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The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista

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Meets Weekly, noon, 4475 Bonita Road, Bonita (CV Golf Course)

VALENTINE'S DAY PROGRAM

Friday, FEBRUARY 10, 2023, Noon



Join us this Friday as our Club celebrates with its annual tribute to Valentine's Day, when we celebrate love in all its forms—romantic, familial, friendship.

We are not ever sure what to expect and what the program will be rated (hopefully PG...). We do know that it may be our soon to be departing City Attorney friend and official Club Valentine Program organizer Glen Googins' last hurrah, as he is set to begin his new position in Santa Clara in March. See you on Friday!

SENIOR GIFT BASKETS UPDATE

- Please bring items this Friday [let Lisa/Mora/Cheryl know what you're bringing]
- We will assemble the bags starting at 11AM
- If you would like to participate in distribution, please let Mary Johnson mjohnson@stpaulseniors.org know by this Friday, so she can provide you required info and put you on the list
- Distribution info: Wednesday, February 15th 10:30-11:30
Location: St. Paul's Pace Center, 630 L Street, Chula Vista, CA 91911



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—FEBRUARY 3, 2023

President Elect-Elect Jesse Fernandez called the meeting to order. Lisa Johnson provided the thought for the day.

Michael Monaco introduced guests and had an announcement about the upcoming Robotics event sponsored by the Sweetwater UHSD. Any Rotarian who would like to see bright young minds at work are invited to serve as judges.

Carmen Sandoval announced the date for this year's Tijuana Home Build, Sat., April 15. **SAVE THE DATE!**

Jesse reminded members to sign up for the Rotary Leadership Training course which will be online. The deadline to sign up is February 6.

Lisa Johnson reviewed the upcoming Senior Gift Baskets. Remember your items or cash donations. The baskets will be assembled on Friday, February 10 at 11. See page 1 and page 6.

Betty Waznis provided the news of the day. Tina Matthias was the sponsor and provided information about her organization Sustainable South Bay, as well as a basket of home grown tangelos gleaned from a local resident. If you have fruit that would go uneaten or unpicked, let Tina know. There are teams of volunteers ready to get it and direct it to local food banks. This is just one activity of Sustainable South Bay. Way to go Tina!

Anthony Millican, a Rotarian with the Chula Vista Eastlake Club, gave a moving presentation about a shelter for Abandoned Elderly in the Rumorosa area of Baja, near Mexicali. They have focused on infrastructure needs (water, electrical, heat) while also providing food and clothing. Ken Weimer generously encouraged us to donate cash and gathered over \$300—amazing! International Projects provided a check for \$1000. **THANK YOU** Rotarians for your generosity and kindness. Any one who would like to go to the Shelter, please let Carmen Sandoval know. A visit will be set soon.

**GOOD-BYE POLIO
THANKS ROTARY**



CLUB CALENDAR

February 10—8:00 am—Food Distribution—St. Mark's/Project Hand

February 17 - Roundtable—Presidents Weekend

February 24—Past President's Program

TIJUANA HOME BUILD—Saturday, April 15





JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON

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With Betty Waznis

Hello, everyone. Welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today sponsored by Tina Matthias and South Bay Sustainable Communities.

California farmers are facing costly damage from weeks of severe storms that may make U.S. fruits and vegetables even more expensive in this time of food inflation.

Though three weeks of heavy rain brought urgently needed water to drought-stricken California, the subsequent flooding will delay planting in our state, and cost our farm economy tens of millions of dollars. Almost all of the farm impact will be on California's Central Coast region—known as the “Salad Bowl of America” - that produces more than half the fresh fruit, vegetables and tree nuts in the U.S. It's estimated the gap in production will be felt in grocery stores sometime this spring.

Living here on the border, we're accustomed to news reports of cross-border smuggling. From California to Texas, border agents are increasingly seizing a surprising type of contraband from Mexico: EGGS! Between Nov. 1 and Jan. 17, U.S. Customs and Border field offices in San Diego, Tucson, Laredo, and El Paso encountered more than 2,000 people trying to bring eggs into the U.S. from Mexico, more than four times as many as in the same period a year ago. This increase in egg contraband coincides with a sharp rise in egg prices in the United States. Customs and Border Protection states that the threat of avian influenza and its effect on egg production underscores the importance of laws that stop people from bringing agricultural items across the border.

Over the course of two hours Wednesday, workers loaded 20 pallets of baseball equipment onto two trucks parked in the loading docks along Tony Gwynn Drive. The caravan pulled away from Petco Park in the afternoon, headed for the Peoria Sports Complex and the start of the most anticipated baseball season in San Diego history.

How popular are the 2023 Padres already? Consider: Tickets to Saturday's FanFest at Petco Park sold out on Jan. 13. The team announced last week that it is capping season-ticket sales, in part so its growing fan base can visit Petco without first having to commit to 20 or more games.

Even spring training tickets are hard to come by. The team's February 24 exhibition opener against the Mariners is down to only upper-deck and down-the-baseline seats. The Padres will spend half of February and most of March in Arizona. Among tasks on their to-do list: pick an outfield position for Fernando Tatis Jr.; brace themselves for 162 games spent squarely in the spotlight; and stay healthy. The equipment trucks will roll back into the loading docks on Tony Gwynn Drive just in time for the team's March 30 opener against the Rockies.

Today's sponsor, Tina Matthias, worked at the Living Coast Discovery Center for over 32 years as the Volunteer and Programs Manager. Now, as founder and executive director of South Bay Sustainable Communities, she's co-created the Team-up to Clean up Community Clean-up and Restoration program and many other sustainability efforts. In 2022, through composting food waste and redistributing edible food to the community, SBSC kept more than 30 tons of food waste from ending up in our landfills, thus preventing 20 tons of greenhouse gasses from polluting the air.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Tina Matthias and South Bay Sustainable Communities.





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Tina Matthias was the sponsor for the Jim Biddle News at Noon this week. Drawing winners were (L-R): Troy Ray, Max Scrivens and Betty Waznis.



Above left: President Elect-Elect Jesse Fernandez presents speaker Anthony Millican his speakers' gift. R: International Projects Chair Carmen Sandoval presents a check to support the Abandoned Elders in Mexico.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR ROTARIANS!



Suzanne Catanzaro - February 4

Gary Bryant - February 8

Mitch Compton - February 10

Peter Rullan - February 19

Diane Wages - February 21

Jim Biddle - February 27

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"The practice of peace and reconciliation is one of the most vital and artistic of human actions."
Thich Nhat Hanh



**PEACEBUILDING AND
CONFLICT PREVENTION MONTH**

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FEBRUARY SERVICE PROJECT – SENIOR GIFT BAGS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

On February 10th, before our Valentine's Day program, we will assemble 50 gift bags to be distributed to seniors through St. Paul's. Arrive EARLY to help. If you don't want to provide 50 of something, please just provide what you can. We will have plenty of items.

Option – make a cash donation or donate on our website and specify this project, and Mora, Cheryl, and Lisa will shop for you.

There are many seniors who can't get out for holidays and special occasions, but we can still make occasions special for them with our gifts!

- Canned/non-perishable food items
- Cleaning supplies
- Kitchen, bathroom and home care items
- Hygiene care items
- Clothing
- Cleaning supplies
- Laundry detergent
- Fabric softener
- Dish sponges
- Toilet paper, kleenex, paper towels
- Blankets
- Socks
- Sweatshirts
- Trash bags
- Denture cleaner
- Eye glass cleaners
- Puzzles
- Gift cards for fast food restaurants
- Note cards
- Pens/pencils
- Crossword, Sudoku, or other brain game books
- Candy/treats (wrapped)

