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The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista

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

RAY ASHLEY
San Diego Maritime Museum
Friday, MARCH 24, 2023 - Noon



Ray Ashley has been President of the Maritime Museum since 1995. Since then, the Museum has experienced phenomenal growth, and is now considered one of the top three best Maritime Museums in the World. Its ships collections include two National Historic Landmarks, two ships on the National Register of Historic Places, and two in nomination for the Historic Register, another ship which is the official state tallship of California, a seventh ship which has won the Governor's Award for Historic Preservation, and an eighth ship is a movie star featured in the most successful sea faring epic *Master and Commander: Far Side of the World*. The Maritime Museum flagship, *Star of India*, the oldest active ship in existence, will be sailing once again in November 2023.

Ray also sails as Captain for Maritime Museum vessels *Pilot*, PCF 816, steamship *Medea*, tallship *Californian* and galleon *San Salvador*. He received his BA in Anthropology from UCSD, an MA in Museum Studies and Underwater Archeology at East Carolina University, an MA in Philanthropy Management at University of Indiana, and a PhD in History at Duke University. In 2015, Dr Ashley was Knighted by King Phillippe V of Spain for his leadership in reconstructing the galleon *San Salvador*, Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo's flagship in his voyage of discovery to California in 1542.

Ray has two grown daughters and lives in Chula Vista with his wife Carlynn with whom he once sailed through the South Pacific in a 25' boat.



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—March 24, 2023

President Mark Scott called the meeting to order. Autumn Reid gave the invocation. Several announcements were made:

Bob Silvas introduced two students from Chula Vista High who our Club is sponsoring at the Model UN program coming up. They presented their positions as envoys from Ukraine.

Gary Bryant invited members to join in fellowship on a deep sea fishing trip in August. There are three spots open.

Carmen Sandoval discussed the upcoming Tijuana Home Build on April 15. She thanked everyone for their support of this project and invited members to donate gently used items for the family. ANYTHING is helpful as they are currently living in dire conditions under some large plastic foam and tarps. See page 7 for a list of suggestions.

Betty Waznis provided the news and Jan Mellinger was the sponsor of the week, providing beautiful spring gift baskets to the happy recipients.

Mary Johnson introduced the guest speaker Melanie Delgado with Right at Home Services. She provided very helpful information about options for securing care for seniors to help them remain in their homes.

(Right) President Mark thanks Melanie with the coveted Rotary mug.



Invocation—Given by Autumn Reid:

Dear Heavenly Father

Thank you for the wonderful season of spring. During this sweet time, I ask you for a fresh beginning in each of our hearts. Please allow each of us to bloom in service towards others just as the flowers are blooming.

Thank you for your many abundant blessings. Thank you for the ability to be involved in useful work and for the honor of bearing appropriate responsibilities.

Allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of our community. Bless this food we are about to enjoy and bless our weekend.

Last but not least, be with SDSU basketball. In your name we pray. Amen

CLUB CALENDAR

Rotary District Speech Contest—Friday, April 7

TIJUANA HOME BUILD—Saturday, April 15

RISE AGAINST HUNGER ROTARY EVENT—April 22,

8 am-Noon, Register to volunteer; See President Mark email

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





JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON

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With Betty Waznis

Hello, everyone. Welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today sponsored by Jan Mellinger.

On Tuesday, San Diego, Chula Vista and National City police officials, including our own Chief Roxana Kennedy, announced a new program that will allow officers to hand out repair vouchers instead of citations for burned out taillights and turn signals. The effort, expected to start April 1, is part of a program called Lights On! which includes more than 140 law enforcement agencies in 17 states. Our three local police departments are the first in California to sign on. The vouchers will cover up to \$250 for repair costs at participating auto shops, which will send invoices to the Lights On! program. Drivers will be on the hook for costs that exceed \$250. Officials said they believe the vouchers will result in positive encounters between officers and drivers. Citations can be costly for those struggling to make ends meet and repairs may take a back seat. The program goal is to make roads safer for all drivers. Donations from the San Diego Padres Foundation and Scripps Health will fund the program for about three years, with an additional national grant.

In December, the California Public Utilities Commission updated the regulations for net energy metering, or NEM. The new rules, NEM 3.0, determine the credit that the state's 1.6 million rooftop solar customers receive on their utility bills when their solar systems generate more energy than they consume. Instead of being credited at the retail rate of electricity, customers will get paid at the "actual avoided cost," which is lower during the daylight hours when the sun is out and solar energy is cheaper. It's estimated the new rules will reduce the average compensation rate by 75 percent. NEM 3.0 goes into effect April 14. Potential customers are flooding installers, hoping to beat the deadline and get their systems in over the next few weeks. Although metering rates have decreased, the federal Solar Tax Credit is still in effect, worth 30 percent of the final cost of the solar system. Other NEM 3.0 plusses include \$900 million in incentives for customers to pair solar with battery storage systems, so energy can be stored during the day and used at night. And the allowable size of rooftop solar has been increased to 150 percent of a customer's electricity usage to accommodate electric vehicle charging.

San Diego State Aztecs face Number 1 seed Alabama in the Sweet Sixteen round of the NCAA tournament this afternoon at 3:30 in Louisville Kentucky. Alabama is number one team in the nation and the top overall seed in this year's tournament. Alabama is favored, but we know the Aztecs have been, statistically, the best defensive team in the entire March Madness tournament. Two of Alabama's five losses have come to Tennessee and Connecticut, two of the other top defensive clubs in the nation so SDSU could prevail, sending them to the Elite Eight for the first time ever. You can join fellow Aztec fans at the free watch party hosted by SDSU at [Viejas Arena](#) this afternoon. Doors open at 2:30 p.m.

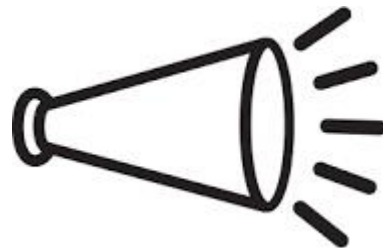
Jan Mellinger is a licensed marriage and family therapist who recently retired very happily after 23 years at Scripps Health. Some pretty interesting hobbies in her past – she raced Porsches and is a certified Porsche driving instructor. She showed horses competitively and now occasionally shows cats. Jan's been a Rotarian for 30 years. was Chula Vista Rotary's second woman president, and comes from a Rotary family. Her grandfather, Reg Seabrook, was an active Chula Vista Rotarian from the mid 1950's to his death in 1974 and served as club president. He was also the president of the San Diego Country Club here in Chula Vista; he arranged for Eisenhower's helicopter to land there for the presidential Chula Vista visit sponsored by our club.

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





MEMBER NEWS!



Congratulations to **Kathleen and Joe Carroll** on the arrival of their first grandchild on March 19th. You may know that both daughters got married last year and this year are both welcoming babies. Baby Jack was welcomed by mom and dad Jenny and John Kelly, and arrived one month early. Kathleen said he was a tiny guy but went home just a couple of days later and she is over the moon even with her “Grammy Fog.”



Mary and Robert Johnson's clan grew by TWO this month. Their baby granddaughters (Morgan and Marlowe) arrived on March 2. Big brother Lawrence, who will be 3 in a few months, is getting adjusted to the new arrivals. Congratulations!

Our most sincere condolences to **Bernard and Neisha Hernandez** on the passing of his father this past Monday, following a battle with thyroid cancer.





L-R: The fiercely proud alumni Jerry May— THIS is how you proudly rock the RED & BLACK. Way to go Jerry! Bob Silvas invited the Model UN participants—students from Chula Vista HS to join our meeting—so nice to meet them!



This week's lucky drawing winners: (l-r) Carmen Sandoval, Troy Ray and Gary Bryant, all pictured with The Jim Biddle News at Noon Sponsor Jan Mellinger. Thanks Jan!





MEET THE VELEZ FLORES FAMILY



We will be building a much-needed, new, safe home for Licet (29), Paulino (33) and 5 year old Oziel. They are the Velez Flores family that Project Mercy has selected for our Club's home build on April 15.

They are both from Acapulco and migrated to Tijuana during the pandemic in search of work. Oziel is in kindergarten and has many dreams of what he wants to be. His current choices are fireman, police officer or construction worker.

Paulino works as a mason and earns 2500 pesos per week (@\$128) when he can find work. Licet works in a pizza parlor and earns 1900 pesos per week (@\$97).

In Licet's own words: The biggest difficulty we face is with our finances. It is very fiddicuilt and painful for my husband to deal with the situation we are going through because of the lack of money. He is concerned that we are not able to fic out house and have a decent life. Sometime we don't have enough to buy food or anything nutritious for our family. We lack basic utilities such as a sewer system.

Our son Oziel has a congenital strabismus (misalignment of the eyes) Doctors have done studies for an operation but in Tijuana there are no specialist, and he would have to go to Guadalajara. We are unable to afford that bill on top of all our other expenses.

It would be a great help to us to have a decent house because it would provide better security for us and keep the insects and vermin out. The condition of the house in which we live is bad because it si made from foam plastic and tarps. We would be very grateful to the sponsors if they could help us with this great opportunity.

GOOD-BYE POLIO
THANKS ROTARY





IDEAS FOR VELEZ FLORES FAMILY—Gently Used is Good

Food, pots, pans, cooking utensils
Storage items—bins, tupperware
Tools - hand tools, shovel, hoe, broom

Homegoods—sheets, blankets, towels
Folding tables—card, tv trays, chairs

Toys, crafts, coloring books—for a 5 year old

Everything is like a treasure to the family—thank you!

Chula Vista Sunrise Rotary invites you to Trivia Night 2023, an evening of facts and fun as we raise money to support Polio Plus and local charities.

ENTRY FEE
\$40 PER PERSON
\$320 PER TEAM OF
UP TO EIGHT PLAYERS

This event is great for clubs, schools and business sites. Form your winning team of eight and challenge others.

REGISTRATION OPENS
FEBRUARY 1
WWW.CVSRTRIVIANIGHT.ORG

Teams that have registered /paid in full by March 28 will receive two free mulligans (free answers!) Registration closes at midnight April 21.

TABLE TAILGATE
WHILE PLAYING

- Bring your own food and snacks.
- Beer and wine will be sold.

NO OUTSIDE LIQUOR
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LIQUOR LICENSE

TEAM TRIVIA CHALLENGE XII

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023
AT 6:00 PM
(DOORS OPEN AT 5:15)



THE VENUE AT EASTLAKE
871 SHOWROOM PLACE, SUITE 104
CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA 91914

Your participation in this fundraiser will benefit the Chula Vista Sunrise Rotary Community Benefit Fund. Proceeds will support local charities and Polio Plus. The Community Benefit Fund is a 501 (c)(3) organization and your contributions are tax deductible.
(Tax ID 33-0622092)

Credit Cards (MC, VISA, AMER EX) are accepted for online registration at cvsrtrivianight.org.
If you prefer to register and pay by check or cash, please email us at chulavistasunriserotary@gmail.com and information will be sent to you!

A Night in Buenos Aires!



SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, April 29, 2023

6:00pm to 9:00pm

At Westmont San Miguel Ranch

2325 Proctor Valley Road,
Chula Vista, CA 91910

**Tango Dancers &
Music!**

Delicious Argentinian Dinner



Rotary Club of Chula Vista Eastlake's fundraiser to support our community service projects. Visit <https://portal.clubrunner.10108> for more details.

