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

SPEECH CONTEST
CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Friday, MARCH 3, 2023 - Noon



Our Club has sponsored the CVESD Speech Contest for many years. The ability to communicate effectively is a critical skill for a success.

Several Rotary members helped by serving as judges this year. This Friday, we will hear from students who have risen to the top in their respective age groups.

It is always an uplifting program - seeing the future through the eyes of some of the best and brightest students in our community.

CLUB CALENDAR

March 10— Joe Carroll, NASA

March 17—Steve Weitzen, PDG, Human Trafficking

Club Social—March 17—Wear your green!

TIJUANA HOME BUILD—Saturday, April 15

**SAVE THE DATE: Installation/Outstallation—
TUESDAY, JUNE 20**



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—FEBRUARY 24, 2023

President Mark Scott called the meeting to order. Carmen Sandoval gave the invocation. After a failed attempt to sing the “Army Song,” members belted out God Bless America.

Everyone wished all of the February birthday members— AND Max Scrivens a happy birthday. Max was not listed (!). President Mark claimed another mulligan (do-over in golf or admission of an oops).

President Mark reviewed some upcoming opportunities to help out:

Saturday, April 29 NAMI Walk for Mental Health—adolescent mental health is the key focus of District Governor Chuck Pretto. Ways to help: donate, walk or volunteer.

Saturday, April 22, Rise Against Hunger 8-11 a.m.—With the Chula Vista Sunrise Rotary Club— 90-100 volunteers needed; bring friends!

Saturday, April 15, Tijuana Home Build—Family information to follow

President Mark gave a shout-out to the Seniors Gift Bags project. It was a huge success. Thanks again everyone! He also commended Tina Matthias for delivering fresh produce to St. Paul’s.

Please check out Rotary Foundation which has set up a special fund to provide assistance to Turkey and Syria in the aftermath of the devastating earthquakes.

The Rotary Peace Fellows deadline is coming up. District Training is Saturday, March 25. Sign-up ahead of time.

A guest announced a Golf Tournament to benefit Allen Parent Teacher Committee on March 10.

President Mark spoke at the Kiwanis Club this week as part of his plan to re-start the Bike program, which began 43 years ago. More to follow!

Rasha Roshdy announced her organization’s event on March 11 to benefit Ukrainian refugees and made a very nice donation to the CVR Foundation.

Lisa Johnson gave a very informative News at Noon, substituting for Betty Waznis. Neisha and Bernard Hernandez were the sponsors this week.

Past President Neisha Hernandez organized a very interesting program with a panel of past presidents from a different decade or time frame. They were guided by a series of focused questions which kept the discussion moving. (MORE on page 4)

ST MARK’S FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Friday, March 10, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.
(Earlier finish time if food runs out)

Hilltop and I Streets





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The winners of this week's drawing, sponsored by Neisha and Bernard Hernandez, were (l-r): Bob Silvas, Bob Bliss (wins again!), and our regular visitor from Club 33 (and local resident), Diana Jlis-Chuh.



Past President Steve Miesen was in town. He stopped by to say hello and serve on the Past Presidents' Panel. He got a big kick out of seeing himself on the framed fisherpeople photo.





Neisha Hernandez did a great job convening a panel of past presidents to share some of our Club history and their personal experiences. Jim Biddle represented the 80's, went to Toronto for his RI convention, and was Diane Flint-Wages sponsor. He said the future depends on us and keeping our membership growing. Jerry May was President in the 90's, was in leadership positions with his regional Church Council and professionally, as the same time as Rotary. He attended RI in Mexico City with Peter Rullan (who he never saw there). Diane was one of the first women in our Club (1989) and was the first woman (late 90's). She and her late husband retired during her tenure (due to his serious illness), wrapping up her notable 35-year career in banking. She is very excited about our Club's Legacy Fund. Steve Miesen represented the 00's and provided humorous insight into his reign as President which included Winetaste and showcasing members. His convention was moved from New Orleans to Salt Lake City. Bob Silvas had a lot on his plate already and then...COVID! He helped us stay together through zoom, online socials and a non-event. He reminded us to share our passion for Rotary and continue to support each other. So many wonderful comments and great information!



These past five Club Presidents were inspired by the program to line up in their order of service: (R-L): Mike Green, Steve Miesen, Duane Buckingham, Suzanne Catanzaro and Lisa Johnson.





District Training Assembly

Saturday, March 25, 2023

Liberty Station Conference Center



Registration/Networking 7:40 AM
Program – 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Grants Seminar – 12:10 PM to 2:00 PM

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