

Chulatarian



The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista

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Friday, January 17, 2020 Supervisor Greg Cox



Since joining the San Diego County Board of Supervisors in 1995, Supervisor Greg Cox has been dedicated to improving the public safety, health and quality of life for all the families living in our region. He represents the more than 631,000 residents of the vibrant, multi-cultural neighborhoods of the First District, where he has lived his entire life.

A tireless champion for South County, Greg Cox resides in his hometown of Chula Vista. Both his parents were teachers in local public schools, and he too became an educator after earning his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from SDSU. He is a devoted husband and father of two grown daughters.

Greg began his public service career as a teacher in the Sweetwater Union High School District. He was elected to the Chula Vista City Council and then elected to two terms as Mayor of Chula Vista. San Diego County has been consistently recognized as one of the best managed counties in America. Its AAA bond ratings mean that taxpayer dollars are not wasted on interest payments, but instead go directly to public services. That financial strength has allowed the County to replace worn out buildings with new, environmentally sound facilities that are welcoming to the public.

Supervisor Cox oversees a regional government with a \$6.27 billion budget and more than 17,000 employees. He has guided a dramatic transformation of County government, earning it accolades as one of the best, well-run governments in the nation.

Over the years, he has helped create an array of major amenities in his district, including three vast regional parks, the Waterfront Park on the San Diego Bay embarcadero, new libraries and community centers in Bonita, Lincoln Acres and Imperial Beach, the Bayshore Bikeway, the Living Coast Discovery Center and the Olympic Training Center. He has had a hand in projects ranging from the development of the Chula Vista Bayfront to the Tuna Harbor Dockside Market.



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Jim Biddle News at Noon Sponsor: Kathi Tanaka Mits!

Dr. Kathi Tanaka Mits is a long time Chula Vista Rotary member, who joined as a child in 1992. She follows in the footsteps of her father, longtime Chula Vista Rotarian and dentist Dr. Terry Tanaka with whom she shares a dental practice here in Chula Vista.

Kathi is beloved by her patients as their reviews show. "Best dentist in the world....very gentle...very accommodating and friendly." She has earned a Vitals.com Patients' Choice award, an honor given to physicians who have received perfect and near perfect scores, as rated by patients.

She's a leader in our LEADS and RYLA programs for youth leadership because of her sympathetic understanding of young people and her heart for service. She keeps busy with and is devoted to her family – husband Mark, two teenagers, parents and extended family.



Drawing Winners:

Top Left: Eric Rimmele

Top Right: Bob Bliss

Left: Guest Jamie Gizelle



Mark Goldstein, DVM, shared stories from his remarkable career and recent book – *Lions and Tigers and Hamsters*. He has spent over 40 years caring, advocating, and fighting for the welfare of animals. The institutions he worked at are all recognized leaders in their respective fields and the variety of animals he worked with and his responsibilities were unique. He was a senior staff clinician in the medicine department at Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in Boston. After being hired to head the Boston Zoos, he led a turn-around for the failing inner-city Franklin Park Zoo.

"Dr. Mark" then moved west with his wife Kristine and their two daughters when he was appointed to lead the Los Angeles Zoo. He followed his heart to shine a light on the importance of the human-animal bond and took the helm at the San Diego Humane Society and SPCA where he oversaw the design, development, and completion of the "San Diego Campus for Animal Care."

Many aspects of the campus, its programs and its unique partnership with the municipal animal care department have been copied numerous times both nationally and internationally.

He has a BS in Animal Science and a DVM degree from Cornell University.



Happy Birthday Dear Rotarians!

Bill Padelford - January 10

Jay Dalseth - January 15

Jerry May - January 21

Carmen Sandoval Fernandez - January 24

David Hoffman - January 31





THANK YOU LARRY BENTHIAN!

Former long-time member of our club, the late Larry Benthian left a sizeable bequest to the Chula Vista Rotary Foundation. We are humbled and honored by his faith in our continuing work in our community.

He was remembered by club members at the meeting last week as a well-regarded Manager at his bank, a dedicated Navy pilot and someone who served—often quietly behind the scenes. One of his favorite service projects was to install smoke detectors in elderly people's homes.

To honor Larry and to express the Club's appreciation, a Paul Harris Award was presented to his son, Mark (pictured below).





Welcome Back!

Members gave a warm Chula Vista Rotary “Welcome Back!” to:

Eric Rimmele
Ben Vallejos
Reed Dinsmore
Beta Dinsmore

Reed and Beta are back with us after their family time in Maine. We were super happy to see Ben and Eric.



ROTARY CONVENTION
Honolulu, Hawaii, USA
6-10 June 2020

SAVE THE DATES:

Wednesday, January 22, District Governor’s Event @ Cheryl Shields—sign up with Sonny Rai Sonny.rai@edwardjones.com

Thursday, January 23, 7:00 a.m. Rotary International President Mark Maloney—San Diego Country Club (advanced tickets required)

Friday, January 24—DARK—no meeting

Friday, January 31—Speaker Chris Redo—Boy Scouts of America

Friday, February 7—VALENTINE PROGRAM

GOOD-BYE POLIO
THANKS ROTARY

