

# Chulatarian



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**Friday, June 26, 2020  
NO ZOOM MEETING AT NOON  
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**Rotary**



**The Rotary Club of  
Chula Vista**

**est. 1926**

**Get Ready to Fly Away  
at the 2020 Installation/Outstallation  
on Chula Vista Rotary Airways  
6:30 p.m., Friday, June 26**

Save the date and pack your bags as we prepare President Bob Silvas for debarking and clear President-Elect Zaneta Encarnacion for takeoff. We will meet in our own private Zoom cabin on Chula Vista Rotary Airways, where you will enjoy first-class seating, unlimited food and beverage service, plus in-flight entertainment.

All passengers will receive their e-tickets and boarding instructions in the week prior to departure.

**The best dressed passenger for our  
destination receives a special prize.**

**Rotary**  
Club of Chula Vista





## Meeting Highlights of June 19, 2020

**CLUB BOARD  
MEETING**  
3rd Thursday of  
each month  
6:00 p.m.

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President Bob Silvas called the meeting to order for the annual “State of the Club” address. He welcomed everyone including guests Kathy Greene and daughter Stacy, Past President Paul Raffer, and Jon Clingan.

Following Chris Lewis’ invocation, President Bob cut loose with the song of the day “Already Gone” by the Eagles.





## Invocation by Chris Lewis

DEAR FATHER IN HEAVEN, WE COME TO YOU TODAY AS YOUR SERVANTS IN ROTARY WHERE SERVICE ABOVE SELF IS OUR ENDURING TENENT.

WE ARE APPROACHING THE END OF A VERY CHALLENGING ROTARY YEAR. MANY OF US FIND OURSELVES DISTRACTED, CONFUSED AND FEARFUL. MOST OF US HAVE BEEN QUARANTINED BY A DREADFUL DISEASE FOR WHICH THERE IS NO CURE. WE HAVE BEEN SEPARATED FROM OUR FRIENDS, BUSINESSES, PLACES OF WORSHIP, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS, YOUTH ACTIVITIES, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES. MANY PEOPLE HAVE LOST JOBS, BUSINESSES HAVE HAD TO CLOSE AND TO COMPOUND THIS, WE HAVE WITNESSED THE BRUTAL TREATMENT OF SOME OF OUR FELLOW CITIZENS, LOOTING, RIOTING, DESTROYING OF OTHER CITIZEN'S PROPERTY, EFFORTS TO ALL BUT DISMANTLE OUR NATIONAL AND LOCAL JUSTICE APPARATUS. WE HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT OUR COUNTRY, WE HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT HEALTH, WE HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT OUR SECURITY, WE HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT OUR FINANCES AND THE LIST GOES ON.

LORD, YOU HAVE HIT THE RESET BUTTON; THIS IS A TIME TO RECALIBRATE, REFRESH AND REGROUP. WE AS ROTARIANS ARE PLACED HERE FOR A REASON; THE HARVEST IS RIPE AND WE ARE TO ANSWER THE CALL. WE ASK FOR YOUR GUIDANCE, WISDOM, FAITH, GRACE AND STRENGTH TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN RESUMING THE COURSE OF GOODNESS THROUGHOUT OUR WORLD. THIS IS OUR JOB!

AS WE ENTER A NEW ROTARY YEAR, MAY YOUR LOVE, GRACE AND LIGHT SURROUND AND ENFOLD OUR NEWLY ELECTED LEADERS AS THEY TACKLE THE GREAT CHALLENGES BEFORE THEM. SO TOO, WE ASK FOR STRENGTH OF CHARACTER AND WILL TO SUPPORT OUR LEADERS IN CARRYING OUT THE WORK THAT LIES AHEAD. MAY WE EAGERLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES AND GET THE JOB DONE.

LORD, AS WE CONSIDER FATHER'S DAY, LET US REMEMBER NOT SO MUCH WHO OUR FATHERS WERE BUT WHO WE REMEMBER THEM TO BE. MANY OF US TOO ARE FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS AND GREAT GRANDFATHERS. IT IS TRULY AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO BE A FATHER AND FOR THAT WE EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE FOR EQUIPPING US TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE AS FATHERS AND HUSBANDS.

WE ASK YOUR ETERNAL BLESSING UPON THE MEMBERS AND FAMILIES OF OUR ROTARY CLUB AND MAY WE STRIVE TO DO YOUR WILL.

AMEN!







LIVE



Brought to you by:

All those who  
logged-on!

With Betty Waznis

Good afternoon Rotarians and guests. Welcome to the Juneteenth online edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. And the State of the Club program presented by our own President Bob.

For the first time since it began lifting stay-at-home restrictions earlier this month, San Diego County has hit one of three COVID-19 triggers that indicates a pause in future re-openings. County officials announced yesterday that eight community outbreaks had occurred in the seven-day period from June 11 through Wednesday.

On the state level, Governor Newsom is now requiring masks for all Californians when in public places. This is the same order already in place for San Diego County. Travel restrictions at the U.S-Mexico border will remain through July 21. This is the third time that border restrictions have extended for an additional month since the initial joint agreement back in March in an effort to stop the spread of the coronavirus. Northbound crossings remain open for U.S. citizens, legal permanent residents, people with work visas, and those traveling for education or medical reasons and other essential purposes. Crossings remain closed for recreational and tourist travel. Travel restrictions also were extended at the U.S-Canada border. The San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce expressed its disappointment at the decision. It estimates that San Ysidro is losing more than \$1.8 million every day under the border restrictions.

In a move to help restaurants hit hard by COVID-19, the Gaslamp Quarter plans to close a four-block stretch of Fifth Avenue from Thursday to Saturday, 3 pm to midnight, essentially converting the heavily trafficked street to patio dining. The planned closure follows a similar weekend experiment by Little Italy last week. A special exemption granted by the state department of Alcoholic and Beverage Control permits liquor to be served within the patio areas in the street right-of-way.

The closure of streets via the existing special-event permit process is part of a wider initiative that would expand opportunities for more outdoor dining and shopping. The idea is to temporarily use streets, sidewalks, and private parking lots to meet social distancing requirements and increase outdoor gathering places considered to be safer. Other neighborhood associations seeking such permits to close down streets are the East Village and Downtown Business Improvement Districts, the La Jolla Shores Association, and the North Park Main Street Association.

In what could be a final effort to launch a 2020 major league season, MLB team owners Wednesday presented their first proposal that includes full prorated salaries for players. The MLB proposal called for 60 games, plus a 16-team playoff field, with a season starting July 19 or 20. The players' union countered yesterday with a proposal for a 70-game season. The two sides still must reach agreement on a health and safety protocol. If successful, the negotiation could get a long-delayed season off the ground, with players reporting to a second spring training as soon as next week.

Florida Derby winner Tiz the Law is the heavy favorite to win the Belmont Stakes tomorrow. Instead of concluding the Triple Crown, the Belmont is kicking off the series which will run without spectators or owners at Belmont Park in New York.

The California State CIF Academic Team Champions is an award that celebrates the top 16 high school teams in the state with the highest collective grade point averages. Number one team with the highest collective GPA of 3.90 – Eastlake Girls soccer team. Go Titans!

June gloom continues with morning clouds clearing in midday. A perfect opportunity to enjoy the opening of the San Diego Zoo tomorrow and see 2- month old baby pygmy hippo, Akobi, who is just now coming out into the public areas for us all to admire.

This concludes the June 19 zoom edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon.



## Meeting Highlights of June 19, 2020 (Continued)

President Bob thanked Mary Johnson for her leadership in managing the Program Committee, and Leon Redondo and Tom Davies for their duties setting up for the meetings and recording, and the Welcome Crew (Donna Moss) (up until March). He thanked Gary Bryant and the Community Projects committee, and the Scholarship committee (Jesse Fernandez). Below are some examples of Bob's sense of humor in thanking Jerry May (Invocations) and Ben Koala (Audit).

President Bob also recognized all the hard work by Executive Secretary Duane Buckingham for the past 3 years and Diane Flint Wages who has served as Executive Treasurer for the past 5 years.

**Thanks everyone!**

He re-capped our Club's extensive work throughout the year with highlights in a very fast and fun video.



Club members donated over \$1600 to the Rotary Queensland Bushfire Relief fund. Australia suffered through an extraordinary fire season and Rotarians around the world helped out with relief efforts. President Bob presented the check at the last ever District Governors-Elect home fellowship hosted by Cheryl & Rob Shields.





## Remembering Special Rotarians

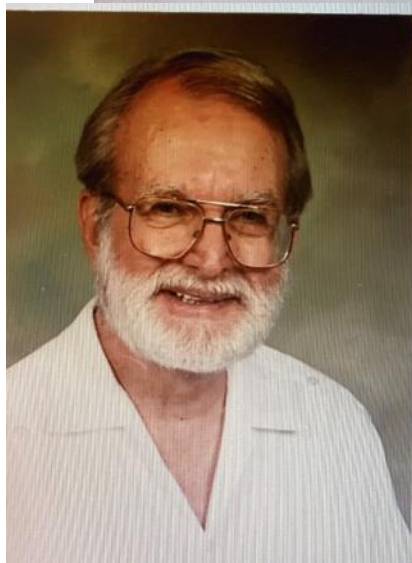
President Bob had a special tribute to the two Rotarians who passed away during this Rotary year. Members were invited to share memories and stories about Mark Greene.

The Club honored him with a Paul Harris Fellowship that was presented to his wife Kathy. It was very moving and deeply appreciated.

### Mark I. Greene

March 15, 1934 - August 24, 2019

Over 50 years of perfect attendance  
Past President  
Paul Harris Fellow



### Dr. John Raphael Pullen

AUGUST 7, 1928 – APRIL 4, 2020

Joined Rotary 1982  
Paul Harris Fellow

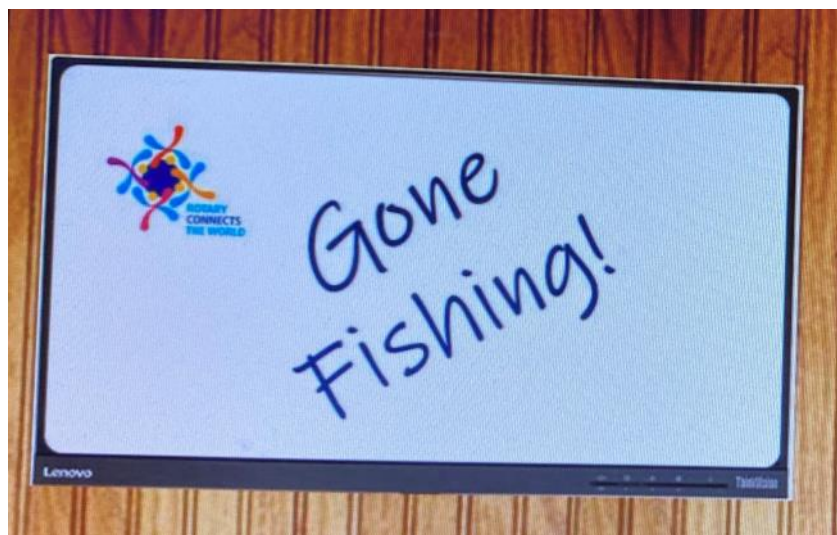




**COMING SOON!**







**Last we heard from President Bob...**

**Important dates coming up:**

**District Event** - Monday, June 29, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Virtual  
**Rotary International Convention** - June 20 - 26—Sign up & attend online







## Keeping Busy During the Pandemic



In addition to his many activities—family, realtor, property manager, Rotary and Church volunteer—Chris Lewis is a passionate gardener.

Pictured here tending to his 45+ vines, Chris is a seasoned wine maker and expert on growing grapes and other plants, including roses.

Many of his vines are up on the hill behind he and Jean's home in Bonita. Son Chris came down to visit and help tend to and move some of the vines to more accessible locations closer to ground level.

Share your activities with us!







## Happy 50th Anniversary Duane & Karen Buckingham!



**Then & Now**





## THANKS RECEIVED

5/31/20

Dear Rotary Club Scholarship Committee,

By awarding me the Joseph Lindone Service Award, you have eased my financial burden, allowing me to focus on the most important aspect of school: learning. Thank you again for your generosity and support, I promise you I will work very hard and give back to others as a dedicated teacher and as an involved community member.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Topete

Thanks  
Gracias  
THANK YOU  
Merci  
Much Appreciated  
So Grateful

June 10, 2020

Rotary Club of Chula Vista  
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Dear Rotary Club Members,

I would like to express my profound gratitude upon being awarded the Bill Padelford Academic Award. During this most uncertain time receiving this news was such a highlight of an otherwise disappointing season. I am proud to be a RYLA participant, and can say that the experiences I have had with the Chula Vista Rotary club have inspired me to strive to serve my community for a lifetime. My family and I thoroughly enjoyed the Zoom ceremony, and hearing about all of the amazing scholarship recipients. The pizza from La Bella's was fantastic, we really enjoyed it, thanks! I look forward to visiting with your group in the coming year, and report on my academic and personal growth.

With sincere gratitude,

Tristyn Thomas







## SOME FUN & THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

