

Chulatarian



The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista

Chartered February 16, 1926 - Club Number 908 - District 5340



**ROTARY CLUB
OF CHULA VISTA**

OFFICERS 2019-2020

Bob Silvas
President
bsilvas@silvygroup.com

Zaneta Encarnacion
President-Elect
zanencarnacion@swccd.edu

Neisha Hernandez
Secretary
neishahernandez@gmail.com

Diane Wages
Executive Treasurer
dfwages@att.net

Dan Dredla
Past President
daniel.dredla@sharp.com

Duane Buckingham
Executive Secretary
execsec@chulavistarotary.org

P.O. Box 626,
Chula Vista, CA 91912
619-934-6107

Club Website:



www.chulavistarotary.org

**Friday, June 5 2020—12:00
ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING
LIVING COAST DISCOVERY CENTER**



San Diego Bay at Chula Vista



Rotarian Ben Vallejos will tag team with Elizabeth Argyle to provide an update on the Living Coast Discovery Center.

Ben has been with the Living Coast Discovery for 17 years and the Executive Director since 2013. He was born in Hawaii and grew up in San Diego, so it is no surprise that he is an avid SCUBA diver, fisherman, and paddle boarder. His passion for the ocean led to a Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology from SDSU following an internship in the aquarium department at the Living Coast. His previous operations experience in retail provided the business foundation necessary to successfully operate the Living Coast as Executive Director. Ben's favorite animal is a sailfin tang.

Elizabeth Argyle, Director of Education & Guest Experience, has been an informal educator for nearly 8 years. She started her work at the Living Coast in the fall of 2013. Originally from Orange County, college brought her to San Diego where she graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Ecology, Behavior, and Evolution, from the UC San Diego. Her passion for science, conservation, and education led her to fall in love with this beautiful community. Elizabeth went on to complete her Master of Education from Point Loma Nazarene University. Elizabeth enjoys hiking, snorkeling, or watching her favorite animals, California sea lions, play off La Jolla.



Meeting Highlights of May 29, 2020

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

DISTRICT 5340 WEBSITE:
<http://www.rotary5340.org>

Publication Information

Chulatarian Newsletter is published by The Rotary Club of Chula Vista
P.O. Box 626
Chula Vista, CA 91912
Bus: (619) 934-6107

execsec@chulavistarotary.org

For Information and Input:

Contact Newsletter Editor
Carmen Sandoval
csandovalzf@gmail.com

Articles & Items:
Please send by Noon Saturday for consideration.

Please note: Every submission may not be included due to space constraints.



President Bob Silvas called the meeting to order and expressed condolences to Bill Padelford on the recent loss of his wife Betty.

President Bob is still counting down - 5 more weeks till his term is up.

He created an impressive tribute to the students which included their school logos and photos all marching onto the zoom screen to Pomp & Circumstance by multiple musicians playing in unison though apart. Great job!

Important dates coming up:

Installation/Outstallation is scheduled for Friday, June 26, 6:30 p.m.—Virtual
District Event - Monday, June 29, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Virtual
Rotary International Convention - June 20 - 26 Online

INVOCATION BY CHERYL SHIELDS:

God our hearts are heavy today. We first want to pray for Bill Padelford.
Comfort him and his family as they grieve the loss of Bill's wife, Betty
I Pray for our nation - it's broken and hurting ...Heal our nation
And as we continue to battle Covid...
Keep our families and loved ones safe.
Bless these high school students.
As they grow into our future leaders,
give them wisdom as they continue to learn and lead.



Amen





Meeting Highlights of May 29, 2020 (Continued)

About the Chula Vista Rotary Scholarships:

- *The Scholarship Program was begun by Joe Rindone in 1948
- *In the first year, the Chula Vista Rotary awarded \$100 to one student from the first graduating class of Chula Vista High for Outstanding Academic Achievements
- *A Service Award was later added and in 1976 it was named in honor of Joe Rindone – the “Joseph Rindone Service Award”
- *Recipients of this award received a Selectric typewriter
- *The Scholarship for Academic Achievement was named in honor of William (Bill) Padelford in 2019
- *More than \$300,000 has been awarded in Scholarships since 1995
- *Four of our active Rotarians have received scholarships: OUR OF OUR ACTIVE ROTARIANS RECEIVED THIS AWARD: Kathi Tanaka Mits, Lisa Johnson, Brad Wilson, and Mark Scott





Scholarship Recipients

Since we were unable to host lunch in person for the students and their parents, counselors and school principals as has been our tradition, our Club provided pizza and salad for the students at home to share – some were delivered and others picked up to help out La Bella's. In addition, we provided a \$100 Visa gift card. The students are so talented and truly inspiring. We wish them great continued success!

Joseph Rindone Service Scholarships:



Daniel E. Topete, Chula Vista High School – 4.38 GPA, has taken 11 Advance Placement (AP) courses, he participated with Mariachi and an elite guitar group (House of Guitar) and volunteered at St. Rose and as a coach at Chula Vista Middle. He will attend SDSU, study math and become a bilingual high school teacher.

Justin S. Lee, Otay Ranch High School – Co-Valedictorian, will study Mechanical Engineering at UCLA; he volunteered at Sharp Chula, St Paul's, church and other places. He enjoyed working with students with autism, Down and other disabilities through music and art. He had an amazing 729 hours of service.



Nozaneen L. Arshady, Olympian High School – the RYLA alumni will attend UCLA and study neuroscience. She was the President of the Medical Careers Club, founded the American Heart Association club at her school, and set up free CPR classes at schools and local churches to learn this life-saving skill. She volunteered 484 hours at Sharp Chula Vista, Scripps and the Fleet Science Center.

Angelica Monroy, Castle Park High School - 3.89 GPA will study Anthropology (the study of man, culture and society) at UC Santa Barbara. She was active with the Ecology Club, MECHA and beach clean-ups. She participated in Verano Feliz (Happy Summer student prep in Baja and would like to see it here.



Eliana Rodriguez Herrera, Hilltop High School – 4.39 GPA; was a Girl Scout since the 6th grade and received the Gold Award. She was involved with Girls Tennis, Teen Court, IT Academy and was President of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers. She will attend USD and study Structural Engineering in Aerospace.



Scholarship Recipients

Bill Padelford Academic Scholarships:



Jacquelline E. Zuno, Chula Vista High School - Valedictorian, GPA 4.35; participated in RYLA and Model UN which triggered her interest in public policy and diplomatic affairs. She was involved with ASB as Vice President, the Interact Club, Mariachi and more. Jacquelline will attend UC Berkeley and study political science.

Freya M. Medina, Otay Ranch High School – will study molecular biology at UC Berkeley; took 12 AP courses. She achieved AP Scholar with Distinction and a certificate of recognition for Excellence in AP Biology. She was active in community service activities and performed in the show choir. She gave a shout out to her counselor Ms. Bringas who was able to join in the meeting.



Tristyn M. Thomas, Olympian High School – volunteered at Sharp Chula Vista. She was very impressive with the positive mentality of the students who participated in RYLA and was inspired to start a non-profit Youth for Border Aid. She wants to impact the world and will attend Stanford and study Human Biology with a focus on immunology to help people like her mom who has MS.

Mariana Perezchica, Castle Park High School – Valedictorian, 4.48 GPA, plans to attend USD and study Accounting. She was the President of the International Baccalaureate program club and the Ballet Folklorico Clubs. She enjoyed discovering performing arts and expressed thanks for the pizza and gift card also.



Montserrat Torres, Hilltop High School – 4.48 GPA, will attend UC San Diego and study human biology; she was active in the Hippocrates Circle, field hockey, lacrosse and MECHA. She enjoyed working with kids at the South Chula Vista Library and volunteered with Service Hospice. Montserrat plans to be a doctor.





Congratulations to Maria Kachadoorian!



KACHADOORIAN NAMED CHULA VISTA CITY MANAGER

Post Date:06/01/2020 9:29 AM—(From Media Release)

The Chula Vista City Council has unanimously selected Maria Kachadoorian as the next City Manager. Kachadoorian is the first woman and first Latina to serve as City Manager of San Diego County's second largest City.

"Maria has the knowledge, skills and vision we need to move the City forward during these unprecedented times," said Chula Vista Mayor Mary Casillas Salas. "She brings to this critical position strong leadership skills, municipal finance acumen, and a passionate commitment to foster positive relationships with employees, residents, as well as with elected, business and community leaders."

Kachadoorian has worked at the City of Chula Vista for 22 years. She started in the Finance Department, advanced to Finance Director, before becoming Deputy then Assistant City Manager. Her strong finance background helped lead the City through the Great Recession and she will be instrumental in implementing innovative strategies to mitigate the financial, economic and community impacts to the City and residents from the COVID-19 pandemic.

As City Manager she will oversee and maintain a balanced budget, advance the Chula Vista Bayfront development, launch Ambulance Transport Services, and foster initiatives that better connect the City's diverse communities.

Kachadoorian is a long-time resident of South County and lives in Chula Vista. She was born in Tijuana and immigrated to the United States as an infant. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree with an emphasis in Accounting and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from San Diego State University. She also is a Certified Public Accountant. **As a Chula Vista Rotarian, she has volunteered on many projects benefiting the Chula Vista community.**

NEW LOOK FOR CHULA VISTA ROTARY WEBSITE



From Christmas in October 2018, Rotarians in action (l-r): Ralph Rodriguez, Dan Dredla, Jesse Fernandez, Carmen Sandoval, Maria Kachadoorian, and Autumn Reid. We worked with other volunteers to rehab a veteran's home—yard, patio, paint etc. Be sure to check out the revamped website. **Thank you to Dan Dredla** for his work on it. Send photos to him.



Project Mercy Home Build Update

Mother: Juana (36)

Father: Daniel (33)

Daughter: Ilse (16)

Son: Carlos (13)

Son: Jacob (11)



Our Club sent \$5000 for a home for the Torres Santana family. It is uncertain when the home will be built, however, we are hoping for early fall if restrictions are eased. We work with Project Mercy who coordinates construction materials and facilitates the selection of applicants. Our Club, friends, family and usually the Eastlake Rotary Club work together to construct a simple A-frame home, with a loft, living, and kitchen areas. We donate household items, food, paper goods and tools for the family. This is from the Torres Santana application submitted in January:

In Juana's own words: "We dream for a better home so that all of us in the family are together and much better off and that the children have their own space and some privacy. At the moment, the children are staying with Daniel's parents because of the condition of our current house so a decent home means we can once again live as a family.

Thank you. We don't have words to tell you how we feel. Thank you for helping needy families like us because our economic situation does not allow us to have a nice home."

Juana was born in San Luis Potosi and Daniel in Veracruz. Juana was brought to Tijuana by her parents and Daniel migrated there looking for work. Daughter Ilse is intelligent and wins educational awards in her school and she hopes to be a doctor. Carlos is inquisitive and likes to fix things; he wants to be a fireman. Jacob likes learning about nature and would like to be a policeman.

Juana and Daniel make money by scavenging in the local dump for recyclable materials and earn about 250 pesos a week (@\$14)*. In either case, their earnings are woefully insufficient to pay for basic household expenses and they live in very poor conditions.

The living conditions near the garbage dump are poor and the family is often sick. Juana has a tumor in her head. She has had 4 operations and needs another, but cannot afford it. Carlos is allergic to dust, and Jacob has a learning disability.

**Even less now as the peso-dollar exchange rate dropped from 18 to 21.75 since then.*





JUNE BIRTHDAYS
HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR ROTARIANS!



Mora de Murguia - June 4
Michael Monaco - June 23
Brad Wilson - June 25
Reed Dinsmore - June 25
Gerald Ramirez - June 27
Maria Kachadoorian - June 27
Richard Brocchini - June 29

JUNE IS

ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

"Don't adventures ever have an end? I suppose not. Someone else always has to carry on the story." - J.R.R. Tolkiens, The Fellowship of the Ring

Rotary   www.rotary.org

A black and white photograph of six people (three men and three women) smiling and holding glasses, likely at a social gathering. They are standing in front of a large mural or painting.



District 5340 Welcomes New Members



New Rotary Member Albert Aguilera
Featured this week in District 5340's NewsBits

**GOOD-BYE POLIO
THANKS ROTARY**



Rotary



2020 ROTARY
VIRTUAL
CONVENTION
20-26 JUNE

SAVE
THE
DATE

NOW MORE THAN EVER,
ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD:

**THE 2020 ROTARY
VIRTUAL CONVENTION**

20-26 June 2020 | Learn more at riconvention.org





Let's Support the Sunrise Rotary Club -
Items from the Cancelled Trivia Night

Rotary  Chula Vista
Sunrise

Online Charity Auction

8am Friday June 5 - 5pm Monday June 8



Bidding is as easy as 1...2...3

1. Create an account
2. Place your maximum bid on the items you're interested in. The system will automatically bid on your behalf up to your maximum bid
3. Upon winning, you have 48 hours to pay for the item

CVSRTRIVIANIGHT.ORG





SOME FUN & THOUGHTS FOR TODAY



Coming out of quarantine like

