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The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista

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

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS May 20, 2022



Some of the best and brightest students in Chula Vista will join us this Friday for the scholarships presentations.

They will be joined by family and school counselors as we continue this decades long tradition saluting our local talent.

We will get to meet them and learn about their plans for the future. Always inspiring!

CLUB CALENDAR

May 27—Roundtable—No formal meeting
June 2—Red Shoe Day—for Ronald McDonald House
June 3—Mental Health Crisis—Jan Mellinger
June 10—Year in Review—President Neisha
June 17—Roundtable
June 24—**Installation/Outstallation**



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—MAY 13, 2022

President Neisha Hernandez called the meeting to order. Donna Moss gave the invocation. It was followed by a very moving rendition of Amazing Grace in honor of Jim Algert and Karen Buckingham, wife of Duane.

Bob Silvas was named the Rotarian of the Week. His family is 10th generation in San Diego County.

Zaneta Encarnacion told everyone about the Installation/Outstallation coming up on June 17th at noon. A special discount for any wishing to stay Thursday in a cabin at the location is available. More information will be coming.

Lane Pearson, Foundation Chair, said we have FIVE more Paul Harris Fellows. Keep it coming Rotarians!

Jesse Fernandez, Fundraising Chair, gave an update of the Fiesta Fun-Raiser. We raised \$4300— putting us over our \$20,000 goal for the year—thanks everyone! Keep it coming.

The volunteer event at the Chula Vista Animal Care Center will be re-scheduled to July to enable more people to sign up.

Fine master Michael Monaco had slim pickings this week and tried to nail Mike Green for something or another.

Betty Waznis gave the News at Noon, sponsored by Suzanne Catanzaro.

Maria Kachadoorian, Rotarian and Chula Vista City Manager, provided an update on numerous city projects. Many are at critical junctures including the long-awaited Bayfront Project. A community shuttle in downtown Chula Vista will begin soon, and the water park has undergone an update and is now Sesame Street themed. It is a certified autism center.

The former Sears building may become housing (or was she not supposed to say that?) and there is work underway to pay off the bonds for SR 125, thereby eliminating the tolls.

Thanks for pinch-hitting Maria. It was much appreciated and we learned even more about our awesome city.

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JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON

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With Betty Waznis

Good afternoon, Rotarians and guests. Welcome to the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's news sponsored by Suzanne Catanzaro.

The fast-moving Coastal wildfire in Laguna Niguel has destroyed at least 20 houses since Wednesday afternoon, where it began in the Alisa and Woods Canyon Wilderness Park. Rising hot gases from the original small brush fire created a chimney like effect letting the flames sweep up ravines and canyons through the over dry vegetation. More than 500 firefighters, including some from San Diego and Long Beach, have been fighting the flames; 900 homes in the area have been evacuated. At this point the fire is 15% contained.

The NTC Foundation, whose president and chief executive is our very own Lisa Johnson, recently received the 2021 Governor's Historic Preservation Award for its achievements in historic preservation while transforming the former Naval Training Center into Arts District Liberty Station, one of seven recipients of the award.

More than 2 million people were trained in the original 26 buildings on the former Navy site in Point Loma. Now, 17 buildings have been renovated into a unique location filled with nearly 145 galleries, museums, artists, music groups, dance companies, makers, creators, and distinctive dining experiences. Plans for the remaining 9 buildings still to be redeveloped include a 41,000-square-foot multilevel performance venue with two live theaters and a 75-room boutique hotel.

If you're no good at taking selfies, Snap, the corporation behind the social media app Snapchat, has a solution for you: the Pixy, a yellow, square-shaped flying camera drone that costs \$230, weighs about a quarter of a pound and hovers around you to film you automatically. After it takes your picture, Pixy will land in your hand autonomously. Pictures are uploaded automatically to your Snapchat app. It's available for preorder and starts shipping in a few weeks.

Padres' manager Bob Melvin is resting comfortably and expected to make a full recovery following successful prostate surgery on Wednesday at UC San Diego Health. It's hoped that Melvin may be able to rejoin the Padres in time for the San Francisco leg of the upcoming road trip later this month.

Suzanne Catanzaro met husband Paul at college. They've been married 57 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 brought to you by Suzanne Catanzaro.





KAREN BUCKINGHAM MEMORIAL SERVICES

Tuesday, May 31, Noon
Chula Vista Golf Course
4475 Bonita Road, Bonita

Remembrances can be made to:
Rachel's Women's Center
759 Eighth Avenue, San Diego 92101

(Or other non-profit Women's Shelters)

Karen enjoyed the activities and the friends from Rotary over the last 22 years.
Heartfelt thanks to all the support from Rotarians





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Chris Lewis thoroughly enjoying his job as Song Master, leads the Club in a rousing rendition of our famous WELCOME song.

President Neisha presents Bob Silvas with his Rotary bling as Rotarian of the Week. Congrats Bob!



The lucky drawing winners: our happy guest, Maria Kachadoorian and Laura Humphreys, all pictured with Suzanne Catanzaro.





Save-the-Date

Chula Vista Rotary Installation/Outstallation

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE NEISHA'S PRESIDENT
YEAR AND WELCOME NEW PRESIDENT MARK SCOTT

Special discount
rate for those who
want to stay the
night on June 23

Discount Code: 22Rotary



SUN OUTDOORS
SAN DIEGO BAY

825 E. Street
Chula Vista, CA

FRIDAY

June 24

12:00 P.M.



MAY IS

YOUTH SERVICE MONTH



*"We cannot talk about the future without talking about children. They are
our future." - PRIP James L. Lacy 1998-99*

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[Support Red Shoe Day! \(onecause.com\)](https://onecause.com)

Governor's Dinner
Del Mar Hilton

SAVE THE DATE ~
Registration opens 4/20/22

June 30th, 2022
5:00pm-8:00pm



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