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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)**

ROUNDTABLE MEETING
Friday, MAY 26, 2023 - Noon



We will have a roundtable this Friday.
There will be no formal meeting or guest speaker.

**Come enjoy some fellowship and lunch
with Rotary friends.**

CLUB CALENDAR
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 19, 2023

President Mark Scott called the meeting to order. Jerry May gave the invocation. Luisa McCarthy (Club 33 visitor) gave an announcement about special activities at the La Vista Memorial Park in National City, including a civil war re-enactment in honor of Memorial Day.

Two large get well/thinking of you cards were passed around for Ginger Rullan and District Governor Chuck Pretto.

Hannah Shields, one third of the Shields triplets was visiting from college, just days before she takes off for Washington D.C. to begin an internship with an L.A. congressman.

Gary Bryant provided an update on Red Shoe Day, a fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House. It will be held on Wednesday, May 24. Donations can be made online. Neisha Hernandez announced the Installation/Outstallation event on Tuesday June 20th. She provided maps of where to park.

President-elect Mora de Murguia pinch hit for Betty Waznis on the News at Noon. She was feeling under the weather.

James Morrison and Olga Llinska gave a very moving and insightful presentation on the events leading up to the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

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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
\$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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With Betty Waznis

Hello, everyone. Welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today sponsored by Lane Pearson and the Rotary Foundation.

At a news conference at SDSU's Snapdragon stadium yesterday, Major League Soccer announced that its 30th and newest team will be located in San Diego. Sacramento and Las Vegas were both in line ahead of San Diego, but their projects fell through. The team has not yet announced a name or the proposed location of its farm system youth academy. The expansion franchise will begin play in February 2025 at the 35,000-capacity Mission Valley stadium, with an ownership group headed by the London-based Mansour Group and the local Sycuan tribe.

The final piece for MLS approval was a lease agreement with San Diego State's new stadium. The \$310 million venue, not yet a year old, already hosts Aztecs football; the San Diego Wave of the National Women's Soccer League; professional rugby's San Diego Legion; concerts; motorsports; and international soccer games. Sycuan has been interested in bringing MLS to San Diego for more than a year, but it wasn't until last summer they found a suitable investment partner - the Mansour Group, headed by Mohamed Mansour, an Egyptian billionaire who lives in London and is the treasurer of Britain's conservative Tory party.

The Mansour Group is a global business consortium that owns a top Danish soccer club and started the "Right to Dream" youth soccer academies in Ghana, Denmark and Egypt. A fourth campus will open in San Diego, with the top prospects graduating to the MLS club's roster, and other young players going to U.S. college programs. Not expected to be part of the picture is the San Diego Loyal, which plays at USD's Torero Stadium and is in its fourth season in the 24-team USL Championship, the second division of the U.S. soccer pyramid.

A move by major automakers to eliminate AM radios from new vehicles is underway, despite protests from station owners, listeners, first responders and politicians from both major parties. Some automakers including BMW, Volkswagen, Mazda and Tesla, are removing AM radios from new electric vehicles because electric engines can interfere with the sound of AM stations. Ford is taking a bigger step, eliminating AM from all its vehicles, electric or gas operated. However, other automakers, including Toyota and Honda, say they have no plans to eliminate AM. Industry observers speculate that losing access to the car dashboard will be a death blow to many of the nation's 4,185 AM stations — a core element of the nation's delivery system for news, political talk, coverage of weather emergencies and foreign language programming. Even though the AM audience has been aging for decades, 82 million Americans still listen each month. Of the \$11 billion in advertising revenue that radio pulled in last year, about \$2 billion came from AM stations. And some of the country's most lucrative radio stations are still on AM, mostly all-news or news and talk stations.

OnStage Playhouse in Chula Vista has announced what it hopes will be a brief pause in operations to launch a much-needed fundraising campaign. The Raise4Plays Giving Campaign aims to raise at least \$150,000 to cover future operating and production costs. Rising expenses, including increased cost of rent for the theater's Third Avenue space, were the major factor in the theater's hiatus. In March, OnStage was honored with its second Craig Noel Award for Outstanding Achievement by a Small Theater for its work in the 2022 theatrical season. The award honors companies that produce high-quality and risk-taking programming. "Though we remain committed to bringing great theater to life, we are in need of support from our amazing community," the new board said. To donate, visit onstageplayhouse.org/donate.

Lane Pearson serves as our club's committee chair for the Rotary Foundation, the organization that turns our local donations, support, and work into a better life for needy deserving people all over the world. Ask him about the Rotary Foundation and how you can help and contribute. This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Lane Pearson and the Rotary Foundation.





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Above: Speaker James Morrison, a member of the Point Loma Rotary Club and a driving force in supporting Ukrainian refugees, and Olga Llinska who shared her story of a harrowing escape from eastern Ukraine with her young son.

Above right: Rasha Roshdy with two guests, refugees from the war in Ukrainian now living in San Diego County



This week's drawing winners were (l-r) Neisha Hernandez, pictured with President Mark Scott and Lane Pearson, Gus Slovinsky and Mike Green.

Lane included some very fun items including whiskey, snacks and a beautiful bird watching book—a passion of his.





RED SHOE DAY— A BIG SUCCESS!



Above left: President Mark and Stacy Scott were on the job collecting donations. Above right: Zaneta and Myke Encarnacion and their very popular dogs Hanzo and Sheon.

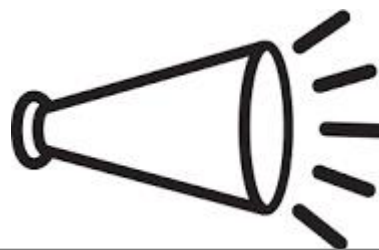


Jesse Fernandez and Ronald McDonald getting acquainted.
Gary Bryant and Tina Mattias juggling boots and signs.





MEMBER NEWS!



ON THE MEND: Jim Biddle sends his greetings. A few weeks back, he took a tumble. A few days later it turned out he had broken multiple bones in his right arm/hand. This of course meant a cast. Once the cast was off, his muscle were not cooperating and he has been doing exercises to rebuild strength. We have missed him! Hope Jim is back soon.

HAPPY 40TH! Mary and Robert Johnson celebrated 40 years of wedded bliss on May 21! We wish them a very happy anniversary.



Above: Tina Mattias rocked red striped socks and danced the whole time!
L-R: Ronald McDonald staffers, Carmen Sandoval, Chuck Day, Zaneta Encarnacion, Ronald McDonald, Jesse Fernandez and Z's BIG dog. R: R McD directing the selfie with Carmen Sandoval.

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