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The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista

**Chartered February 16, 1926 - Club Number 908 - District 5340—
Meets Weekly, noon, 4475 Bonita Road, Bonita (CV Golf Course)**

**ROUNDTABLE—No Formal Meeting
Friday, FEBRUARY 17, 2023, Noon**

Join your fellow Rotarians this Friday for a Roundtable Meeting Day. It is usually a smaller group but there is plenty of fellowship and conversation to have a very nice time.

It is a tradition to have a Roundtable on the Friday before major holidays. **See you on Friday!**



CLUB CALENDAR

February 24—Past President's Program

March 3, CVESD Speech Contest

March 10— Joe Carroll, NASA

March 17—Steve Weitzen, PDG, Human Trafficking

Club Social—March 17—Wear your green!

TIJUANA HOME BUILD—Saturday, April 15



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—FEBRUARY 10, 2023

President Mark Scott called the meeting to order. Chris Lewis shared beautiful thoughts on love and gave the invocation. President Mark received razzing for selecting Anchors Away (Chris was in the Navy) as song of the day, instead of a romantic Valentine type song.

President Mark reiterated information on the member invoices that were amended due to our return to weekly meetings.

Mary Johnson said she is 'blown away' by our generosity. She introduced staff from the St. Paul's PACE Senior Center who she described as the boots on the ground in serving seniors. She invited members to the distribution of the Senior Gift bags next Wednesday, Feb 15. She was happy to note that Tina Matthias and staff made a connection to get fresh produce to our local elders—the power of our Rotary network!

President Mark shared that the date for the Tijuana Home Build is Saturday, April 15. Mark your calendars! More information will follow including a profile of the family selected.

Applications for the Rotary Peace Fellows program are due May 15.

Our resident Juris Doctorate of Love, Glen Googins, was introduced and he provided a deep dive on the various forms of love. Also, in light of his upcoming departure for his new position in Santa Clara, he provided a stroll down memory lane from previous Club Valentines programs, which included Chuck and Marilyn Bevan getting married on Valentines Day 47 years ago, Chris and Jean Lewis met at an incinerator and will celebrate 60 years of marriage this coming June, and how Jon Miller knew he would marry Sue when they ran nude in Copenhagen in 1960. Fun facts!

In a surprise twist, this year's participants competed alone and it was hilarious! Four brave souls were cajoled into playing, while Jan Mellinger charged up ready for the competition. She was the winner, though everyone received a bottle of wine.

It was a very fun time and excellent job by Glen. Thanks everyone!

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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 Glen Googins. Navy divers began pulling pieces of the downed Chinese spy balloon from the ocean floor on Tuesday, using sophisticated reconnaissance drones dubbed the Kingfish and the Swordfish to locate the debris. The balloon, shot down Saturday by a US fighter jet, was about 200 feet tall and carrying equipment roughly the size of a regional jet liner, and estimated to weigh one ton.

After collecting all of the balloon's white fabric and shell structure floating on the surface, the Navy has now shifted to an underwater search for the remnants of the massive balloon. Navy and Coast Guard personnel are using underwater drones to locate and map the debris field, and divers are in the water gathering up what they can. The balloon debris is scattered in waters that are about 50 feet deep, but stretch across an area 15 football fields long and 15 football fields wide.

As movie theaters have attempted to recover from the pandemic, exhibitors have increasingly looked at more variable pricing methods, especially for large-format screens, 3D showings, and high-demand movies during their first week of release. AMC Theaters, the nation's largest movie theater chain, on Monday unveiled a new pricing scheme in which seat location determines how much your movie ticket costs. AMC said the pricing plan, dubbed "Sightline," has already been rolled out in some locations and, by the end of the year, will be in place at all domestic AMC theaters during showings after 4 p.m. Seats classified as "standard sightline" will be at a premium price, with the "value sightline" seats on the side or the front row selling for less.

With a stepback jump shot with 10.9 seconds left in the third quarter of the Los Angeles Lakers' game against the Oklahoma City Thunder on Tuesday night, LeBron James pushed his career total to 38,388 points and broke the NBA career scoring record that Kareem Abdul-Jabbar held for nearly four decades.

The game stopped while James celebrated with outstretched arms, Abdul-Jabbar rose from his seat and clapped, and James' mother, wife and children took the floor for a ceremony recognizing the moment. Abdul-Jabbar held the scoring ball up, then handed it to James, in a ceremonial passing of the torch, as James wiped away tears from his eyes.

Today's sponsor, Glen Googins, is our esteemed city attorney, now retired. He's been a member of Chula Vista Rotary for 19 years, - in fact, he was pretty young when he joined up. He's a 20 year employee of the City of Chula Vista and two time winner of the elected office of City Attorney. We've enjoyed his quick wit and humor through many Rotary celebrations, especially Valentines Day - here are two happy winners of a past friendly competition.

As Glen heads off to the City of Santa Clara, we wish him all the best and hope he comes back home to Chula Vista after much success in his new position. This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Glen Googins.





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L-R: Cheryl Shields and Duane Buckingham arrived before the meeting to help pack the many donations into two bags per senior. The red bags were one half of the items the seniors will receive. Across from them were another set with some of life's necessities. R: Team co-leads Mora de Murguia, Lisa Johnson and Cheryl Shields. Thanks everyone for your donations of items and cash.

THOUGHTS & INVOCATION - CHRIS LEWIS

We are here today to celebrate Valentine's Day; a time to reflect on our love for another person; to reminisce as to how we met, how and why we fell in love, how long we've been together and the joy we celebrate on our life journeys.

Dear Creator/God we recognize that it was you who gifted us with the capacity and the intense and passionate emotions to fall in love and for that we are grateful.

William Lyon Phelps said: Two people who love each other are in a place more holy than the interior of a church.

As Victor Hugo said in *Les Misérables*: To love another person is to see the face of God.

E.C. McKenzie said: Love is the fabric, which never fades, no matter how often it is washed in the water of adversity and grief.

The apostle Paul said: love is patient, love is kind, it does not envy, it is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs, it always protects, always trusts, always hopes and always perseveres.

As we Rotarians stand before you today, we practice the tenant of service above self and we believe service is nothing more than love in work clothes.

We ask your blessing upon all of our Rotary family and our time together today in joyful fellowship and love.





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Glen Googins was the program chair and sponsor for the News at Noon. As he said: It was all about Glen Day. Drawing winners received wine and a box of See's: l-r Betty Waznis, Reed Dinsmore and Lisa Johnson.



Glen laying out the rules before beginning. L-R: Darryl Johnson, Jan Mellinger, Max Scrivens, Risa Baron and Bob Silvas ready to play. Items on the table needed to be held as players shouted their own names for an opportunity to answer a question from years of Love Jeopardy pasts.





HAPPY 97TH BIRTHDAY ROTARY CLUB OF CHULA VISTA



Our Club was established February 16, 1926.

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



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Top: Jan Mellinger wins!
Above: Mike Green catching up with Glen.
Above right: Stop the presses! Risa Baron finally received her BLUE BADGE—

