

# Chulatarian



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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**March 12, 2021**  
**JANELLE WALLACE & PAM MEISNER**  
**(Ms. Smarty Plants)**  
**The Water Conservation Garden**



The mission of The Water Conservation Garden is to inspire positive change in the living environment through the conservation of water and other natural resources.

The Water Conservation Garden has nearly six acres of displays that showcase water conservation through a series of beautiful, themed gardens such as a native plant garden and a vegetable garden, as well as how-to displays such as mulch and irrigation exhibits. The Garden also features a native butterfly pavilion that is open spring and summer each year. Janelle and Ms. Smarty Plants will share all that is new this year.



## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS— FEBRUARY 26, 2021

President Zaneta called the meeting to order. Chris Lewis gave the invocation. The breakout groups discussed the best advice we have been given—don't talk too much was one.

President Z shared that our contributions to Rotary International Annual Fund qualified us to apply for an RI grant.

Betty Waznis did her usual outstanding News at Noon; Ramon Moncada was the sponsor, although he did not attend due to his appointment for a second covid vaccine.

Jessica Jones and Ted Lohman provided an overview of the proposed changes to the Otay Ranch Town Center. They are currently seeking suggestions and ideas from the community how their vision. The plans will go to the City Council in a few months. They are also unveiling a new website for the project. Suggestions can be emailed to Jessica at: [Jessica.jones@brookfieldpropertiesdevelopment.com](mailto:Jessica.jones@brookfieldpropertiesdevelopment.com)

### INVOCATION BY CHRIS LEWIS

Gracious God, we are grateful today for the beauty that surrounds us  
For the friendships we enjoy

For the people who care for us  
For the people who heal us

For the people who protect us  
For the people who love us

For the people we are called to serve  
For the good in the world

For our challenges as they remind us to rely on you  
For your omnipresence to guide and protect us

For our time together as Rotarians  
As it strengthens our resolve to rise above adversity to press on stronger and more resilient

For our club leaders as they strive to perpetuate our Rotary goals through a very difficult socio-economic environment

Finally, dear God, we pray that our innocent children will be able to return to school and resume their intellectual and social maturing  
We pray all this in your holy name. Amen





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Brought to you by:

All those who  
logged-on!

With Betty Waznis

Good afternoon Rotarians and guests, and good afternoon to our speakers, Ted Lohman and Jessica Jones from Brookfield Properties. Today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon is sponsored by Dr. Ramon Moncada.

About 307,000 San Diegans who have received a COVID-19 vaccine still need a second dose. And while the CDC recommends getting your second shot within six weeks of the first, that won't happen for some residents due to a severe shortage of vaccine from Moderna.

CDC guidelines posted online last month have offered some reassuring guidance.

If the second dose is administered beyond these intervals, there is no need to re-start the series. Plus, waiting longer for your next dose might even be helpful, since other multidose vaccines, such as measles, tetanus and hepatitis A, often space out shots by two to six months — sometimes longer.

The curtain has finally fallen on San Diego/ Jack Murphy/Qualcomm Stadium as its last above-ground section was recently leveled. It's the end of an era, but a new one begins shortly. The new Aztec Stadium, with 80 acres of parks and open space, is planned for a Fall 2022 debut in time for the Aztecs Football home opener.

In other Aztec news, nineteenth-ranked Aztec basketball 71-62 victory over UNLV Wednesday clinched a second straight Mountain West regular-season title. Up next: the Mountain West Tournament quarter-final, this Thursday, at noon.

Major League Baseball Spring training exhibition games started Sunday in Arizona and Florida. The Padres kicked off the exhibition season with an 8 to 5 loss to the Brewers on Wednesday. The first game of the regular season is scheduled for April 1st at Petco Park with a hoped for 20 to 25 percent spectator capacity.

Dr Ramon Moncada was born and raised in Cuba, migrated to USA alone at age 18 determined to pursue a career in medicine. He finished college at University of Illinois in Chicago, then went to medical school in Spain, then Switzerland, then finished at Rush Medical College in Chicago. He specialized in infectious diseases and epidemiology with the CDC, then moved to San Diego. Here he practiced as an infectious disease specialist and hospital epidemiologist in Chula Vista, San Diego, and Coronado. He retired in 2001, but serves as our unofficial coronavirus expert. Thanks, Ramon.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Dr. Ramon Moncada.







## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—MARCH 5, 2021

### Project Overview

Brookfield Properties plans to evolve Otag Ranch Town Center into a community and transit-focused mixed-use hub, where people can shop, dine, reside and gather.

We want to create a best-in-class destination designed with

- expanded pedestrian-friendly green spaces and pathways
- improvements to existing infrastructure
- residential opportunities to create additional live, work, and play options

that will ultimately unlock the vitality of the existing site for Otag Ranch as an integrated Town Center.



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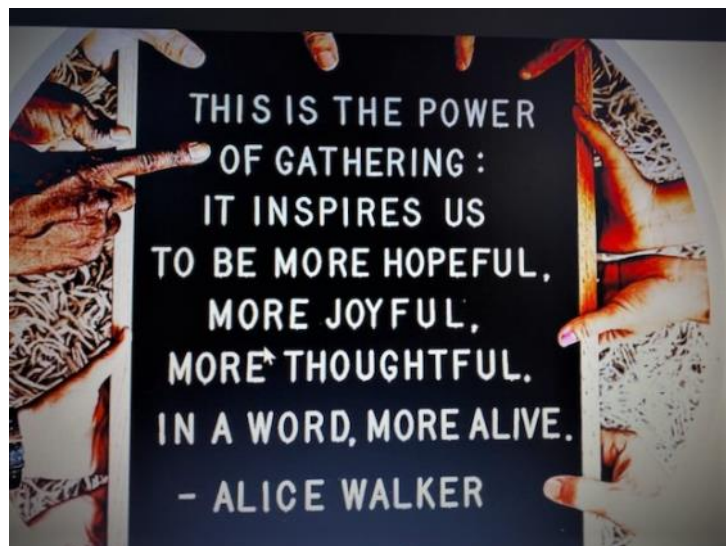


Our future vision for Otag Ranch Town Center is

- open-air
- multiuse
- integrated

We plan to

- reinforce the retail experience
- expand community-based businesses
- include residential opportunities
- promote use of public transit and other options









## MORE FUN FOR THE TIMES

Finally understood what  
zoom meetings remind me  
of.



**Remember to SPRING ahead this Sunday!**

