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The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista

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

RAMON MONCADA
The Life & Times of Ramon Moncada
Friday, March 18, 2022—Noon



Dr. Ramon Moncada was born and raised in Cuba, migrated to USA in 1962 alone at age 18 as a refugee. He graduated from the University of Illinois, Chicago.

Ramon then went to medical school in Spain for one year, Switzerland for four years and finished back in Chicago at Rush University medical school. He moved to Phoenix and completed his residency in internal medicine at Maricopa County Hospital. He had a fellowship in infectious diseases and epidemiology with the Hepatitis Laboratories Division of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control in Phoenix.

He finally moved to San Diego and practiced as an internist and infectious disease specialist in Chula Vista and Coronado until his retirement in 2001.

Come hear his interesting story and his take on the Covid pandemic. There will be time for your questions.



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—MARCH 11, 2022

President Neisha Hernandez called the meeting to order. Donna Moss gave the invocation.

President Neisha announced that new pins are available at the Welcome Table for \$5. She reminded everyone the District Training is coming up on Saturday, March 19. Mark Scott and Rasha Roshdy plan to attend on behalf of our Club.

Mark Scott was honored as the Rotarian of the Week. Way to go Mark!

The Tijuana Home Build will be Saturday, April 23 and the sign-up sheet will be out the next week. The FIESTA FUN-Raiser is set for Saturday, May 7 at Mary & Robert Johnson's home. Sign-up!

Our Club is supporting the Ronald McDonald House Red Shoes event on Thursday, June 2. We will need several helpers to staff the location at Paseo Ranchero and East H Street—near the Y. An email was sent and the sign-up can be accessed through the link.

Fine Master Michael Monaco fined Rasha for her recent appearance on television in recognition of her extensive work with Afghan refugees. President-Elect Mark Scott was fined for a recent skeet shooting trip to Las Vegas with Lane Pearson.

Betty Waznis gave an in-depth, interesting report on the news of the day.

Eric Rimmele was the sponsor of the news and presented a bag of items from his new endeavor "The Preferred Substance," food, spirits or cannabis.

Laura Munoz Humphreys gave an in-depth update on the South Bay Y and some of the initiatives undertaken because of the pandemic. Thank you Laura!

INVOCATION by Donna Moss

We have been shattered into pieces

Divisive patter has demeaned us

Let's commit to redeem peace around us

In this room

In this city

Let our faith bloom in the gritty places

Among all creeds and races

Let our Rotary service

Shine to all who observe us.

Amen





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JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON

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Brought to you by:

All those who
logged-on!

With Betty Waznis

Good afternoon, Rotarians and guests. Welcome to the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's news sponsored by Eric Rimmele and The Preferred Substance Show.

Major League Ball has reopened for business. The league and its players came to terms on a new collective bargaining agreement yesterday afternoon, ending the 99-day lockout that delayed the start of spring training and the regular season. The Padres will play their first spring training game next week, perhaps as early as Friday. They'll open the regular season April 7 against the Diamondbacks in Phoenix, exactly one week later than the originally scheduled opening day. Their home opener will be April 14 against the defending World Series champion Atlanta Braves.

Gov. Gavin Newsom has proposed sending money back to taxpayers to offset record-high gas prices. The average price for a gallon of gas in California is the nation's highest at \$5.44, according to AAA — a number that is likely to increase now that Russian oil imports were banned this week in response to the country's invasion of Ukraine. Newsom's proposal, announced during his annual State of the State address on Tuesday, would likely come in the form of a tax rebate and could occur as early as this spring. California taxes gasoline at 51.1 cents per gallon, second only to Pennsylvania.

The travelers, sailors and history buffs here in Rotary will be interested in the great news this week about a legendary polar expedition from the great age of exploration. You may be acquainted with the famous story of the expedition leader Ernest Shackleton who set out in 1916 with a crew of 27 men to explore Antarctica.

His sailing ship, the Endurance, became stuck and finally was crushed by polar ice. He and his men undertook a heroic trek lasting many months, to reach safety, with all crew members surviving. Earlier this year, a 21st century polar expedition found the sunken ship wreckage 10,000 feet under the Arctic Ocean, 106 years after it disappeared into the sea, remarkably well preserved because of the frigid water. The first photos of their discoveries were released this week. You can still read the Endurance name on the bow. If you are interested in more about this heroic adventure, see the History.com link in your upcoming Chulatarian. <https://www.history.com/news/shackleton-endurance-survival>

Eric Rimmele has been member of Chula Vista Rotary since 2005. After 42 years in the hospitality business, he decided to retire 3 years ago. He's been improving his golf game, joined a real estate firm and co-hosted the Eric and Lizz show on YouTube. Some may remember the wine tastings that Eric and his longtime friend Jesse Narvaez would host at the Westgate Hotel, for our Rotary Club. Fast forward --- during a recent golf game, Jesse, who has been in the wine business for 30 years, suggested that Eric still had too much time on his hands, and they should do a YouTube show together.

It's **The Preferred Substance Show**, a show about beverages, food and cannabis which will premier Thursday, April 7th at 5pm. Additionally, Jesse and Eric will be active in a joint venture putting on beverage and food tasting events for the public and professionals. They're also available to plan these events for other organizations. Have fun watching the show and get educated on preferred substances!

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today's News sponsored by Eric Rimmele and The Preferred Substance Show.





MEETING HIGHLIGHTS MARCH 11, 2022



L-R: Mark Scott and President Neisha celebrating Mark as Rotarian of the Week.
Brad Wilson win the drawing again!
President Neisha wins a golden bag.



L-R: Brad Wilson cuffing his jeans to match our resident fashion icon Eric.
Glen Googins—excited to win.
Glen also rocked the cuffed jeans—there is a trend here...





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FIESTA FUN-RAISER!



**Please join us for a FIESTA FUN-RAISER
Saturday, May 7, 4:00 p.m.**

At the Home of Mary and Robert Johnson
Capacity is limited—sign up soon

TAQUERO—MUSIC—FUN !

Various fun-raising opportunities include CONTESTS FOR BEST:

**SALSA
MARGARITAS
GUACAMOLE**

Please reserve your ticket by emailing Jesse—fernfam@pacbell.net
Address provided with confirmation

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MEET THE RAMIREZ TAFOLLA FAMILY



L-R: Grandson Dilan Alexander (14), Daughter Alexandra (20) with her daughter Elizabet (2), Yamilet (9) and Concepcion (57)

Meet the Ramirez Tafolla family that will receive the home we will build in collaboration with Project Mercy!

The mother, Concepcion, is 57, and was born in Sinaloa. She and her husband migrated to Tijuana 40 years ago in search of work. Unfortunately, her husband of 35 years died 8 years ago and she was left to raise 8 children—and now her grandchildren.

Grandson Dilan is 14, very attentive and likes to help others. He wants to be a doctor.

Yamilet, 9, is caring and loving, however she has significant learning disabilities. Because the family does not have money, they have not been able to provide therapy. Two months ago, she developed strange bruises and spots on her skin and mouth. It was diagnosed as an allergy but the medicine is expensive (2500+ pesos) and they cannot afford it.

Concepcion receives a small pension of 2000 pesos (@\$103) Her daughter Alexandra (20) sells donuts in the streets and earns 150 pesos per week (\$8).

In Concepcion's own words: We do not have running water so we have to buy water from a passing tanker truck but it is expensive. When it rains, water leaks through holes in the roof and turns the floor to mud and get our clothes and bed wet.

I am very happy to know that you can help us by building a house since it is very difficult for us to do so on our own. We dream of a place where we will not be cold; a place where my children and grandchildren will be safe and warm.





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RED SHOE DAY

**THURSDAY
JUNE 2, 2022**

Red Shoe Day is BACK IN PERSON!

[Support Red Shoe Day! \(onecause.com\)](https://onecause.com)

Rotary  ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3261

"Water is the most basic of all resources. Civilizations grew or withered depending on its availability."

MARCH WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE MONTH

Rotary  PEOPLE OF ACTION





SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FAMILY

Our Club is already providing a huge gift to the Ramirez Tafolla family—a new home!

However, many of our generous members like to send/take additional items that will help the family get set up in their new home. Remember sending clothes is tricky—as in the government does not want it coming across the border.

Here are just a few suggestions:

Non-perishable food—beans, rice, tuna, spaghetti, pasta, peanut butter, crackers, soup, cooking oil, sugar

Items to support the donut business— sprinkles, colored sugars, wax paper, small bags, oil, flour

Kitchen items—pots, pans, dish towels, plates, plastic cups

Home goods—blankets, towels, rug, cushions, sturdy plastic storage bins, folding chairs, card tables, folding tables, racks for food storage, rolling cart

Other: solar lights, broom, trash bags, detergent, soap

Cash

Here is another opportunity to help our community and clean up the Sweetwater River Channel.

The event is: Saturday, March 26, 2022— 8:30 am

Where: Meet under the Hwy 54 overpass off Second Avenue in Chula Vista.

Reservation required. To sign up contact Tina Matthias (619) 734-4188 or send an email to: SBSustainableCommunities@gmail.com

New member Tina has jumped right in with both feet and gotten involved with the club and our service to the community. Thank you Tina!





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THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

Due to the ridiculous gas prices, I will no longer be stopping at stop signs or red lights, I can't afford to idle. Thank you for your understanding and stay safe !



I checked Kelley Blue Book today for my car's value, and it asked if the tank was full or empty

