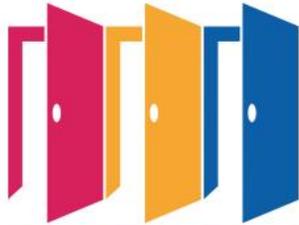


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The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista  
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Friday, December 18, 2020—Noon on Zoom  
**ANNUAL ROTARY HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

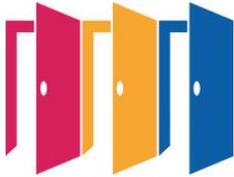


**It is our happy time of the year! Be sure to join in this Friday for our annual Rotary Holiday Program.**

**President-Elect Neisha Hernandez has produced a fun program for our enjoyment - with the cooperation of some exceptionally talented (or brave) Rotarians.**

**It will be holiday magic!  
See you Friday at noon on Zoom!**





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## Meeting Highlights—December 11, 2020

President Zaneta Encarnacion called the meeting to order. She welcomed guests various clubs including Club 33 - Walter Lam and Roger Haines, Mariposa (northern California) Nancy Martin, and Nancy Gastshet from the Golden Triangle Club.

Today's discussion question: What experience in 2020 will you carry with you?

Announcements: There are still some opportunities to share in holiday giving and volunteering. Laura Muñoz Humphreys said the Y is partnering with the Chula Vista Police Athletic League in a toy drive. Need is significant this year with so many out of work in our region. Toys and gift cards due by Dec. 17.

President Z reminded members about Rasha Roshdy's toy drive as part of her non-profit Amna Sanctuary which provides support to recent immigrants and refugees. Deadline is December 21 by noon. See page 5 for more details for donations. **Thank you!**

The new slate of officers for the 21-22 Rotary year was introduced: Mora Keller de Murguia will serve as Secretary, Donna Moss as President-Elect, and Neisha Hernandez as President. A vote will be held in January. Thanks everyone for your leadership and willingness to serve.

### INVOCATION By Jerry May

O Holy Spirit, we come to this time of prayer with heavy hearts as the pandemic rages on and we seem to be powerless to keep it from affecting our fellow human beings. We need the inspiration that comes from helping others. We need the inspiration that comes from acknowledging the beauty of this world you have provided us.

We need the inspiration from the relationships we have formed with Rotarians throughout the world. We need the inspiration of families provided homes in Tijuana, families who have had their home in Chula Vista cleaned and upgraded when they couldn't do it themselves, families who have had their spirits raised by our serving meals at Christmas time, families who have received the outpouring of love by our club members to make their lives better.

You show us that we need only to look at what we are already doing to help others to be inspired to do even more. And maybe, just maybe, our example will inspire others to make better choices in their lives because they know we are there to help them.

In all this we pray. Amen and Shalom





**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 Stephen Ablahad.

A panel of outside advisers to the US Food and Drug Administration voted yesterday to endorse emergency use of Pfizer's coronavirus vaccine. The FDA is expected to issue an emergency use authorization for the vaccine this evening.

Tuesday, Port of San Diego commissioners unanimously approved a coastal development permit for Harbor Park, a \$47.5 million 25-acre attraction that will break ground in 2023. It is expected to parallel, in part, construction of a \$12 million sister park known as Sweetwater Park. Together, the two public outdoor venues constitute 46 acres of new or improved waterfront park space for locals and visitors.

Harbor Park's first phase, located between Marine Group Boat Works and the existing fishing pier, includes a portion of the promenade, north and south lawns, a much-improved 3.3-acre beach with terraced headlands, a boat ramp, two meadows, 216 parking spaces and a promontory with views of downtown San Diego and the Coronado Bridge.

Future phases include restrooms, outdoor showers, drinking fountains, park equipment rentals, a cafe, pier, fountain, play area and a number of other improvements. A portion of the existing Bayside Park — including the fishing pier, ramps and play equipment — will remain open during construction.

Whether it was Sunday's 16-point comeback win against a solid Pepperdine team or losses by other teams, San Diego State is now No. 24 in the Associated Press college basketball poll released Monday morning. Yesterday they beat number 23 Arizona State 80 to 68, so there may be another ranking adjustment when the next AP coaches' poll is released Monday.

Stephen Ablahad is the proud father of two young boys, one of which is a baby. He owns and operates a Servpro restoration business, a construction company, and two gas stations in Chula Vista. He loves international soccer. Take it from him, Leo Messi is the best player ever.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Stephen Ablahad.





**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—DECEMBER 11, 2020**

# Healing the Soul of the Nation

Brandon Peele  
Founder, Unity Lab

December 2020

"In the end,  
it is the reality of  
personal relationships  
that saves everything."  
- Thomas Merton



## Culture Eats Strategy for Lunch

**Cultural Iceberg**

**Formal (Overt) Aspects**  
Goals  
Technology  
Structure  
Policies and procedures  
Services/Products  
Financial resources

**Informal (Covert) Aspects**  
Beliefs and Assumptions, Perceptions, Attitudes, Feelings (anger, fear, liking, despair, etc.)  
Values  
Informal interactions  
Group norms

The way we say we get things done

The way we really get things done

about the formal and informal systems

Created by Stanley N. Herman, TRW Systems Group, 1970



Brandon Peele, founder of Unity Lab, reached out to President Z upon reading one of her op-ed articles in the Union Tribune. He presented some ideas on how to unify our community, state and nation through active dialogue. Check out *The Soul of San Diego Roundtable*. Interested organizations can join in the conversation (#SDStrong).





Above: Gary Bryant pictured with Rasha Roshdy. He donated toys and the bike for the toy drive by her non-profit Amna Sanctuary.  
Below: President Zaneta receiving a \$1000 donation from Smart Self Storage. Thank you!



**COVID WATCH**— Special thanks to Dan Dredla for installing the Covid Update link onto our Chula Vista Rotary website header.

This makes it super easy to access all the latest information about our local impacts. Be sure to check it out!





**HAPPY HANNUKKAH!**





## YEAR-END GIVING OPTIONS

### The Chula Vista Rotary Foundation



**GOOD-BYE POLIO  
THANKS ROTARY**





## 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– NOON, 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!**





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STAFF, FIRST RESPONDERS, ESSENTIAL  
WORKERS & EVERYONE BEHIND THE SCENES**

