

# Chulatarian



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The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista  
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January 15, 2021  
**CLUB ASSEMBLY**  
President Zaneta Encarnacion Presiding

What's  
the  
plan?

Join us as we begin to plan for the future. 2021 will bring a return to in-person meetings (\*fingers crossed), a new club president, and more.

Your feedback will help guide and inform the way our club thrives in 2021. Come ready to share.

### Club Assembly Topics:

Location, location, location  
Funding the future  
Engagement



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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS— JANUARY 8, 2021

President Zaneta Encarnacion called the meeting to order and welcomed special guest District Governor Steven Weitzen. Jesse Fernandez provided the Invocation.

The breakout sessions each discussed our personal goals for 2021—not club, not global—personal. It was an interesting discussion. Our guest, Chief of Staff to the District Governor, Susan Callahan, said “live in the moment.” Chuck Bevan’s goal is to work on his massive model train and ‘shrink it.’ Ramon Moncada will continue to learn German via Duo-Lingo and Carmen Sandoval will read more.

President Z gave a shout out to the January birthday group: Bill Padelford (Jan. 10), Jerry May (Jan. 21), Carmen Sandoval (Jan. 24) and David Hoffman (January 31). Happy birthday everyone!

The Club historic gavel made it’s first appearance of the year having recently visited the Chula Vista Fire Department, with Rich Brocchini putting it to good use.

Bob Silvas sponsored the Jim Biddle News at Noon and had us provide answers (or just GUESS) to Hamilton the Play. He will be making donations to the Rotary Foundation on behalf of Lisa Johnson, Eric Rimmel, and Bernard Hernandez.

### **INNOVATION By Jesse Fernandez:**

**Dear Lord,**

**As we start a new year, we thank you for your ongoing guidance through these trying times of health concerns, social unrest and political discord.**

**Please show us the way to focus on our Rotary goals, strengthen our resolve, and continue to work together.**

**Help us to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.**

**The start of a new year is a good time to reflect on our work to:**

- **Promote peace**
- **Fight disease**
- **Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene**
- **Save mothers and children**
- **Support education**
- **Grow local economies**

**Help us continue to model a spirit of teamwork, a spirit of service, and a spirit of friendship in these challenging times.**

**Thank you, Lord, for our many blessings. We look forward to 2021 and the coming opportunities to be of service to our international and local communities.**

**Amen and Shalom**





LIVE



Brought to you by:

All those who  
logged-on!

With Betty Waznis

Good afternoon Rotarians and guests and good afternoon to our speaker, District Governor Steve Weitzen. Welcome to 2021, and today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Bob Silvas and the Silvy Group.

The Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvements Act of 2020 has just passed. It adds services that can be provided with existing funds and promotes collaboration with outside groups to operate shelters for homeless veterans on government property. One benefit to our local veterans is an increased housing allowance that takes into account our high local housing costs and makes VA housing vouchers more usable here in San Diego County.

Our own honorary Chula Vista Rotary Club member, Greg Cox, left office this week after serving 26 years as San Diego County Supervisor. Before becoming a supervisor, Greg was a middle school teacher, a City Council member, and Mayor of his hometown, our City of Chula Vista. When he first joined the board, county finances were in dire shape. Slowly but surely, he and the rest of the board began to right the ship. Today, county finances are strong; well-planned budget reserves are what got the county through this past difficult year.

Greg has overseen the development of the three regional parks in our district. He sponsored a new community park in Lincoln Acres, campgrounds in Otay Mesa and the Tijuana River Valley, and improvements to the recently opened Bike Skills Park in Bonita, which has gained national acclaim. In addition, Greg spearheaded the development of a scenic bike path around San Diego Bay, the nearly complete Bayshore Bikeway. Since the former educator believes in nurturing the mind as well, he ensured that new libraries were built, including those in Bonita, Imperial Beach and Lincoln Acres.

To promote family health and well-being, he helped adopt the Live Well San Diego initiative, the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program, and improvements in foster care and support. For this and so much more, thank you Greg; you make Chula Vista proud.

Bob Silvas has over 22 years in the airport business and earned recognition and numerous awards during his time at the San Diego International Airport. He now runs his own private consulting practice devoted to all matters of the airport business. And somehow found time to serve as our club president.

The SDSU Aztecs continued their winning series against Nevada, beating them yesterday 65 to 60 in a back and forth contest. Series history shows SDSU leading 20-6, including all eight games at Viejas Arena since Nevada joined the Mountain West conference in 2012. The teams continue to play tomorrow night at 6 pm.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Bob Silvas and the Silvy Group.





## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS— JANUARY 8, 2021 (Continued)



District Governor Steven Weitzen shared news about work on partnerships with Districts in Mexico (District 4100 in Baja and the Mexico City District), Orange, Riverside, and Arizona. He encourages all clubs to undertake an international project. He pointed out that Mexico is seriously under-supplied with vaccines and currently only allotted 50,000 units.

DG Weitzen acknowledged David Hoffman for his continuing his duties as the Assistant District Governor, working with five South County Rotary Clubs.

He shared his own funny story on how he became a Rotarian when an acquaintance from a business networking group invited him to a club meeting. She was not there and just as he was going to leave was warmly greeted and invited to stay by other Rotarians. They then invited him to a “Demotion” event at a private home. He was impressed by the fellowship and club work. He never did see the woman again and does not know what ever happened to her but is thankful she reached out to him.

DG Weitzen reminded us that we are 35,000 Clubs worldwide, 1.2 million members and have \$1.3 billion in our RI endowment. We strive to change the world for the better.

He spoke about human trafficking around the world and right here in our region. Gangs and other organized crime groups are turning from drugs/ weapons to human trafficking. Three training videos have been produced to better educate the community about this ancient/modern scourge. Ways we can all help: employment, interview experience, education/prevention.

District 5340 is funding advertising at the airport, bus and train stations and training for teachers to help identify the signs of exploitation.

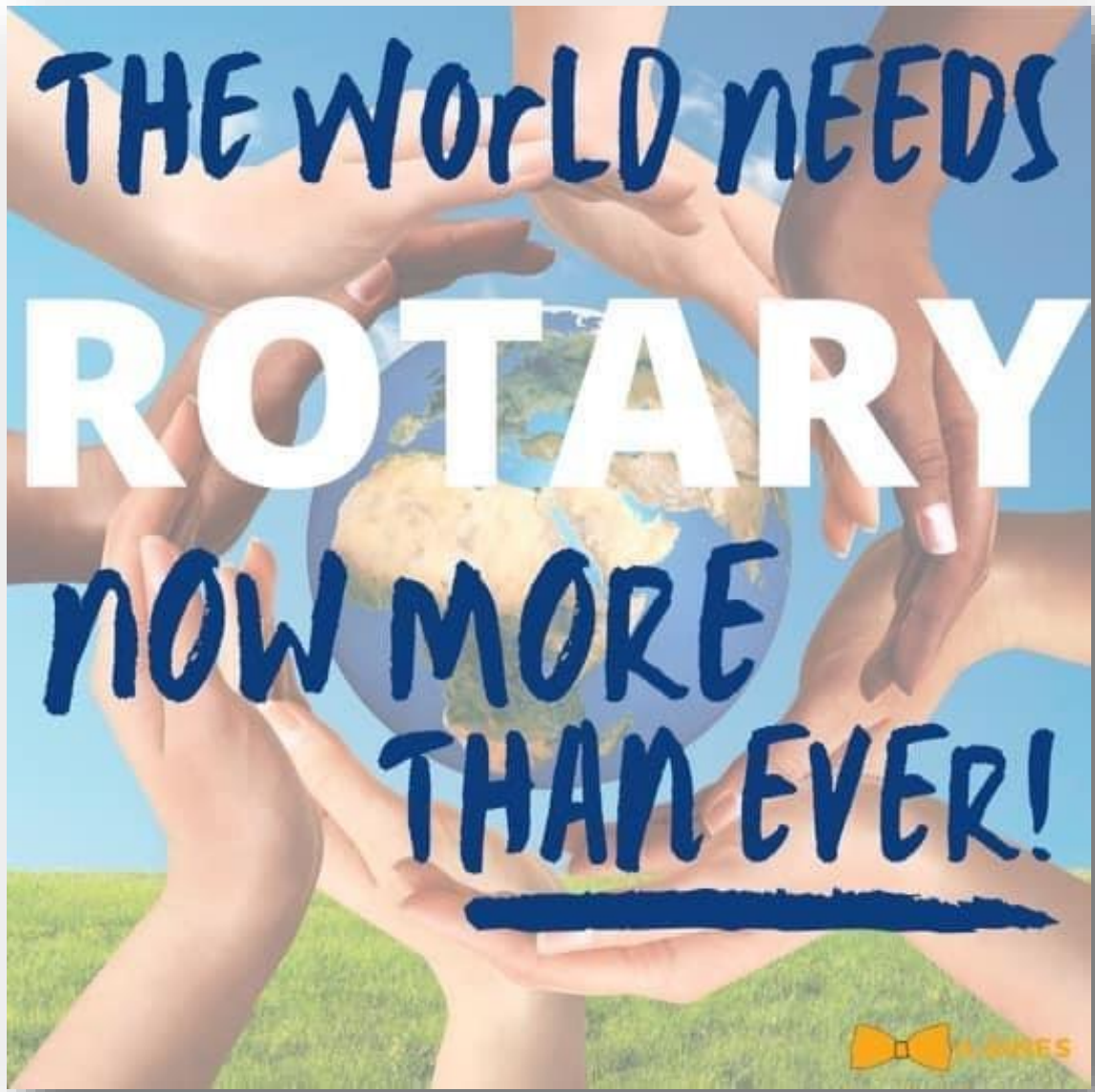
He reminded us that as we serve, we help repair the world and also heal ourselves. Thank you for an inspiring talk District Governor Weitzen!



Together we can break the cycle of human trafficking.









## Thanks Received!



Rasha Roshdy sent thanks from the proud new owner of this beautiful bicycle—made possible by Gary Bryant.

The young man did not even want to take the tags off of his new mountain bike. The family will now have a way to get groceries.

### **Dear Chula Vista Rotary (via Troy Ray)**

A very special THANK YOU to Troy and members of the Chula Vista Rotary club for your continued support of the 32 residents of the RCFE for at least the last 15 years. You are a Godsend and dedicated group of angels.

Again, it has been a great many years that you have made the residents of our Home a little happier each Holiday season. We thank you for remembering them.

The gift cards were cheerfully donated even though sadly we were not able to decorate. The residents really missed that event and interaction.

With all my gratitude and special place in my life. I thank you.

LOIS  
**Chula Vista Veterans' Home**





## PROJECT MERCY UPDATE



### Meet the Gonzales Family

Gabriela (35) was born in Mexico City and Elid (36) in Chiapas. They migrated separately to Tijuana to help aging parents. They met while working in a factory and have been together for 16 years.

Both Elid and Gabriela still work in Maquiladoras and earn 1400 pesos per week (approx. \$70) each.

Brenda (15) likes to read books, follow the news, and study. She hopes to get into business administration. José (14) likes to help people. He enjoys school and taking things apart and rebuilding them. He wants to be an auto mechanic. Michelle (12) enjoys time at home with her family and helping around the house. She wants to be a chef or teacher. Verónica (10) is very cheerful, likes to play, and be with her mother. She wants to be a teacher or doctor.

In Gabriela's own words from her application: At times, we have been homeless. My husband's job is far away but he can't leave it because he already has seniority and they accepted him even though his left thumb is missing. We have no electricity, and our house is too small for the family. The medicine for José is very expensive and combined with the money we have to pay for the land does not leave enough for other basic household expenses or to even think about building a bigger house.

We dream of a place where our children would have their own space and privacy. It would be a great blessing to have the security of having a home, we would be very happy and grateful to have something that allowed us to live in a more dignified way. We thank you, we would be grateful forever for your help for my family. As a parent, I would be very, very appreciative if you could find a way to help us. My children dream about having a good home where they can be safe. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and may God bless you for your great kindness in helping people of limited resources like us who don't have money to build a house. We thank you and may God continue to provide for you.

The Gonzales Family's new home will be built on **January 23** and is sponsored by our Club.







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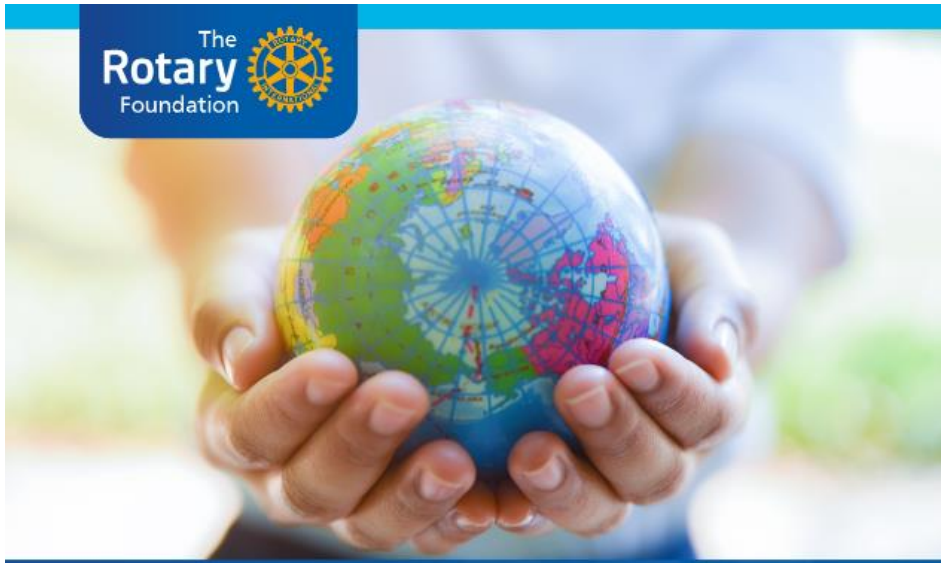
*"Of all the hundred and one ways in which men can make themselves useful to society, undoubtedly the most available and often the most effective are within the spheres of their own occupations."*

*Paul P Harris (Founder of Rotary)*

## VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH



TAKE ACTION: Get Involved, Join Rotary



# GOOD-BYE POLIO THANKS ROTARY





