





**Rotary Opens Opportunities** 

### **ROTARY CLUB**

### **OFFICERS 2020-2021**

Zaneta Encarnacion President zanencarnacion@swccd.edu

Neisha Hernandez President-Elect neishahernandez@gmail.com

Donna Moss Secretary

Jesse Fernandez Executive Treasurer fernfam@pacbell.net

**Bob Silvas** 

Past President bsilvas@silvygroup.com

Directors:

Rich Brocchini Glen Googins Lisa Johnson Kathy Mits Mora de Murguia Eric Rimmele



The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista Chartered February 16, 1926 - Club Number 908 - District 5340

## March 19, 2021

HISTORY OF THE CHULA VISTA ROTARY CLUB Diane Wages, Jerry May & Gary Bryant



Photo above from the Chula Vista Rotary website—L-R Ralph Rodriguez, Dan Dredla, Jesse Fernandez, Carmen Sandoval, Maria Kachadoorian, and Autumn Reid. Working at the Christmas in October event in 2018. There were several other members on hand—in addition to SDSU students and other community volunteers—to work on the front and back yards, patio and painting chores at the home of a local Veteran.

In five short years, the Chula Vista Rotary Club will celebrate 100 years of service to the community. There are sure to be many activities to mark this Centennial.

This Friday, Diane Flint Wages, Jerry May and Gary Bryant will present our Club's history and share some of the many highlights along the way.

Be sure to tune in to your Zoom meeting for an interesting retrospective and what this means for the future.

See you at Noon on Zoom!

## Page 2 Chula Vista Rotary Chulatarian



## **MEETING HIGHLIGHTS— March 12, 2021**

President Zaneta called the meeting to order. Donna Moss gave the invocation. Our small group discussion centered on the question: If you could be immortal, what age would you choose to stop aging at and why? Interesting topic!

President Z welcomed new member Gabriel Ruz, who works in financial planning and is a Chula Vista native. He is very excited to join our club and looks forward to doing good work in our community. He received a virtual standing ovation of sorts. Welcome Gabriel!

Betty Waznis provided an excellent update on the news of the day and reminded us that it was exactly one year ago today that we last met in person.

News sponsor Michael Monaco awarded \$25 to President Z for presenting the famous 4-Way Test coin from his year as President, Neisha Hernandez for remembering he made gavels to replace his stolen one, and Eric Rimmele for knowing Michael's Rotary International conference was held in Thailand.

## **INVOCATION BY DONNA MOSS**

Gracious God We are a people of habit finding comfort in routine. We want our time our schedules our lives to be stable and dependable to be steady to be certain.

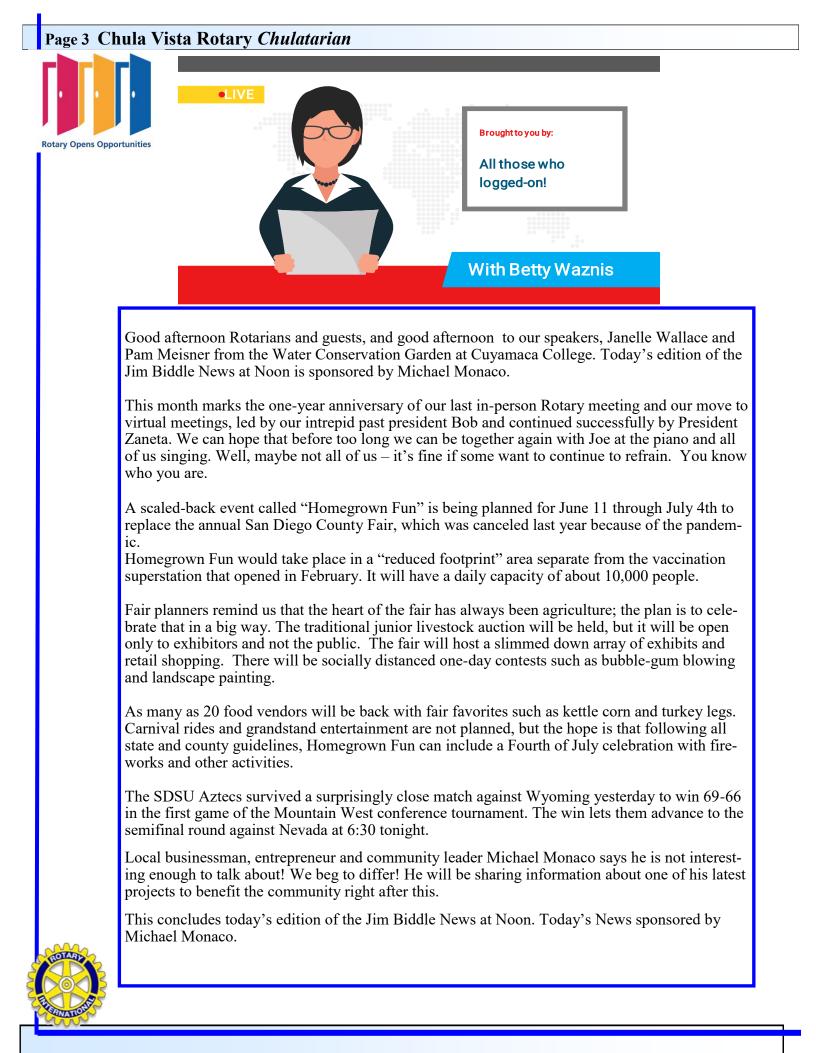
But we gather together in anticipation of change. Shake us from our need for certainty and routine! Give more light to our days So that we can grow with the Spring: upward and outward in ever widening circles and postures.

Uproot our stagnant perspectives. Shake our foundations. Teach us to embrace change. And as we encounter these holy changes teach us how best to love one another.

And with the growing light we acknowledge that new every morning is your love, and all day long you are working for good in the world.



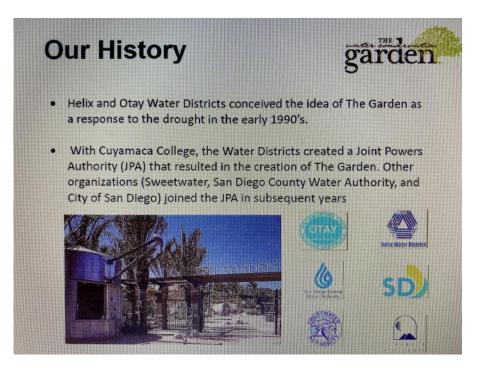
Stir up in us a desire to serve To live peaceably And to devote our days to walking in the living traditions of Jesus. Blessed Be!



## Page 4 Chula Vista Rotary Chulatarian



## **MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—MARCH 12, 2021**



Janelle Wallace with The Water Conservation Garden, provided an overview of their many activities. They have been open for most of the past year. The Garden, located next to Cuyamaca College in the Rancho San Diego area, has something for just about everyone.

They recently began Free Fridays on the second Friday of every month to ensure everyone has access to their beautiful garden. Their membership plans and entrances fees are very reasonable. Be sure to check them out!

# **Upcoming Events**

#### MARCH

March 12 – Free Day Friday March 13 – 21 – Lost Leprechaun Scavenger Hunt March 14 – Nature Therapy March 25 – Meet the Author: Abandoned San Diego

#### APRIL

April 3 – Free Garden Tour April 9 – Free Day Friday April 11 – Nature Therapy April 12 – Virtual Field Trip with Ms. Smarty-Plants (Members Only) April 15 – Meet the Author: Garden Sanctuary April 24 – Flower Sessions

#### And More!

- Butterfly Releases Saturdays in May & June
  Weekly Yoga & Fitness classes (free for members)
- garden



### Page 5 Chula Vista Rotary Chulatarian



# **MARCH IS WATER & SANITATION MONTH**



When people have access to clean water and sanitation, waterborne diseases decrease, children stay healthier and attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more time helping their families.

Rotary's water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programs combine resources, partnerships, and form infrastructure that will help yield long-term change. Here are specific projects that made long-lasting impacts:

In Guatemala, Rotary clubs improved school conditions in the town of Escuintla. This project provided toilets, washing stations, water tanks, and training that supported 10 schools with 1,793 pupils.

Rotary clubs worked in the village of Kigogo, Tanzania, to establish a water supply and delivery system for over 1,500 people. The community was provided the tools and training to maintain the system and provide hygiene education.

Partners and Rotary clubs built 222 toilets, six rainwater collectors, seven communal handwashing stations, and 20 biosand filters. The project was based in the Philippines and provided 1,000 people with access to toilet facilities and almost 600 people with clean water supplies. For more information go to RI In Action: <u>Be an advocate of Rotary's water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs – Service in Action</u> (rotaryserviceblog.org)

GOOD-BYE POLI

THANKS ROTARY



## Page 6 Chula Vista Rotary Chulatarian



## MORE FUN FOR THE TIMES



