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

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Rotary Work at Baja Home for Abandoned Elders
Friday, FEBRUARY 3, 2023, Noon



Where do seniors go when they have no shelter, or families to care for them, or medical care? In Northern Baja California, east of Tecate, these most needy of seniors are taken to La Casa Para Pobres Desamparados. This is a home for abandoned or unsheltered seniors. The Rotary Club of Chula Vista Eastlake has been working for several years to assist seniors there with basic needs such as food, clothing, and blankets. The senior center is located in La Rumorosa, B.C. Norte, which is extremely hot in summer, and extremely cold in winter.

Our **Chula Vista Rotary Club** has supported the Eastlake club's efforts to install a new water pump, a new electric water heater, refill natural gas storage tanks, and provide basic food items. At Friday's presentation, learn how Rotarians are working together to help seniors in La Rumorosa by ensuring they have hot water to bathe, wash their dishes, and attend to other basic needs.

Anthony Millican is a Rotarian with more than 20 years of experience in school communications, media relations, and grant writing. He has served as communications director for High Tech High charter schools and is currently a volunteer trustee on the High Tech High Foundation board, an educational foundation that supports the work of students and staff. He also served as the communications director at our local elementary school district.

Prior to working in schools, he was a newspaper reporter at the Los Angeles Times, Orlando Sentinel, and San Diego Union-Tribune. He is past president of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista Eastlake. He is a Chargers fan and a Padres fan. He is also a fan of the comedy series Ted Lasso. "I believe in hope. I believe in BELIEVE."



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—JANUARY 27, 2023

President-elect Mora de Murguia called the meeting to order. Cheryl Shields gave the invocation. A couple of announcements: Rasha Roshdy announced Amna Sanctuary is hosting a fundraiser for Ukrainian refugees on March 11. Maurine Beinbrink recommended the play at the Coronado Theatre.

Members were encouraged to sign up for the online Rotary Leadership Fundamental course. No additional judges are needed for the CVESD speech contest.

Our Club will be donating 50 Valentine bags to St. Paul's and donations will be accepted until Feb. 10. See the list on [page 6](#). Gift cards or cash for the committee to shop for you will also be accepted. Please arrive at 11:00 to assemble the bags on Feb. 10.

Carmen Richardson received a very nice recognition from Altrusa – there is a Club fine in her future.

Betty Waznis provided us with the news of the day. Drawing winners were Ken Weimer, Max Scrivens and Carmen Sandoval. Sponsor of the day was Duane Buckingham.

Betty introduced Wayne Raffesberger who shared his life journey after having contracted polio as a young boy of 4 in 1955. A very interesting presentation with interesting parallels to the recent pandemic.

**GOOD-BYE POLIO
THANKS ROTARY**



CLUB CALENDAR

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

February 10 - Club Valentine's Program

February 17 - Roundtable—Presidents Weekend

February 24—Past President's Program

TIJUANA HOME BUILD—Saturday, April 15





JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON



Hello, everyone. Welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today sponsored by Duane Buckingham.

Two of the nation's biggest companies are vying for your business in a couple of new ventures. Amazon said Tuesday that it will launch RxPass, a subscription service for customers who have Prime memberships. Plan subscribers will pay a set rate of \$5 a month to fill as many prescriptions as they need from a list of about 50 generic medications. Since Amazon sells a range of generic drugs through its pharmacy service, some for as little as \$1 for a 30-day supply, the benefit of this new program will vary by customer. The program doesn't use insurance, and people with Medicaid or Medicare coverage are not eligible.

Walmart also has a major new initiative it hopes will appeal to small businesses. Walmart Business is designed to offer a one-stop shop for office supplies, furniture, food and electronics, along with a business membership plan that dangles extra savings. Walmart is betting that the venture will help it encroach on rivals such as Staples, Costco and Amazon, which stepped up efforts to woo smaller companies during the pandemic. Wall Street analysts predict Walmart will be a slow-growing behemoth over the long term and finding new sources of demand is a key challenge for it.

An area of the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon at Torrey Pines State Beach was temporarily dyed pink Friday as part of an experiment to study how small freshwater outflows interact with the surf zone. Led by researchers at UC San Diego's Scripps Institution of Oceanography, the National Science Foundation-funded experiment released the first of three environmentally-friendly pink dye releases into the surf from the lagoon estuary.

Researchers will track the fluorescent pink dye from land, sea and sky using watercraft, drones, and sensors in the sand in the river mouth and surf zone. The resulting data will provide a crucial understanding of how sediments, pollutants and sewage, and other materials disperse throughout shorelines and affect coastal populations and businesses.

The rain and storms have stopped in time for us to show off our beautiful weather to the world as a backdrop to the Farmers Insurance Open Golf Tournament, which began Wednesday and runs through Sunday at Torrey Pines Golf Course. Originating as the San Diego Open in 1952, the first two editions were played right here in Chula Vista at San Diego Country Club. Over the next 16 years the tournament was played at courses in Mission Valley, El Cajon, Rancho Bernardo and Rancho Santa Fe, until 1968 when the event began its present relationship with Torrey Pines Golf Course in La Jolla.

Duane Buckingham is a devoted Rotarian who last week celebrated 25 years of membership in Chula Vista Rotary. He has held many positions of leadership, including President, Executive Secretary, and Assistant District Governor. Today he wants to share some memories of his Installation/Outstallation from about 14 years ago. Past President Steve Meisen got Duane's accordion from Karen and snuck it into the Installation/Outstallation. Duane had to play it while Lisa Johnson and Suzanne Catanzaro blew bubbles to reenact Lawrence Welk.

Brad Wilson and Larry Wergeland presented him with underwear with a Rotary Logo. You might recognize Michael Monaco on the left, on his knees. Guess he wanted to appear short. Here's the 2008-09 Rotary Board. Duane says he had a good time and hopes Club members did as well and still do.

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





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Above l-r: Duane Buckingham with Ken Weimer; Carmen Sandoval won cookies and cash; Max Scrivens with his Rotary sponsor Duane won.
Below: President-elect Mora de Murguia presenting guest speaker Wayne Raffesberger with his gift.





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Rotarians Fishing in Louisiana



Group in front of the historic Woodland Plantation Lodge which dates back to 1834.
L-R Gary Bryant, Lane Pearson, Troy Ray, Mike Green, Mike's nephew Nathan and Dave Pigden.





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. Thanks to Mary and her team, we have suggestions of items we can donate for the bags. If you don’t want to provide 50 of something, please just provide what you can. We will have plenty of items. Lisa has donated 50 red bags and Cheryl has donated 50 Chik Fil A gift cards - so we are off and running!

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)

