

# Chulatarian



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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**March 26, 2021**

**NORA VARGAS**  
**San Diego County Board of Supervisors**  
**District 1**



On November 3, 2020, Supervisor Nora Vargas was elected to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, representing District 1. Supervisor Vargas was sworn in on January 4, 2021 and elected Vice-Chairwoman of the Board.

Supervisor Vargas' priorities include mitigating the impacts of the pandemic and focusing on economic recovery while ensuring equity and inclusivity.

For the last 25 years, Supervisor Vargas has worked to drive positive change and serve her community through public service. She is committed to ensuring that marginalized voices are included in the public dialogue regarding important issues such as health access, energy, technology, consumer protection, the environment, civic engagement, pensions, and education.

Supervisor Vargas is proud to serve the more than 630,000 residents of District 1 which encompasses the incorporated cities of Coronado, Imperial, Beach, Chula Vista, National City, and communities within the City of San Diego, including Barrio Logan, Chollas View, Grant Hill, La Playa, Lincoln Park, Logan Heights, Memorial, Mount Hope, Mountain View, Nestor, Otay, Palm City, Point Loma, San Ysidro, Shelltown, Sherman Heights, Southcrest, Stockton, Sunset Cliffs and part of Downtown San Diego. The district also includes the unincorporated communities of Bonita, Sunnyside, Lincoln Acres, and East Otay Mesa.



## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS— March 19, 2021

President-Elect Neisha Hernandez called the meeting to order.

Carmen Sandoval gave the invocation. The topic for the break-out groups was: if you could have dinner with someone famous, past or present who would you choose and why? There were some interesting selections including: Colin Firth, Tom Hanks, Jesus, Oprah, Alexander Hamilton and Khalid Hosani.

Ramon Moncada is recovering from recent back surgery (hope you are 100% soon!) and Jim Biddle is almost ready to get a haircut.

President-elect Neisha announced we are sponsoring 21 students for the upcoming RYLA conference (virtual this year). We are donating \$1000 to the Southwestern College Foundation in support of student needs and \$750 to Community Through Hope. She also asked for volunteers to serve during her year as President. There are a couple of openings. Please contact her via text, email or phone.

Betty Waznis provided us with the News at Noon. Rasha Roshdy was the sponsor and provided three \$50 Amazon gift cards to the winners of the photo caption contest. Chuck Bevan, Jesse Fernandez and Bob Silvas made us all laugh. She had a hard time selecting two and ended up adding an additional prize. It was a very creative way to engage everyone. Thank you Rasha!

Diane Wages, Jerry May and Gary Bryant provided an excellent presentation on our Club's long history. It was very well done and left us feeling deeply proud. Thanks TEAM!

See a few highlights on pages 4-8. Be sure to see the link Jerry May sent—it works very well.

### INVOCATION - Carmen Sandoval

**We pray for the power to be gentle; the strength to be forgiving;  
the patience to be understanding;  
and the endurance to accept the consequences to holding to what we believe  
to be right.**

**May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power  
of love to overcome hatred.**

**We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world emancipated  
from violence, a new world where fear shall no longer lead men to commit  
injustice, nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others.**

**Help us to devote our whole life and thought and energy to the task of  
making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfill the  
destiny for which we were created.**

**Amen**





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Brought to you by:

All those who  
logged-on!

With Betty Waznis

Good afternoon Rotarians and guests. Today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon is sponsored by Dr Rasha Roshdy and AMNA Sanctuary.

San Diego County moved into the red tier on Wednesday due to lower COVID case rates. The move creates a kind of COVID-19 symmetry in San Diego County, with restaurants able to reopen with 25 percent indoor dining on St. Patrick's Day, the very same day they were ordered to close in 2020.

Gyms are now allowed to operate at 10 percent total indoor capacity. Outdoor live entertainment venues and amusement parks may open at 20 percent and 15 percent occupancy starting April 1. Disneyland has already announced its opening day as April 30. Movie theaters, museums, zoos and aquariums can now open indoors with 25% capacity. Most Balboa Park museums have announced opening dates over the next two weeks.

Public and private schools in San Diego County received the green light to reopen for instruction starting today. All local districts that are reopening in the red tier are offering hybrid learning, meaning students attend in person part of the school week and the rest of the time online, a situation needed to reduce building capacity and maintain distance. Chula Vista Elementary has decided to open no earlier than April 5. Sweetwater Union High School District, the state's largest high school district, plans to reopen in stages starting April 12.

NCAA March Madness, cancelled last year, begins for the 6<sup>th</sup> ranked SDSU Aztecs tonight at 6:40 when they meet number 11, Syracuse, in Indianapolis.

In other competition news, congratulations to 12-year-old Chula Vista Christian Antonio, a seventh grader from St Sophia Academy who won the 51<sup>st</sup> annual County-wide Spelling Bee on Wednesday. Like many other events these days, the contest was conducted online.

Dr Rasha Roshdy is a new Rotarian and brings a wide range of experience to share with the club. She is a native Egyptian who has been a naturalized American citizen for 20 years. In addition, her many talents include:

- Investigative reporter; author of two books
- Foreign language instructor for Navy SEALs
- Stand-up comedienne; ghostwriter and grant writer
- Multiple-subject business college professor
- Independent contractor for private and public sector business
- International educator and speaker

She is now the head of AMNA Sanctuary, a non-profit organization that prepares immigrants and refugees to enter the US workforce.







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**2007 – Lisa Johnson and Eric Rimmele  
Receive Well-Deserved Recognition**



Rotarians planting trees at the Nature Center. L-R: Mike Green, Tina Williams, Gary Bryant, Bonnie House and Steve Miesen.





**1999 – Past Presidents**







## Christmas Bike Project



Tom Davies and friends working hard on assembling the bikes.  
The Scouts have helped for years!







# CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER



Rotarians at Work at the Nature Center







At one of the first Tijuana Home Builds coordinated in partnership with Project Mercy and our Club.  
Pictured above L-R: Jesse Fernandez, Lisa Johnson, Tom Bucknell, Steve Brodbeck, Ben Richardson, and Gary Bryant on the far end.  
A beautiful day and truly life-changing for the family receiving the home.







## MORE FUN FOR THE TIMES

**Having some states lock down  
and some states not lock down is  
like having a peeing section in a  
swimming pool.**

It's been a great blessing  
to be at home with the  
wife these last few  
months. We've caught  
up on everything I've  
done wrong in the last  
20 years.

Remember when you were little  
and all your underwear had the days  
of the week on them.  
Those would be helpful  
right now.

Submitted by Gary Bryant—thanks Gary!

