors in mobile homes and the homes of seniors. We will follow up on that.

The Fire Academy at Paseo Ranchero and East H, which serves as a training hub for local and regional departments, may be the site of a future Rotary Club meeting or event – stay tuned!

Thanks to Sean for a very interesting presentation.





Rotary Foundation Receives Highest Rating from Charity Navigator for 11th Year

For the 11th consecutive year, the Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating — four stars — from **Charity Navigator**, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.

The **Foundation** earned the recognition for demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

Areas of focus:

- Preventing disease
- Providing clean water
- Supporting education
- Grow local economies
- Saving mothers and children
- Promoting peace

Foundation Chair Lane Pearson shared that the Rotary Foundation was once again honored for its highly efficient use of our donations.

Rotarians have a variety of options when donating to the Foundation - re-occurring (i.e. monthly), one-time, annually. In addition, we can designate how our money is to be used by selecting from the areas of focus listed above.

We can even have the Rotary Foundation track our donations in its highly protected and privately secure system.

Please sign up online at: <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>
Or contact Lane.

Thank You!

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QUESTION OF THE DAY?

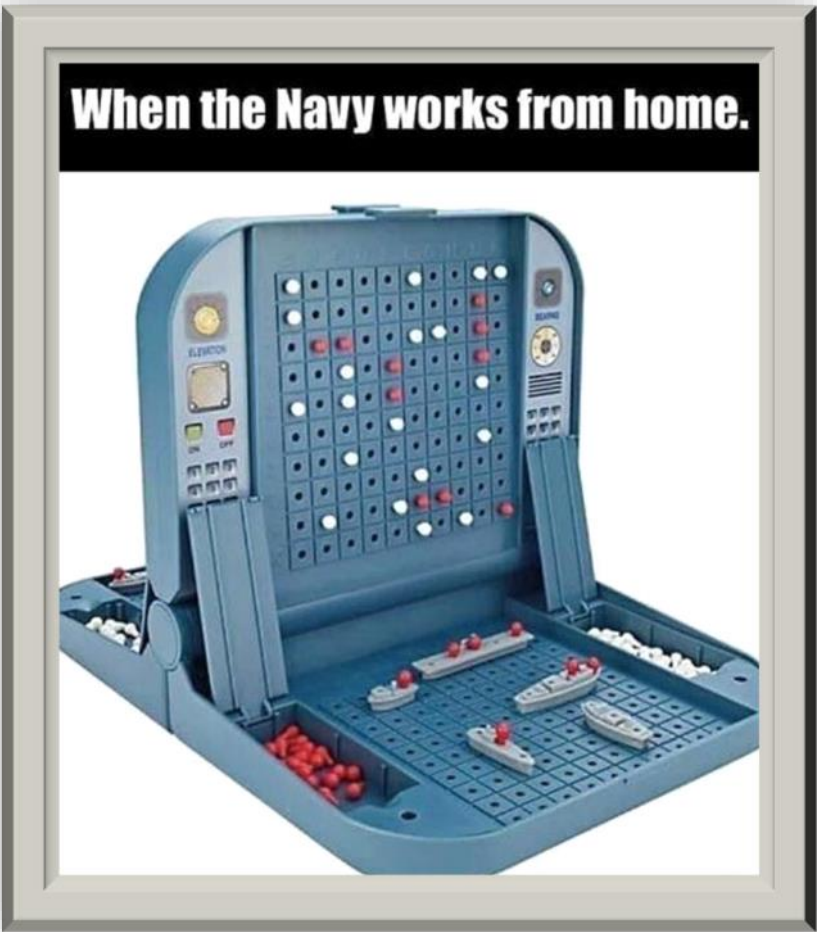



From a recent SD-LA game—which two Rotarians do these fans in the front row resemble?





SOME FUN & THOUGHTS

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under the
age of 40**

YOUR HOROSCOPE THIS WEEK

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