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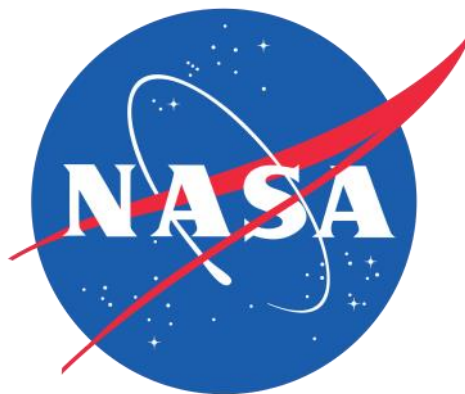


The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista

Chartered February 16, 1926 - Club Number 908 - District 5340—
Meets Weekly, noon, 4475 Bonita Road, Bonita (CV Golf Course)

JOE CARROLL
NASA

Friday, MARCH 10, 2023 - Noon



This Friday, Joe Carroll will share with us about his long career in science, engineering and aerospace.

We know him as Kathleen's husband, so it will be super interesting to hear about his work in this fascinating field.

Come with your questions, bring a friend and see you on Friday!

CLUB CALENDAR

March 10—St. Mark's Food Distribution, 8:00 am

March 17—Steve Weitzen, PDG, Human Trafficking

March 17—Above & Beyond Bonita/Sunnyside Fire

St. Patrick's Social at the Monaco's—March 17

TIJUANA HOME BUILD—Saturday, April 15

SAVE THE DATE: Installation/Outstallation—

TUESDAY, JUNE 20



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—March 3, 2023

President-Elect Mora de Murguia called the meeting to order. Following the invocation and song, there were a few announcements.

David Hoffman shared that his daughter Sofia would appear on the television program *The Voice* this coming Monday. Way to go Sofia! Very exciting news.

President-Elect Mora also reminded everyone of the date for the Tijuana Home Build on Saturday, April 15. Start gathering any gently used or new household items for the family.

Betty Waznis was back and provided us with the News at Noon.



Dr. Eduardo Reyes, Superintendent of CVESD, introduced each student speaker during the annual Speech Contest, which our Club has sponsored for years. They were the top speakers for their grade level (4,5,6, Middle School) and represented Discovery, Arroyo Vista and Mueller Charter Schools. The students gave wonderful presentations and shared inspiring thoughts—definitely brightening everyone's day.

ST MARK'S FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Friday, March 10, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.
(Earlier finish time if food runs out)

Hilltop and I Streets





JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON

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With Betty Waznis

Hello, everyone. Welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today sponsored by Mora de Murguia and Baldwin and Sons.

Another week of heavy snow has buried California mountain communities, from Lake Tahoe to Lake Arrowhead, where residents have struggled with shuttered highways and dwindling food supplies. The Sierras were particularly hard hit, with Yosemite National Park closed, along with all major roads to Lake Tahoe. Many residents remain trapped in their homes in the San Bernardino Mountains. Caltrans had planned to escort residents over mountain highways that have been [closed since Friday](#), but those plans were suspended because even with chains drivers are continuing to get stuck in the snow

The Bonita Museum and Cultural Center is opening a new exhibition. "Vietnam Veterans, We Thank You" pays homage to South Bay veterans who served and honors the fallen. The exhibit is scheduled to open next Thursday, March 9, ahead of Vietnam Veterans Day, on March 29. The museum has also scheduled a ceremony for veterans on March 25 at 11 a.m. at the Bonita Veterans Memorial, located next to the museum, followed by a reception and community resource fair. The exhibit runs through April 29. The museum is still looking for stories, photographs and other memorabilia from South Bay Viet Nam veterans. If you're interested, please contact them

And in another veteran story: Charles Jackson French died young, his World War II heroism mostly forgotten, even in San Diego, the place he called home. Now, 80 years later, he's getting his due. He's been awarded a posthumous Navy and Marine Corps Medal, the highest award for non-combat valor. The honors have happened in the last year through the efforts of historians and descendants of those he saved.

On Sept. 5, 1942, Petty Officer French was on board the USS Gregory, which was patrolling waters off the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific. Shortly after midnight, the ship was attacked by Japanese destroyers and began to sink. Abandoning ship, injured crew members floated in the water while the Japanese zeroed in with search lights and machine guns. In the chaos, Petty Officer French began piling sailors into a raft.

Fearful that the currents would carry them to a nearby island and into captivity, French tied a rope around his waist and began swimming in the other direction. Sharks were circling the raft, but French later said he was more worried about the enemy. He swam, towing the raft carrying 15 injured shipmates, for six to eight hours until they were spotted and rescued. After the war, French settled in San Diego, like many Navy veterans. He died at the age of 37 and is buried at Fort Rosecrans.

The story of his heroism faded away but the efforts of historians and relatives of the raft survivors resulted in the Navy and Marine Corps Medal being awarded posthumously to French's family in the last year. The award citation calling his effort "one of the most under-appreciated sacrifices in American military history."

Today's News at Noon sponsor is Mora Keller de Murguia, our 2023-2024 incoming Rotary President. She is married to Valdemar who is in the consulting business. They have a 24-yr old daughter Bella who is an IT consultant in New York. Mora has worked with Baldwin & Sons for 30 years and has been actively involved in the Chula Vista community, serving on the Southwestern College Foundation Board, Chula Vista Community Foundation Board, Sharp Hospital Governing Board and the Rotary Board. Valdemar and Mora love to travel internationally and have been to Belize, many cities in Mexico including Guadalajara and Mexico City, Vanuatu in the South Pacific, Cuba, British Columbia, and many European and Scandinavian countries. Mora and Valdemar look forward to adding Australia to their list of countries traveled.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Mora de Murguia and Baldwin and Sons.





VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Our friends at Southwestern College are looking for volunteers to review and evaluate scholarship applications. All work can be done online from the comfort of your home or office.

It is anticipated that each scholarship reviewer will spend 2-4 hours on this assignment (although fast readers may finish much more quickly).

Please reply by March 13th if you would be interested in volunteering. Below is a timeline for the Spring scholarship review:

March 16 - Volunteer Readers receive link to review and score their assigned scholarship applications

March 17 - Volunteer Scholarship Reviewer Training on Zoom (for new reviewers or troubleshooting)

April 2- **Deadline** for volunteers to review and score their assigned scholarship applications



March 9th - April 2nd

SCHOLARSHIP REVIEWERS

NEEDED

Review scholarship applications for Southwestern College students from the comfort of your home or office!

[Click Here](#) or contact Amy Bosler at abosler@swccd.edu to volunteer!





HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR ROTARIANS!



Chris Lewis - March 7

Albert Aguilera - March 9

Mark Scott - March 12

Troy Ray - March 30

NEXT WEEK!

You are cordially invited to our Club's
St. Patrick's Day Social, Fri. March 17, 6-9 pm

Graciously hosted by
Michael & Sabrina Monaco
1008 Plaza Escalante, Chula Vista





DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS MARCH 18

Sign Up Now

Don't Miss Out!

District Training Assembly

Saturday, March 25, 2023

Liberty Station Conference Center



Registration/Networking 7:40 AM
Program – 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Grants Seminar – 12:10 PM to 2:00 PM



President-Elect Mora de Murguia was the sponsor of the news. The lucky winners were Dan Dredla and two of our student speakers! How exciting for them—a \$50 gift certificate.

