

# Chulatarian



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The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista  
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**Friday, December 11, 2020—Noon on Zoom**  
**Brandon Peele**  
**Founder of Unity Lab**  
**Healing the Soul of Our Nation**



Brandon will share with us a vision for how we move from our politically, racially, and economically divided culture towards one of empathy and trust. He will present the latest research on our current state of affairs and best practices for healing a divided culture. You'll also learn about his work at Unity Lab, and how we can embrace an ethos of active citizenship to create a stronger, kinder, and more resilient San Diego.

Brandon is a Midwesterner, best-selling author, impact entrepreneur, and expert in social learning + culture change. Prior to founding Unity Lab, he worked at two leading social learning companies, Ion and Imperative, to activate empathy, trust, belonging, purpose, and leadership at scale. He is trusted as a keynote speaker, consultant, and program leader by organizations such as Google, Johnson & Johnson, Stanford University, Morgan Stanley, U.S. Marine Corps, University of California - Berkeley, LinkedIn, the U.S. Navy, Slalom Consulting, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the University of Minnesota.

The meeting will begin promptly at 12:00 p.m.



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## Meeting Highlights—December 4, 2020

President-Elect Neisha Hernandez called the meeting to order and had a moment of silence in memory of Jay Dalseth.

The break-out session topic was about how our Thanksgiving celebration was different this year. Everyone had much smaller gatherings than in previous years.

Lane Pearson, Foundation Chair, checked in from the road (with three other Rotarians in the car) on his way to an undisclosed location in Los Angeles (?). He recognized David Hoffman on his 6th Paul Harris Fellow award and Eric Rimmel on his 5th. Thank you both!

Mary Johnson reported the Motor Mingle at St. Paul's was a great success. They will use the \$1000 contribution from our Club to buy additional blankets for the seniors. In some cases, this is the only gift they will receive.

Ramon Moncada shared the most recent numbers confirming a major surge in Covid-19 numbers nationwide. Many are not following recommendations. There is a huge spike in hospitalizations. Good news: the vaccine is coming soon.

### INVOCATION By Carmen Sandoval Fernandez

Dear Lord

It is good to recognize how different we are. Our talents, our dreams, our backgrounds, our occupations.

And it is good to know that when You created each of us, You broke the mold. No one is exactly like anyone else. Even our thumbprint and our voice track tell us how unique we are.

Yet, we thank You that we can take these differences and mobilize them for the good of Rotary and our community.

In our differences we can think the same thoughts and move together toward a common goal.

Bless our friend and fellow Rotarian Jay Dalseth, who passed away today. Bless Carol and his family as they grieve his passing.

Bless us as we meet together. Thank You for our individuality and also for our common bond of Rotary. Amen.





● LIVE



Brought to you by:

All those who  
logged-on!

With Betty Waznis

Good afternoon Rotarians and guests. Welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Chris Lewis and The Lewis Group.

Strong, dry Santa Ana winds gusted up to 80 mph yesterday in San Diego County's Cuyamaca Mountains and 50 mph to 60 mph in some foothill communities, causing wind damage and a small but fast moving fire in Rancho San Diego that destroyed one home and damaged six.

The relative humidity is expected to drop into single digits in some places today as the hot dry weather continues. A red-flag fire weather warning will be in effect until 6 p.m. on Saturday for the eastern half of the county. On Wednesday, San Diego Gas & Electric notified more than 90,000 customers — many living in backcountry areas — that they could lose power in the coming days in a series of planned outages. SDG&E advises customers that it's always a good time to keep all your devices charged.

SDSU has joined other universities in cancelling spring break to minimize travel and large gatherings. In exchange, students get 4 R&R days spread throughout the semester

The San Diego State Aztecs are knocking on the door of the AP top 25, coming in at number 27 in Monday's poll of NCAA men's basketball. SDSU was originally supposed to host Colorado State yesterday and tomorrow to open their Mountain West schedule, but the Rams paused practice for two weeks after two positive COVID-19 cases. Not wanting to go 13 days before a game against No. 25 Arizona State, Coach Brian Dutcher called the St Katherine's Firebirds, even if that meant playing an NAIA opponent the Aztecs beat 118-35 when they met in 2013. Final score Wednesday was 83-41. Next up is Pepperdine on Sunday afternoon.

Chris Lewis has been in the real estate business since 1988 and is experienced in residential and commercial real estate sales and leasing as well as property management. Chris is nowhere near ready to retire and continues to serve the community not only in business but by being involved with several non-profit organizations. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Lewis Group Incorporated.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Chris Lewis and the Lewis Group.





## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—DECEMBER 4, 2020 (Continued)

Guest speaker Marlon King, Emergency Services Coordinator, provided a detailed overview of his activities on behalf of the city of Chula Vista.

He works to strengthen emergency responses among the many local, regional government departments and non-profits who would step up in a crisis. These include wildfires, flooding, weather, tsunamis, earthquake and of course, the current challenge of Covid.

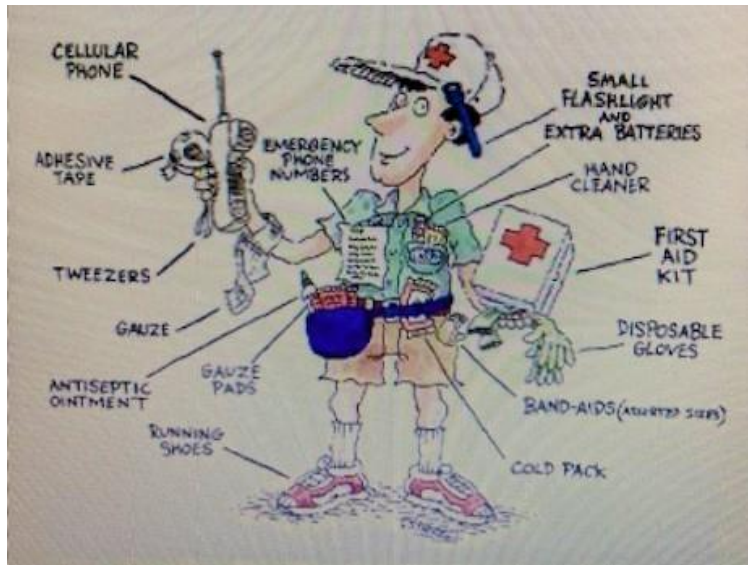
They have worked to ensure testing sites are up and running and ready to meet community need. Marlon stated the city of Chula Vista was one of the first to develop a Covid response – after the Chula Vista ATT store employee was exposed to an employee from an Orange County location.

Thank you Marlon for an interesting presentation!



### Preparedness and Mitigation

- Resource Procurement
- Public Education
  - Family Disaster Plan
- Community Preparedness
- Hazard Mitigation Projects
  - Brush/Vegetation Management
  - Flood Prone Areas







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# CHECK PRESENTATION TO ST PAUL'S PACE



Community Projects Committee members present check to St Paul's PACE staff. Middle to right: Lisa Johnson, Gary Bryant and Mora Keller de Murguia.





## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE COMMUNITY

### Salvation Army Chula Vista Corps – Kettle Bell Ringing

At this time individuals would volunteer on an individual basis. It would not be a sanctioned Rotary event at this time. Individual volunteers can schedule their volunteer hours at [www.chulavista.salvationarmy.org](http://www.chulavista.salvationarmy.org)

### South Bay Community Services – Hope for the Holidays 2020

Individuals have an opportunity to participate in South Bay Community Services – Hope for the Holiday's 2020 program in several ways.

\*For \$50 you can sponsor a child and the SBCS team will make the children's wish list purchases. The Chula Vista Rotary Club has approved a \$500 donation to SBCS to grant 10 Children's wishes. In 2019, SBCS was able to grant over 1,000 children's wishes.

\*Individuals can drop off toys/gift cards directly at South Bay Community Services, 430 F Street, Chula Vista 91910.

\*Volunteering: Those individuals who would like to donate directly through volunteering, they will be sorting gifts November 30<sup>th</sup> through December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please email Emma Leary at [volunteer@csbcs.org](mailto:volunteer@csbcs.org)

**Thanks for making a difference in our community!**

Our newest Rotarian Rasha Roshdy runs a non-profit that helps refugee family in San Diego County. They started the **100 Toys for 100 Children**, but need has already surpassed 100. More families have reached out and there are now 150+ children on the list.

Rasha and volunteers will distribute the toys to the children's homes to avoid group gatherings. If a fellow Rotarian would like to donate a toy by December 21, it would be very much appreciated.

There are a couple of ways to donate:

Drop off at Carmen and Jesse's in Bonita  
3766 Wild Oats Lane.

Carmen/Jesse will pick up from you – call 619  
370-6805 (Jesse) and deliver to Imperial  
Beach.

Mail toy to Rasha – 649 Fern Avenue,  
Imperial Beach, CA 91932.

If you prefer to donate money, here is the link:

<https://amnasanctuary.org/toys>

**Thank you for your generous support!**





## IN MEMORIAM



There was a moment of silence in honor of Rotarian Jay Dalseth at the beginning of our recent Zoom meeting. He passed away from Covid-19 on December 4<sup>th</sup> just a month shy of turning 80.

Jay was remembered as kind and funny. He was a hard-working family man who worked at Rohr for 25 years and was also involved with the family's construction business.

He was passionate about off-road recreation in general and dirt biking in particular. Jay was also a very proud alumni of Chula Vista High and active with their reunions and periodic gatherings. He actively supported Noah's Home where one of his daughters lived.

Jay joined Rotary in 2004 and came to our Club in 2015, sponsored by Dan Dredla. The Dalseth family plans to hold a memorial service next year when the pandemic restrictions are eased for public gatherings. Please send cards or notes of condolence to:  
**Carol Dalseth (114 Guava Avenue, Chula Vista CA 91910).**

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







**SOME FUN FOR TODAY**

Me at the beginning of 2020.



Me at the end of the quarantine.

