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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)**

**James Morrison, Olga Llinska**  
**Supporting Ukrainian Refugees**  
**Friday, MAY 19, 2023 - Noon**

James Morrison will share information on recent work to provide much needed assistance to the Ukrainian people who have settled in our region.

He has worked with Olga Llinska who will share her personal experience.

James is a Rotarian with the Point Loma Rotary Club. He will discuss Rotary International Foundation's work to address this humanitarian crisis.



## **CLUB CALENDAR**

**Ronald McDonald House Red Shoe Day—May 24, 2023**

**ROUNDTABLE—Friday, May 26, 2023**

**MEMORIAL DAY, Monday, May 29th**

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

**District 5340 Governor's Dinner, Monday June 26, 5-8 pm  
Del Mar Hilton**



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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—May 12, 2023

Mark Scott called the meeting to order.

New corporate members were officially welcomed into our Club—Hugo Thomaz and Tiago Carneiro with Novo Brazil. Bob Silvas is their sponsor. Welcome Hugo & Tiago!

President Mark shared that District Governor Chuck Pretto has been diagnosed with Leukemia and is undergoing treatment. Ginger Rullan, wife of Peter, is undergoing treatment for breast cancer. Please keep both DG Chuck and Ginger in your thoughts and prayers.

Betty Waznis gave the News at Noon, sponsored by Suzanne Catanzaro. Steve Brodbeck and two guests were the lucky drawing winners.

Our Club awarded twelve scholarships to students from six schools in Chula Vista. Bill Padelford was on hand in person to help congratulate the scholars. We wish them all the best as they continue their studies.

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**YOU'RE  
INVITED**

**TO A "SUPER"  
INSTALLATION/  
OUTSTALLATION  
DINNER**

**JUNE 20, 2023  
5:30 PM**

**SUN OUTDOORS SAN DIEGO BAY  
825 E STREET CHULA VISTA 91910**

RSVP: [jerrymay121@outlook.com](mailto:jerrymay121@outlook.com)  
\$40 for Rotarians and \$50 for guests  
Two ways to pay: 1. Online with your cc via clubrunner  
or 2. in person at our Friday Meetings with Jerry May.  
Checks made payable to Rotary Club of Chula Vista





## JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON

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THIS WEEK'S  
SPONSOR

With Betty Waznis

Welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today sponsored by Suzanne Catanzaro. A former vacant lot on 27th Street and Faivre south of Main Street is now a community of 65 prefab shelter units to be bridge housing for homeless people. It's called the Chula Vista Village at Otay, set to open Monday. The village will accommodate single individuals referred by the city's Homeless Outreach Team and will prioritize people from Chula Vista. The goal is to help them secure a job and rental assistance for long-term housing within three months. While often referred to as tiny homes, these units do not have plumbing, kitchens or in-unit bathrooms like traditional tiny homes. Each comes with insulated walls, heat and air conditioning, bedding, table, chair and shelving, power outlets, windows with curtains and a locking door. Residents can bring their pets, bicycles and other belongings. The site offers round-the-clock security; two trailers for showers, restrooms and laundry; and two 400-square-foot units for meals. Onsite management is provided by City Net, the organization hired by the city to manage the shelter and provide resources for health care, mental health, and drug and alcohol treatment. Chula Vista invested about \$5 million in local, state, and federal dollars for the project.

Mexican officials and the conservation group Sea Shepherd said Monday that experts are setting sail this week, hoping to locate the few remaining vaquita marina, the world's most endangered marine mammal. The vaquita, a tiny porpoise averaging 4 ft in length is so small and elusive that it can be hard for observers to be sure they are seeing one. The species cannot be captured, held or bred in captivity. The trip will run from May 10 to May 27 in the Sea of Cortez, the only place the vaquita lives. As few as eight of the little animals are believed to remain. The last such sighting expedition in 2021 yielded probable sightings of between five and 13 vaquitas, a decline from the previous survey in 2019. Sea Shepherd has been working in the Gulf alongside the Mexican Navy to discourage illegal gillnet fishing in the vaquita refuge area, a practice that accidentally traps and drowns the vaquitas.

Everything is growing everywhere all at once in Southern California, thanks to an ideal balance of rain and temperature that has supercharged plant growth across the state. The combination of two factors - those 31 atmospheric rivers that brought us steady rainfall plus moderate regional temperatures - has produced a spring more brilliantly colorful and lasting longer than any in recent memory. The growth has highlighted a survival technique for our native plants: many seemingly dried out fields are in fact just beds of dormant life waiting for the right time to bloom. Rainfall in Southern California has been unpredictable. As a result, the region's native wildflowers evolved to survive periods of drought. Their whole life cycle is flowering quickly, making seeds and getting those seeds into what is called the seed bank in the soil. There the seeds wait until the next good year, which could be the next season or the next decade. So we're seeing flowers this year whose seeds may have come from many years past.

Suzanne Catanzaro met husband Paul at college. They've been married 58 years this August. They moved to San Francisco in 1968 - saw all the boats on the Bay so they bought a 30-foot sailboat which neither one knew how to sail. 10 years later they left San Francisco on a 45-foot sailboat with a 12- and 7-year-old. Three and a half years later, after a life at sea, they sailed into San Diego Bay.

Suzanne started a computer-based learning center which 3 years later morphed into Bonita Country Day School, founded in 1986 as a high school. The school soon became recognized for its tremendous success with dyslexic students and added middle and elementary school grades. After 10 years the school relocated, discontinued the high school, and focused on the lower grades. Its students received national recognition for their academic success and high scores on national tests. With COVID came the closing of school. Suzanne says, "I was 75 and decided it was time for me to retire. I gifted the school to the adjacent church and have no regrets. I am now a full-time backyard gardener."

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







**HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR ROTARIANS!**



**Zaneta Encarnacion - May 9**

**Carmen Richardson - May 10**

**Mauricio Lutteroth - May 13**

**Neisha Hernandez - May 19**

**Bud Wilson - May 22**

**Lane Pearson - May 22**

**Laura Humphreys - May 23**

**Kathi Mits - May 30**

**Jon Miller - May 31**

**GOOD-BYE POLIO  
THANKS ROTARY**





## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—May 12, 2023



Welcome New Members! L-R: Tiago Carneiro and Hugo Thomaz, with Novo Brazil, were officially welcomed as our newest members. They are passionate about business and all things involved in building and growing a business, marketing, and community engagement. Bob Silvas is the sponsor of their corporate membership. Welcome Tiago and Hugo! Rotary Scholarships! One of our favorite programs of the year as our Club presented twelve scholarships to area students. Pictured above with Bill Padelford, founder of the program and Rasha Roshdy, committee chair. Each student shared a little about themselves and their plans for the future. Very inspiring as always. Congratulations to the students, as well as family and educators who have helped guide them over the years.



L-R: Steve Brodbeck and two visitors were the lucky drawing winners. Suzanne Catanzaro presented the festive gifts.







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- May 16<sup>th</sup> at Noon. Last day/time to sign up.
- May 19<sup>th</sup> – Gary to pick up supplies at 10:00 am that include t-shirts, red shoes, signs, canisters, and informational packets. I will hand out the shirts that day at the Rotary meeting.
- May 24<sup>th</sup> – Red Shoe Day. Time: 6:30 am to 9:30 am.
  - o Location – East H Street and Paseo Ranchero.
  - o Parking – Confirmed we can park at the First United Methodist Church, same as last year.
  - o Restrooms – We can use the restrooms at the Y on Paseo Ranchero.
  - o **Volunteers** – so far we have 5 members signed up to volunteer the day of. We should have at least two volunteers on each corner so **we need at least 3 more.**
  - o **Media** – Media start is 5:00 am. Need as many CV Rotary volunteers to show up. Chuck Day, President & CEO of RMH and Ronald McDonald himself will be there for the media shoot. Other RMH staff will be there as well.
  - o **Online Donation Matching Grant** – Two families are providing a dollar for dollar match. If you haven't donated, please consider a donation online.
  - o Toilolo Family – will match up to a total of \$5,000. He's been an NFL player since 2013 and is now a free agent.
  - o Whitte Family - will match up to a total of \$3,000.
  - o Water – Bring your own water/water bottles.
  - o **All Rotary Club members. Stop by and make a donation.**
  - o So far \$99,635 has been raised towards RMH's over-all \$150,000 goal. This is before we hit the streets on May 24<sup>th</sup>.



District Governor Chuck Pretto was recently diagnosed with Leukemia. He appreciates the outpouring of love and support. Cards can be sent to 3555 Rosecrans St. Suite 114-109. San Diego, CA 92110. DG Chuck writes: I was hoping to write a blog post for folks to follow along but as I head into the most difficult parts of my treatments my energy levels are depleting. All I can do is give every day my very best as a patient, husband, father and Rotarian. I remain positive for a good outcome. With chemotherapy, my white blood count has begun to drop, as it should, so that is good news. Everyday counts - go out and live every day as if it is your last. Say I love you, give hugs, and serve others! It continues to help me each day to follow these few simple steps.

