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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)

DARK
Happy New Year Rotarians!
Friday, December 31, 2021



Our Club will not meet this Friday, December 31st.

We look forward to a brand new year of "Service Above Self" beginning next Friday, January 7th.

Drive safely in the rain everyone!

Happy New Year!



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—DECEMBER 17, 2021

President Elect Mora de Murguia called the meeting to order. Carmen Sandoval gave the Invocation and led the pledge.

Gary Bryant, chair of the newly re-named Community Service Committee, presented checks to Chuck Day (Ronald Mc Donald House), Dr. Terry Russell (Southwestern College Concert Choir) and Cody with Promises2Kids.

Jim Biddle was the sponsor for the News at Noon and provided very generous gift cards—and an additional \$100 bill. Karen Buckingham won the big prize—both the cash and gift card, while Bob Bliss and Ken Weimer won the gift cards.

The SWC Concert Choir gave a beautiful holiday program that lifted our spirits and provided fun entertainment for everyone.



INVOCATION Given by Carmen Sandoval

A Prayer About the True Gift of Christmas

The gifts I'd leave beneath your tree,
Aren't those that you can touch or see,
No toys meant just for pointless play,
But gifts to bless you every day.

The gift of friendship warm and true,
Is one that I would leave for you.

Good health and happiness and cheer
To keep you smiling through the year.

The gift of peace that comes from God,
With prayer to guide each path you trod.

And when your heart has lost its song
The gift of hope to cheer you on.
These are the gifts I'd leave for you.

This is the time of year for all of us to count our blessings and fill our hearts with love and gratitude.
I am grateful for the fellowship, love, and service of Rotary.

Amen





MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—DECEMBER 17, 2021 (continued)



L: President E-E Mora de Murguía steps up to run the meeting while President Neisha enjoyed Paris during the holidays.
R: The A Team of the Welcome Table brought in over \$200 for the Chula Vista Rotary Foundation—!!! And got everyone signed in quickly—even with the large turnout. (L-R) Rasha Roshdy, Mary Johnson and Diane Flint-Wages—thank you!



L: Joe de Mers pulled double duty on the piano before the meeting and was also the accompanist to the CHOIR.
R: Troy Ray and Jesse Fernandez wait patiently in the buffet line.





MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—DECEMBER 17, 2021 (continued)



L: Gary Bryant presents Chuck Day with the Ronald McDonald House with a \$1000 donation.

R: Dr. Terry Russell accepts a \$500 donation for the Southwestern College Choir.

Not pictured: Our club presented a check to the Promises2Kids organization—in addition to toys and gift cards. Thank you everyone for your donations!



News at Noon Sponsor Jim Biddle had a great time presenting this week's prizes to the lucky drawing winners.

L-R: Bob Bliss capped off his winning year with a prize.

Karen Buckingham won a gift card AND the coveted \$100 bill, which drove the ticket buying frenzy. Ken Weimer rounded out the lucky three. Congrats to all!





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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—DECEMBER 17, 2021 (continued)



The Southwestern Concert Choir, under the direction of Dr. Terry Russell, provided a beautiful program, which was enjoyed by everyone. Joe de Mers did a fantastic job at the piano—what a workout!

Reed and Beta Dinsmore enjoyed the festive decorations at the Chula Vista Golf Club.





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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 today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's news brought to you by Jim Biddle.

The Omicron variant has expanded its reach in California. Faced with rising cases and growing concerns about its rapid spread, the state ordered a statewide mask mandate for indoor public spaces as of Wednesday. Health officials say it's becoming clear that a winter increase in disease is arising. Over the last three weeks, COVID hospitalizations have jumped by 47% in San Diego County.

Nearly half of California high school graduates now qualify for admission to the state's two public university systems. But there's a crunch for available seats at the UC and CSU.

The respected organization Campaign for College Opportunity released the latest data on this problem Wednesday, with a series of recommendations including: a reset of the state's 60 year-old higher education blueprint; state budget support for increased enrollment; reduction of admission of nonresident students; financial incentives to attract students to less popular campuses; the creation of UC and Cal State branches at underused community colleges and expanding the authority of community colleges to award baccalaureate degrees.

We had another weekend of football glory here in San Diego County. After last week, when Aztec Matt Araiza was named best punter in the nation. This week San Diego high school teams won not one, not two, but three state championships. Scripps Ranch in Division 2-A, Cathedral Catholic in Division 1-AA and our own Mater Dei, from here in Chula Vista, in Division 2-AA. This is the first time that San Diego has won three state prep championships in the same season.

Jim Biddle's distinguished career shows a lot of longevity and stick-to-it-iveness. We won't dwell on his education at a minor Midwestern university that few have heard of. From there he served as a naval officer for 9 years, including 2 tours in Vietnam. After serving his country, Jim entered the financial field and in 1984 became president and CEO of The Securities Center, a position he held for 33 years.

His service to the community includes 47 years of membership in Chula Vista Rotary, with a term as Club President, membership in the Paul Harris Society and presenter of News at Noon for 17 years. He is a founding member of the Chula Vista Charitable Organization, past president of the Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce, and has served on many boards and advisory committees, including those of the Living Coast Discovery Center and South County Economic Development Council. Yet he still has time to share his Fridays with us so he can heckle the officers. Thank you, Jim, for all your service and leadership in our community.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at noon. Today's News brought to you by Jim Biddle.





IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM REPUBLIC SERVICES

Chula Vista (& Bonita) Customers,

Commercial and Multi-family customers for trash and recycle are delayed due to the unanticipated work stoppage. Trash pick-ups will occur this week but it may not be on your scheduled service day.

Residential Single-family customers for week of December 27, Republic Services will service trash only. Please put your black trash cart out on your regular service day.

All customers can self-haul trash, recycling and yard waste to the Otay or Sycamore land-fill free of charge. We are also including Christmas tree disposal this week at the landfills. Landfill hours are 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. daily. The landfill will close at 3 p.m. on December 31, New Year's Eve.

Customers will be asked to present their Republic account invoice at the landfill for free disposal.

Thank you for your patience and understanding,

RISA BARON

Municipal Manager, REPUBLIC SERVICES

REMEMBER—IF YOU SHOP ON AMAZON:

This holiday season **remember** to designate the Chula Vista Rotary Foundation while shopping on Amazon. Click on the Hello box, click on the Account & Lists. Find the **SmilesAmazon** tab to set up your list. Search for the Chula Vista Rotary Foundation.

AmazonSmile donates 0.5% of your eligible Charity List purchases to your selected charity, **at no extra cost to you.**

We have received \$ from them for those of you who are already using this feature.
Every little bit adds up. Thank you!

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THANKS ROTARY





THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

I was going to quit all my bad
habits for the new year
but then I remembered that
nobody likes a quitter.

Happy New Year!

*"May you live
as long as you
want and never
want as long
as you live!"*

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