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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!



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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 Rimmel 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!





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With Betty Waznis

Good afternoon Rotarians and guests, and good afternoon to our speakers, Janelle Wallace and Pam Meisner from the Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College. Today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon is sponsored by Michael Monaco.

This month marks the one-year anniversary of our last in-person Rotary meeting and our move to virtual meetings, led by our intrepid past president Bob and continued successfully by President Zaneta. We can hope that before too long we can be together again with Joe at the piano and all of us singing. Well, maybe not all of us – it's fine if some want to continue to refrain. You know who you are.

A scaled-back event called "Homegrown Fun" is being planned for June 11 through July 4th to replace the annual San Diego County Fair, which was canceled last year because of the pandemic.

Homegrown Fun would take place in a "reduced footprint" area separate from the vaccination superstation that opened in February. It will have a daily capacity of about 10,000 people.

Fair planners remind us that the heart of the fair has always been agriculture; the plan is to celebrate that in a big way. The traditional junior livestock auction will be held, but it will be open only to exhibitors and not the public. The fair will host a slimmed down array of exhibits and retail shopping. There will be socially distanced one-day contests such as bubble-gum blowing and landscape painting.

As many as 20 food vendors will be back with fair favorites such as kettle corn and turkey legs. Carnival rides and grandstand entertainment are not planned, but the hope is that following all state and county guidelines, Homegrown Fun can include a Fourth of July celebration with fireworks and other activities.

The SDSU Aztecs survived a surprisingly close match against Wyoming yesterday to win 69-66 in the first game of the Mountain West conference tournament. The win lets them advance to the semifinal round against Nevada at 6:30 tonight.

Local businessman, entrepreneur and community leader Michael Monaco says he is not interesting enough to talk about! We beg to differ! He will be sharing information about one of his latest projects to benefit the community right after this.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Michael Monaco.





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Our History



- Helix and Otay Water Districts conceived the idea of The Garden as a response to the drought in the early 1990's.
- With Cuyamaca College, the Water Districts created a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) that resulted in the creation of The Garden. Other organizations (Sweetwater, San Diego County Water Authority, and City of San Diego) joined the JPA in subsequent years



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)





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: [Be an advocate of Rotary's water, sanitation, and hygiene \(WASH\) programs – Service in Action \(rotaryserviceblog.org\)](http://rotaryserviceblog.org)



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