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BOB SILVAS
Past Presidents' Program



Join Past President Bob Silvas as he recognizes the club's past presidents.

He has invited a few to share their thoughts, experiences and highlights about their Rotary year.

They will also share what being a Rotarian has meant to them and their families.

See you this Friday at noon on Zoom!



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS— JANUARY 29, 2021

President-Elect Neisha Hernandez called the meeting to order. Rasha Roshdy gave the invocation. Betty Waznis provided the News at Noon via video, as she and Tom were scheduled to receive their vaccinations just around club meeting time Friday morning.

Lisa Johnson encouraged members to volunteer at the Sharp/County of San Diego Vaccination Super Station at the old Sears building in Chula Vista. Several members have already helped out.

Glen Googins, our Chairman of Love, highlighted the upcoming Valentine's program scheduled for next week February 12—Love in the Time of Covid. He asked members to keep an eye out for email from him asking for our help. As usual, his creative process is very fluid.

The breakout session discussion was about sharing the most beautiful place you have been. Hawaii (especially in a helicopter) was a top mention. Ireland and the Loire Valley in France were two other locations. Our national parks are also very beautiful—Yosemite, Yellowstone and others.

Dan Dredla was the News at Noon sponsor. The question of the day: How many people worldwide have been saved from polio because of the vaccination? There were numerous guesses—as most of us had no idea. The lucky guess was 17 million people—amazing! The lucky guesser was guest/potential new member Gabriel Ruz. Way to go Gabriel! \$50 will be donated on your behalf to the Polio Plus campaign. Thanks Dan!

Mora de Murguia introduced Dan Denham with the San Diego County Water Authority.

INVOCATION By Rasha Roshdy

Sufis are regarded as "the mystics" and the "most peaceful Muslims".

In the Sufi tradition, we believe the way to get closer to the Divine Love is by living a life of service.

May the love we have to serve others bring us closer to the Divine Love.





LIVE



Brought to you by:

All those who
logged-on!

With Betty Waznis

Good afternoon Rotarians and guests, and good afternoon to our speaker, Dan Denham from the San Diego County Water Authority. Today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon is sponsored by Dan Dredla and Sharp Chula Vista.

Axiom Space has announced the crew for the first ever private flight to the International Space Station. The crew of three will be led by a former NASA astronaut. The crew will spend eight days at the space station, and will take one or two days to get there on a SpaceX rocket, following liftoff from Cape Canaveral.

Axiom's first customers, who each paid \$55 million dollars, include a real estate and tech entrepreneur from Dayton, Ohio, a Canadian financier, and a close friend of Israel's first astronaut Ilan Ramon, who was killed in the space shuttle Columbia accident in 2003.

In other travel news, Carnival Cruise Line's return to San Diego after its departure nearly ten years ago has been canceled until at least 2023 as the company moves its planned Mexico and Hawaii voyages to Long Beach. Carnival has indicated that it plans to return to San Diego but specified no date.

Holland America, the principal line serving the San Diego market, still has 33 cruise calls scheduled for the 2021-22 season although it's still unclear when cruising will resume anywhere in the U.S.

Speaking of cruises, Disneyland's Jungle Cruise has set sail in Adventureland since 1955. It is one of the few remaining opening-day attractions overseen by Walt Disney himself. This week, The Walt Disney Company announced that The Jungle Cruise is getting a major overhaul.

The move follows updates to other older attractions such as Splash Mountain and Pirates of the Caribbean, all done to remove outdated tableaux and characters. Changes coincide with an upcoming Jungle Cruise-inspired film starring Dwayne Johnson (The Rock).

The new scenes are designed to add fresh life, activity and characters to the attraction, while also fueling more corny jokes from the ride's tour guides, along with a new animated skipper figure. Disney expects the changes to be completed this year at both Disneyland and Florida's Walt Disney World.

Dan Dredla is Vice President for Patient Support Services and Development at Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center. He always works hard, but is at it even more intensely now to keep our community safe. Somehow he has found time to serve as our president and successfully hosted the first ever remote In and Out.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Dan Dredla and Sharp Chula Vista.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR ROTARIANS!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Suzanne Catanzaro - February 4

Gary Bryant - February 8

Mitch Compton - February 10

Peter Rullan - February 19

Diane Wages - February 21

Jim Biddle - February 27

Vivianna Viquez - February 29





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Dan Denham, Deputy General Manager with the San Diego County Water Authority, has deep roots in the South Bay. Born in Chula Vista, he grew up in National City and Paradise Hills.

He provided an in-depth look at the work of the SDCWA and packed a considerable amount of information into a short time frame. SDCWA has thirty six Board members and twenty four member agencies.

They work to ensure we received top quality water from our various sources. Dan touched on re-use, conservation, ground water, and emergency supplies.

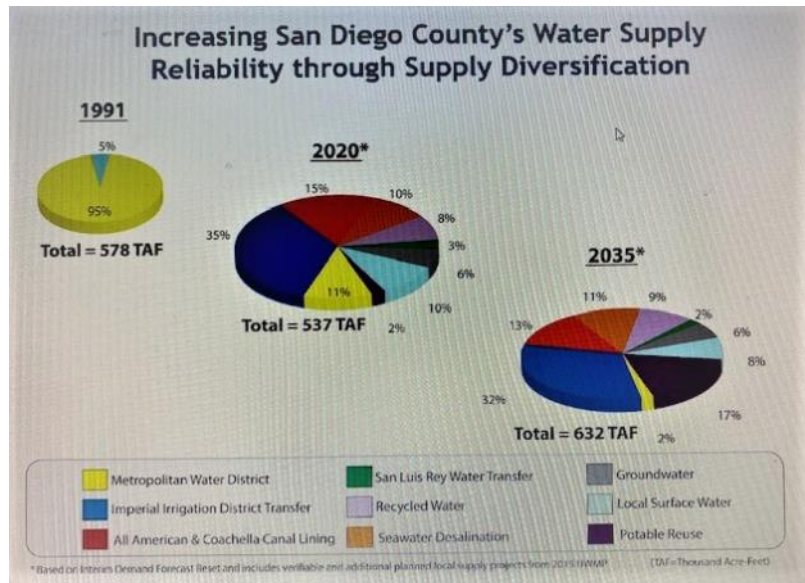
Two members, Fallbrook and Rainbow, are current seeking “detachment” - a bit like a divorce and want to re-associate themselves with Riverside County. This has major implications for the remaining members and the proposal is pending at LAFCO for review and a determination.

Members had many questions for Dan which included de-salination, IID water transfer and more. It was a very informative presentation and discussion.





Meeting Highlights— January 29, 2021 (Continued)



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Rotarians at Work



Past President Lisa Johnson has been volunteering with past First Gentleman Eric at the Chula Vista Vaccination Super Site. Our Club members were featured in this week's News Bits from District 5340.

Thank you Rotarians for supporting Sharp Healthcare, County of San Diego, and the City of Chula Vista to ensure the vaccination distributions run smoothly.



Gary Bryant really enjoyed the discussion about famous people we have met. He has met A LOT! Here are just two.

Left: Steven Tyler, from Aerosmith. Right: Willie O'Rea from the Canadian Hockey League and National Hockey League. He was the first Black hockey player in the NHL. THANKS for sharing Gary!



The PolioPlus Society District 5340

A great opportunity to do good in the world.



From District News Bits:

Someone once said that it would be unthinkable if Rotary ever stopped supporting polio eradication. Decades of commitment would be lost, for then we would be known as the organization that allowed polio to become endemic again.

Fortunately we are in the business of Doing Good in the World and Rotary is committed until every last child and the world is polio-free.

In October 2020, our D-5340 adopted and announced the Polio Plus Society program. While not an official Rotary International program, it has been around in some form since 2012. It originated in D-5110 where Rotarians initially formed the Polio Plus program as we know it today. The Polio Plus Society is now formally supported in Zone 26 and Zone 27.

Like all great programs in Rotary, ideas begin at the Rotary club level, where ordinary folks do extraordinary things. That is not to say Rotarians are ordinary. You will recall that our own D-5340 created the Paul Harris Society which is now a formal Rotary Donor Recognition.

Joining the Polio Plus Society is easy. Go to <https://www.rotary5340.org/sitepage/trf-polioplus> and fill out the application.

GOOD-BYE POLIO
THANKS ROTARY





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