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Dan Denham is deputy general manager of the San Diego County Water Authority. In this role, Denham oversees the implementation of long-term agricultural to urban water conservation projects that are among the largest in the United States.

As a commissioner on the Quantification Settlement Agreement Joint Powers Authority, he leads the Water Authority's fulfillment of environmental mitigation obligations and legislative advocacy efforts at the Salton Sea.

Denham also oversees the Water Authority's core internal business functions including the Finance and Administrative Services Departments. Before joining the Water Authority in 2006 Denham served in various capacities at the City of San Diego's Metropolitan Wastewater Department, Financial Management Department, and Mayor's Office.

Denham holds undergraduate degrees in Public Administration and Economics, and a graduate degree in Public Administration all from San Diego State University.

The meeting will begin promptly at 12:00 p.m. and President-Elect Neisha Hernandez will be presiding.



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS— JANUARY 22, 2021

President Zaneta Encarnacion called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Carmen Richardson gave the invocation.

The small group topic was “What famous persons have you met and what is the story behind it?” Chris Lewis met Jimmy Stewart, Vince Lombardi, Bart Starr and Jane Pauley. Gary Bryant met numerous celebrities through his volunteer work at the San Diego Air & Space Museum. They include Mickey Rooney (and wife #*), Harrison Ford, Steven Tyler (Aerosmith rocker), John Elway, Alex Haley (noted author). Carmen Sandoval met Tom Cruise in Paris and various sports and political figures. Troy Ray said he leads a sheltered life and has not met any famous people.

President Z gave a shout out to Bob Silvas for volunteering at the new vaccine supersite at the old Sears in Chula Vista. More volunteers are needed to verify appointment and guide people through a series of checkpoints. Bob said they are very well organized, and he felt very safe throughout his time there. Sharps is running this location. Betty gave a stellar News at Noon as usual. Albert Aguilera was the news sponsor and came up with a trivia contest. Albert will make a donation of \$25 each to Polio Plus on behalf of Bob Silvas, Carmen Sandoval, Jesse Fernandez, Jan Mellinger. Thanks Albert!

Anabel Kuykendall and Quan Nguyen gave a presentation about the work of the South County Action Network (So Can). They are helping elders with improved technology skills, enabling them to better connect with family and friends. In many cases, they are able to provide tablets to help combat social isolation. Thank you Quan and Anabel for a very interesting talk.

INVOCATION By Carmen Richardson

Dear Wise and Heavenly Father:

Thank you on behalf of those who have gathered here for the gift of today and to be present among our Rotarian family.

Today we offer our gratitude to heed your call of service to our fellow man. As the nation and the world shifts their focus on unity to meet the diverse needs of our community

Rotarians, we commit to uphold the values and lead by example “Service Before Self.”

Today, we offer our gratitude for life itself and do not take health for granted. We give thanks to those who are healthy and can in turn give their time, energy and resources to those who are sick and hurting. We pray 2021 is the year COVID-19 will be contained and the nation our community looks forward to recovery in economics and in physical health.

Today, we offer our gratitude for the many resources Rotarians have to offer in our time, talent and financial support

Today, we offer our gratitude for the opportunity today to learn about the needs of those outside our immediate community so that we may build new relationships to better serve our fellow man in need.

Today, as in everyday, we offer our eternal gratitude to serve our own Rotarian family through friendship, fellowship, service and be a beacon of your light in our community.

In your name we pray. Amen





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All those who
logged-on!

With Betty Waznis

Good afternoon Rotarians and guests and good afternoon to our speakers, Quan and Anabelle from SoCan. Today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon is sponsored by Albert Aguilera and ServPro.

Inauguration Day has come and gone. Joe Biden was sworn in as President on Wednesday. Our former Senator Kamala Harris is now Vice President, causing a little bit of musical chairs here in California. California Secretary of State Alex Padilla is now the junior Senator from California, and South County's own Assemblymember Shirley Weber has been nominated to be California's Secretary of State. She is expected to be confirmed in early February.

As Americans stay at home to avoid Covid, they're catching fewer common colds, damping sales of the over-the-counter remedies that usually fly off the shelves when the temperature drops. Sales of cold, flu and cough medicine in the U.S. plummeted 46% in the five weeks ended Dec. 26 from the same period a year ago. The weaker cold season is attributed to a reduced amount of social interaction, social distancing when interaction occurs, the use of masks and washing hands much more often.

We welcome Albert Aguilera as this week's News at Noon sponsor. We all enjoyed his spirited committed dance performance in the Rotary Twelve Days of Christmas extravaganza. You will have a chance to hear from him and learn how Servpro can help you.

Aztecs men's basketball struggles to stay in contention for an at-large tournament berth as they go up against Air Force tonight at 6 pm. NFL season playoffs this Sunday: Bucs vs Packers at 12:05 and Bills vs Chiefs at 3:40.

Look for scattered clouds today with some rain expected tonight and tomorrow, clearing up on Sunday, with more rain showers Monday.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Albert Aguilera and Servpro.





ROTARIANS IN ACTION



Past President Mike Green, President Elect-Elect Donna Moss, and Board Director-Elect Albert Aguilera were exceptional examples of Service Above Self when they volunteered at the new COVID-19 vaccination super site located in the old Sears building at the Chula Vista Mall. Past President Bob Silvas also volunteered earlier.

Sharp HealthCare through its "Sharp Lends a Hand" program will be the host for future volunteer registrations at the Sears site.

Volunteers can sign up using a portal and selecting the time and date most convenient for them. This portal is now operational and can be found at: <https://www.sharp.com/health-classes/category/sharp-lends-a-hand-52>.

Remember everyone **65+** can now get the vaccine. You must have an appointment.

Be sure to use the Covid link on the Chula Vista Rotary website to make a quick connection for up to the minute information.





PROJECT MERCY UPDATE—HOME BUILD COMPLETE! SPONSORED BY CHULA VISTA ROTARY



Above and below left: The crew safely securing the loft area.
Below right: Mother Gabriela pitching in to secure the windows.





MORE PROJECT MERCY HOME BUILD PHOTOS



Above: At the end of the day, the home is complete!

The Gonzales family with the Project Mercy crew.

Left: The structure the family of 6 lived in before.

The outhouse is on the right next to the two wash basins, near the property line.





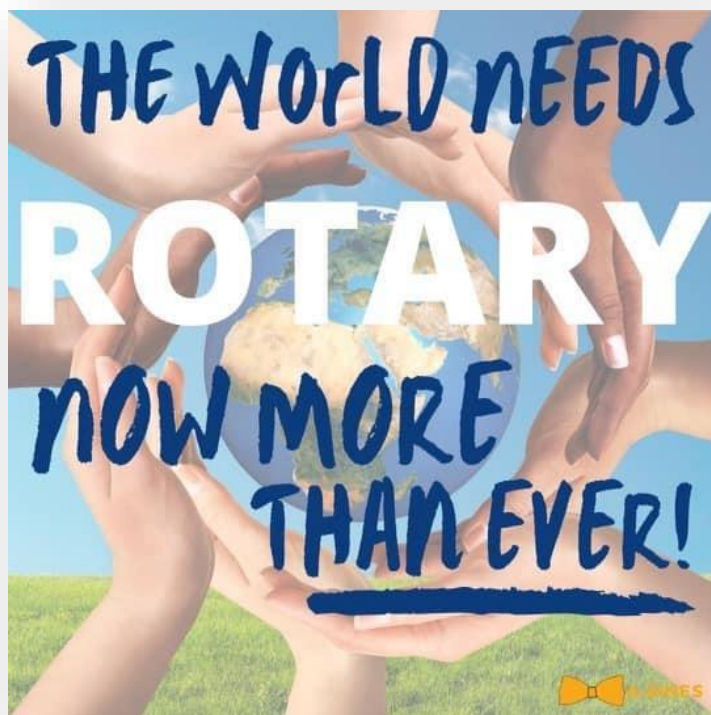
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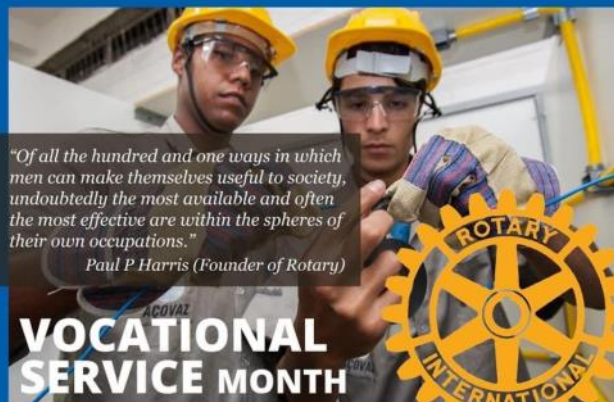
Above: Parents Gabriela (35) and Elid (36) beam with pride as daughters Michelle (12) and Veronica (10) explore the loft sleeping area.
Left: Crew putting finishing touches on the roof with Elid's help.



THANKS AGAIN ROTARIANS!



JANUARY



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Things to Think About

