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The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista

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CLUB ASSEMBLY
President Neisha Hernandez
Friday, January 14, 2022—Noon



Who can believe that President Neisha Hernandez' term is already half way over? That was really fast!

Please join us this Friday for our Club Assembly where we will discuss what we have accomplished so far this Rotary year— and what we plan to work on during the second half of President Neisha's term.

It is a good time to ask questions, provide suggestions and find out how we can continue to move our Club forward in service to our community.

See you soon!



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—JANUARY 7, 2022

President Neisha Hernandez called the meeting to order. Chuck Bevan gave the invocation and led the pledge. Members winged "You're a Grand Old Flag" without lyrics on the screen and did quite well.

Mark Scott was inducted as the President-Elect. He was born and raised in Bonita, went to USC and was also a Joe Rindone Service recipient. While Lisa Johnson received a typewriter, he received a word processor. Mark works in real estate and property management. He has been in Rotary for nearly twenty years. We look forward to his leader-ship—thanks for stepping up Mark!

Mark introduced guests and visiting Rotarians. After the famous "Welcome" song, Rotarians with January birthdays were honored with the "Happy Birthday" song—Bill Padelford, Jerry May, Carmen Sandoval, David Hoffman - as well as Hilda Hoffman whose birthday was January 7th. Happy birthday everyone!

Kathleen Carroll was officially welcomed into our Club. She is a transfer from Club 33, where she was a member for 5 years. Among her many roles: wife, mother to 29 year old twin girls, clinical social worker for 37 years, artist—and more! She was involved with many activities in Club 33 including Interact, Greeter and Badge committee. We will be putting her enthusiasm and talent to work quick. Welcome Kathleen!

Betty Waznis was recognized as the Member of the Week! Suzanne Catanzaro has broken another body part, this time her finger. Michael Monaco fined Mora de Murguia for her new role at Sharp Chula Vista where she recently joined the Governing Board of Directors.

Gary Bryant encouraged members to sign up to help at the Feeding San Diego warehouse on Saturday, January 29.

Dan Dredla sent an urgent message to Rotarians to please wear masks. Our region is being hit hard by the 5th wave of the pandemic and hospitals are under severe strain. Sharp CV had a 100% increase from the previous week and doctors saw 300 people in one day in the ER.

Betty gave the News at Noon, which reiterated Dan's points on local impacts. Rasha Roshdy was sponsor for the News at Noon and provided \$50 cash to the lucky winners: Hilda Hoffman, Michael Monaco, and Bob Bliss.

Proud dad David Hoffman introduced his daughter Sophia Hoffman who created a beautiful, entertaining program for our Club. She began with her own "Happy Birthday" for her mother and wowed the audience with song after song. It was a fantastic performance and we are in awe of her many talents. We wish Sophia great success!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

FBI Task Force

January 21

History of the Airport - Part 2 January 28

SAVE THE DATE:

Annual Valentine's Day Meeting February 11



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Above left: President Neisha officially welcomes Katheen Carroll to our Club.

Above right: Newly inducted President-elect Mark Scott shares some life highlights.









L-R: Rasha Roshdy with Hilda Hoffman, who returned her prize as a donation.

Michael Monaco is the second lucky winner.

A new year, a new run of good luck for Bob Bliss, who is one who prefers cash.

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JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON



Good afternoon, Rotarians and guests. Today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon is sponsored by Dr. Rasha Roshdy and AMNA Sanctuary.

This week we are still working through the Omicron surge. The one-month indoor mask mandate for public spaces, originally scheduled to be reviewed on January 15, has already been extended to February 15 by state health officials, who expect a mid-January spike. Hospitals are receiving increased cases – Scripps Health Chula Vista announced Tuesday that it was operating at near disaster levels.

SDSU plans a temporary return to online instruction. The campus says that nearly all of its 35,000 students will be taught online for a two-week period when the spring semester begins on January 19. They join many other CSU and UC campuses in a shift to temporary online class.

The nuclear-powered aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln made history as it left its berth at Naval Air Station North Island on Monday morning. It's the first aircraft carrier with a female in charge. Capt. Amy Bauernschmidt, the commanding officer of the Lincoln, came up through the ranks as a helicopter pilot.

The carrier's deployment to the Western Pacific region comes amid rising hostile rhetoric between China and Taiwan. Naval spokesmen described its mission in general terms as providing combat capability and ready naval forces alongside our allies and partners to deter aggression and counter malign influence.

Our Aztec basketball team is playing a game of Covid musical chairs, along with many other schools in the NCAA. They were scheduled against Nevada this Saturday at Viejas Arena on CBS. But Nevada announced this week that its basketball team has COVID issues and won't play. However, the Mountain West is sending a replacement opponent – Colorado State, ranked 20th in the AP media poll and one of three remaining undefeated teams in Division One. Nevada joins five other conference teams – Boise State, Fresno State, San Jose State, Wyoming, and UNLV that are stuck in health protocol pauses.

Dr Rasha Roshdy brings a wide range of experience to share with the club. She is a native Egyptian who has been a naturalized American citizen for 20 years. In addition, she's been an investigative reporter, author of two books, foreign language instructor for Navy SEALs, stand-up comedienne, ghostwriter and grant writer, multiple -subject business college professor, independent contractor for private and public sector business, and international educator and speaker



She is now the head of AMNA Sanctuary, a non-profit organization that prepares immigrants and refugees to enter the U.S. workforce. This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Dr Rasha Roshdy and AMNA Sanctuary.

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TOP: Betty Waznis was named the Rotarian of the Week. Thanks for all you do Betty!

ABOVE: Sophia Hoffman wowed the crowd with her immense talent.



MORE NEWS & INFO



Please keep our good friends Saul and Lourdes Valdez in your thoughts and prayers as Saul recovers from a heart attack in late December.

He had open heart surgery, is still in the hospital and in considerable pain.

Let's send the Valdez family our prayers for healing and strength as they navigate this difficult time.



Chula Vista Rotary Club will volunteer on January 29 for the Saturday Morning Food Sorting Volunteers Shift from 9 am- 11 am.

We will need up to 18 volunteers.

If you can help, sign up to participate by using the easy steps provided below. This helps collect volunteer waivers, allows Feeding San Diego to know how many volunteers to expect, and makes the sign in process smoother. Please complete sign up online. If you need help, please call Gary Bryant (619) 778-3264. Thanks!

Easy Steps to Sign Up Online:

- 1. Visit http://vhub.at/fsd
- 2. Click "Sign in" in the upper right-hand corner and follow the steps as instructed.
- 3. During this step, you will be asked to enter your groups join code: 1701
- 4. After you sign in or create an account, look for your group volunteer shift on the calendar.
- 5. Click the "Sign Up" button to the right of your group's volunteer shift.
- 6.Each volunteer will receive a confirmation email when signed up successfully.





RYLA Volunteers Needed

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an amazing program for high school juniors. Students, selected from schools throughout San Diego County, come together to grow as leaders and become inspired to do more for their communities. Rotarians serve as facilitators and mentors during the RYLA sessions. Traditionally, this takes place at a camp in Idyllwild, CA over a weekend.

Due to COVID, this year will be an impact-packed <u>one-day</u> session on April 9th, at the Escondido Center for Performing Arts. Volunteers are needed to facilitate. If you are interested in participating, please sign up at <u>www.ryla5340.org</u>.

This link also has details about RYLA and information on facilitator training, which will be a couple of weeks before the April 9th session.

If you are interested, ask any of our club members who have facilitated in the past. Those members include: Kathi Mits, Neisha Hernandez, Lisa Johnson, Peter Rullan, & Steve Brodbeck.





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THOUGHTS FOR TODAY



"Do or do not. There is no try."

YODA, from Star Wars



