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**Friday, May 22 2020—Noon
ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING
Property Tax Update
Dan McAllister, Treasurer-Tax Collector**



Dan McAllister has served San Diego County residents as the County's Treasurer-Tax Collector since 2002. He was reelected to his fifth term in June 2018 by an overwhelming 100% of the vote. Dan oversees the collection of more than \$6 billion in property taxes each year, the management of \$11.6 billion in the County's Investment Pool, and the administration of the County's \$1.5 billion defined contribution program.

He has worked extensively to improve customer service, enhance communications, and outreach initiatives, and ensure the fiscal stability of the treasury. Under his direction, his office collected a record high 60% of property tax payments electronically, while maintaining a 99% collection rate for the past four years.

As part of his duties, Dan serves as a member of the San Diego County Employees Retirement Association (SDCERA), which manages more than \$10 billion of investments. He also serves on the board of CalTRUST, which has a portfolio of \$2.8 billion, and is president of the State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS).

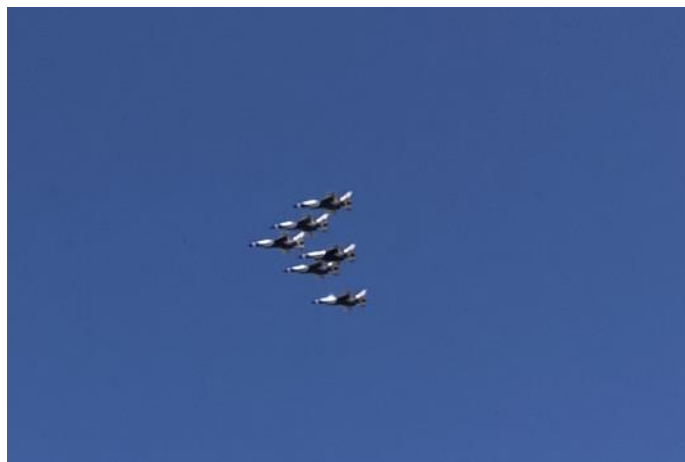
Prior to his election as San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector, Dan was a successful financial consultant and investment broker. Dan contributes considerable time and resources to community service. He serves as Chair of the San Diego Unified School District's Special Audit and Finance Committee, and he is a participating member of the Boards of Directors of the Jackie Robinson YMCA; Habitat for Humanity and New Americans Museum. McAllister's strong commitment and involvement in the community date back to his service as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in Micronesia. A second-generation San Diegan, he has a BA from California State University, Fresno, and an MBA from USIU.



Meeting Highlights of May 15, 2020

**CLUB BOARD
MEETING**
3rd Thursday of
each month
6:00 p.m.

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[http://
www.rotary5340
.org](http://www.rotary5340.org)



The meeting was called to order at 12:15 by President Bob Silvas. Members were encouraged to go outside to see the flyover by the Air Force Thunderbirds in a salute to frontline medical staff. (Photo sent in by Troy Ray).

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INVOCATION BY JESSE FERNANDEZ:

Let us pray, Dear Lord,
With this Pandemic causing so much anxiety, we still owe you many thanks,
Thank you for allowing us to keep moving forward in our lives serving you, and others in need...
Thank you for letting us understand that these are not normal times...
Thank you for giving us the insight to recognize that others are not doing well and lending a hand...
Thank you for helping us laugh daily...
Thank you for "ZOOM" which allows us to stay connected...
Thank you for clear roadways at 3:00 pm when we do get out on the freeway...
Thank you for senior hours at Costco...
Thank you for the Hallmark Channel helping us escape the daily news...
Thank you for 100-piece puzzles...
Thank you for creative Masks...
Thank you for Amazon...
Thank you for the Rotarian Social hour...
Lord, I know you will continue to lead us through this trying time. We will continue to work with others, collaborating at the highest level as Rotarians always do.
Amen and Shalom

Lisa Johnson announced our first ever Virtual Induction coming up for our newest Club member **Albert Aguilera**. He was an Otay Ranch High graduate, enjoys guitar and is passionate about helping others.

Albert studies law in his spare time and was in another "unnamed" service club previously. We will be learning more about Albert in the very near future.

Welcome to the Chula Vista Rotary!





Good afternoon, Rotarians and guests. Welcome to Jim Biddle News at Noon online edition for May 15. And thanks to our speaker, our own Mauricio Lutteroth.

Chula Vista City Council members on Tuesday unanimously voted to accept a large homeless shelter tent no longer needed by San Diego Veterans Village and ten FEMA trailers provided by the state. The plan is to establish a bridge shelter in Chula Vista for homeless individuals. A site for the structure has not been finalized, although a lot near Broadway and Main Street that is zoned for limited industrial use has been identified as a possible location. The shelter could hold up to 200 people, but Chula Vista plans to start at a smaller scale.

This is the type of shelter referred to as a bridge shelter because it's intended to serve as a bridge between life on the street and permanent housing, says Chula Vista Police Chief Roxana Kennedy, who supports the plan. "They get them off the streets, and that's what's most important for all of us," she said. "Without a shelter, we are left with homeless living on our streets, in our parks, in our public areas, without hope of improving their lives."

California State University, the nation's largest four-year public university system, said on Tuesday that in-person classes at its 23 campuses, including San Diego State University, would be canceled for the fall semester, with instruction taking place almost exclusively online. The system is the first large American university to tell students they will not be returning to campus in the fall. The pandemic has had a devastating impact on the finances of colleges and universities all over the country. Many are concerned about growing signs that a large number of students will choose to sit out the fall semester if classes remain virtual, or demand hefty cuts in tuition.

Businesses are developing re-opening strategies and putting health measures in place as the country starts to slowly open up. Uber for instance will now require both drivers and passengers to wear masks. Viejas Casino in Alpine and Sycuan Casino in El Cajon plan to open this week on a limited basis with health and safety protocol in place.

Six Flags Magic Mountain is launching a reservation system to control crowds and ensure adequate distancing at the park. No one will be admitted to the park without a reservation for a specific day and time, in anticipation of its re-opening on a date not yet determined.

One of the first steps in sports returning to Southern California came Wednesday when Santa Anita was given permission to resume live horse racing today. The track has not conducted live racing since March 27. The remaining races which end June 21, likely will be held without spectators and only essential personnel present. Jockeys will receive daily health checks and will be housed on the track property. About 750 trainers and backstretch workers already live on site and also will be getting daily temperature checks.

The PGA Tour returns next month, with lengthy protocols designed to show it can resume its season with minimal risks. It starts June 8-14 at Colonial with the Charles Schwab Challenge in Fort Worth, Texas. Testing and social distancing are the backbone of its plan. The idea is to keep the estimated 400 players and essential staff in a bubble, and isolated as far as possible on charter flights and designated hotels. And no spectators for at least a month.

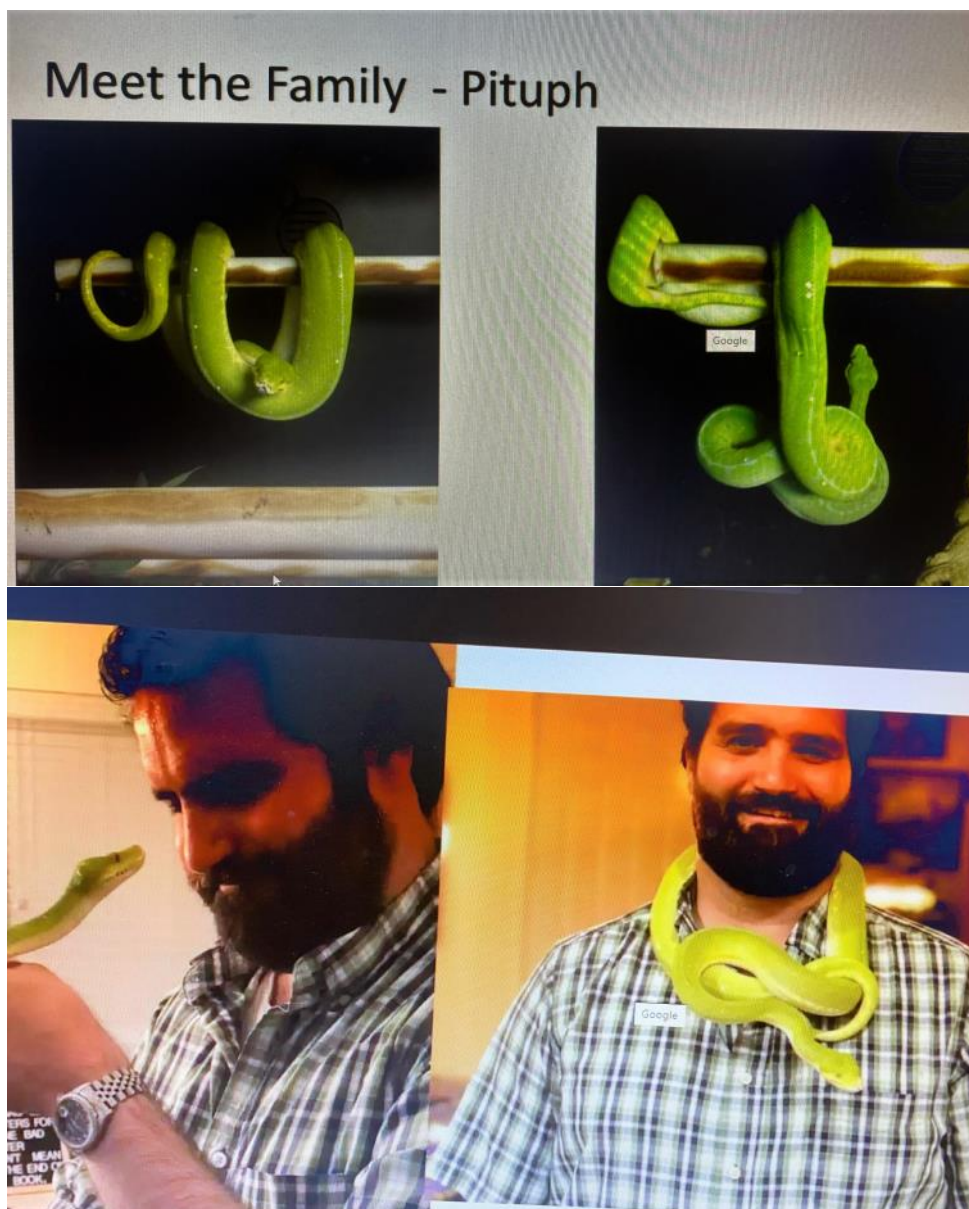
NASCAR's getting the jump on other major sports, returning to network TV Sunday as it resumes its season after a two-month hiatus. The Darlington 400 in South Carolina kicks off four cup races and three other events in 11 days. Stands will be empty and there will be social distancing along the pit row. No practice sessions or qualifying.

Finally, the fur was flying and pets were styling Wednesday as pet groomers were allowed to resume operations with some restrictions. Too late to save my dog Halo from a bad pandemic haircut. Sorry boy! This concludes today's Zoom edition of the Jim Biddle News At Noon.





Meeting Highlights of May 15, 2020 (Continued)



Club member Mauricio Lutteroth shared his great enthusiasm for Green Tree Pythons. It was very informative and highly entertaining.

He introduced us to his four snakes—Pituph, Meseeks, Houdini and Fanta—and provided facts about their origins, varieties and habits (i.e. shaking to create heat).

Some Green Tree Pythons will live up to twenty years and owners often have to wait up to two years to know if they have a female or male snake. Highly prized pedigreed snakes cost in the thousands of dollars.

Thank you Mauricio!





Remember the Fallen - Monday, May 25, 2020

SAVE THE DATES:

Rotary Whiskey Social - Wed. May 20, 6:30 p.m.

Rotary Scholarship Presentations—Friday, May 29, Noon





**Congratulations on Your 50th Anniversary
Reed & Beta Dinsmore!**



**GOOD-BYE POLIO
THANKS ROTARY**



May is Youth Services month





SOME THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

**HEADED TO GOODWILL TO DONATE
AFTER A MONTH OF STAY-AT HOME
SPRING CLEANING**



**Most useless
purchase of 2019:
A 2020 planner.**

Because of Covid for
the first time since
1945 the National
Spelling Bee is
cancil... cancel...
cansel...

It's been called off.

