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**Friday, May 29 2020—12:00
ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING
Rotary Scholarships—Meet the Students!**



Chula Vista Rotary has a long history of supporting local schools and students through scholarships, leadership training, speech contest and much more.

This Friday, we will meet the ten recipients of this year's Joseph Rindone Community Service Scholarships and the Bill Padleford Academic Scholarships.

Each student will share something about themselves and their plans for the future. It promises to be an uplifting meeting. Students are from Castle Park, Chula Vista, Hilltop, Otay Ranch and Olympian High Schools.

We will begin exactly at noon and go directly to the students to ensure we have plenty of time to hear from them.

Thanks to everyone for your ongoing support of the Rotary Scholarship program and thanks also to the Scholarship Committee who reviewed dozens of applications and had the difficult task of rating so many talented and remarkable Chula Vista students.

See you on Zoom this Friday!



Meeting Highlights of May 15, 2020

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

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Please note: Every submission may not be included due to space constraints.



President Bob Silvas called the meeting to order. We remembered Raul Romo, of Sharp Hospital who passed from Covid-19 the day before, as part of the invocation.

The “HELLO!” Rotary song was not very good even with the words on the screen. Apparently Zoom is not conducive to singing together, however we are still telling guests that we are a singing club.

President Bob played a beautiful tribute song by singer Coffey Anderson in honor of Memorial Day.

On a brighter note—6 more weeks till President Bob term is up—per President Bob. Important dates coming up:

Installation/Outstallation is scheduled for Friday, June 26, 6:30 p.m.—Virtual
District Event - Monday, June 29, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Virtual
Rotary International Convention - June 20 - 26 online

INVOCATION BY CHRIS LEWIS:

HEAVENLY FATHER WE GATHER AS ROTARIANS TODAY TO ENJOY THE COMPANY OF ONE ANOTHER ALBEIT REMOTELY.

WHILE WE ARE PERPLEXED THESE DAYS DUE TO CURRENT MEDICAL, POLITICAL AND SOCIETAL ISSUES, WE ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS WHEN WE BEGIN TO RELY ON OURSELVES FOR SUPPORT THAT WE BEGIN TO FALTER AND FAIL.

AS WE ENTER MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, WE PAUSE TO REFLECT ON THE FACT THAT OUR COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED AND DEVELOPED THROUGHOUT VERY DIFFICULT TIMES. EVERY INCH OF OUR SUCCESS, FREEDOM AND LIBERTY WAS SECURED WITH THE BLOOD OF MILLIONS OF MEN AND WOMEN AND THE FIRM BELIEF IN YOUR STEADFAST PRESENCE, POWER AND LOVE. IT IS IN THIS BELIEF AND FAITH THAT THIS COUNTRY BECAME A BEACON OF FREEDOM AND LIBERTY FOR ALL AND WE ARE GRATEFUL!

DEAR GOD, IT IS AT THIS TIME WE AS ROTARIANS TRULY SEEK YOUR GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT TO, ONCE AGAIN, OVERCOME THE CHALLENGES THAT SURROUND US AND SET US FREE TO ENJOY THE LIFE YOU INTENDED FOR US. WE ASK TO BE SET FREE TO SERVE THE LESS FORTUNATE THROUGH FREELY GIVING OF OUR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE.

WE ASK YOU BLESSING ON OUR MEETING TODAY AND UPON ALL OF OUR MEMBERS, THEIR FAMILIES AND ROTARIANS AROUND THE WORLD. AMEN.



Welcome Rotarians and guests to today's zoom edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. We welcome today's speaker, County Treasurer Tax Collector Dan McAllister.

San Diego County received word Wednesday that its request to allow dining at restaurants and in-store shopping has been approved by the state. Actual reopening of restaurants and shops will begin as soon as businesses complete and post a Safe Reopening Plan. Restaurant already open are using creative methods to ensure social distancing – here we have the pool noodle hat, mannequins at alternate seats, and panda bears taking up space.

In a massive medical research crusade, volunteers worldwide are rolling up their sleeves to receive experimental vaccines against the coronavirus. Drug research like companies like Inovio, Moderna, and Pfizer, universities like Oxford in England, and hospitals like Beth Israel Deaconess in Boston have begun early human and animal tests to determine potential vaccine safety and effectiveness.

More than 100 research teams around the world are taking aim at the virus from multiple angles, combining trial phases and shortening a process that usually takes years. Dr Anthony Fauci stated this morning that he is now cautiously optimistic that a coronavirus vaccine will be ready sometime by the end of this calendar year.

Meeting demand for the vaccine will be an enormous task. Almost everyone on the planet may need two doses of a new vaccine to receive protective immunity. That's 16 billion doses. A huge worldwide immunization project, something Rotary knows about.

CVS Health announced on Thursday that it will open seven drive-thru coronavirus testing sites across San Diego County, starting today. The test sites are part of nearly 350 locations across 14 states in CVS's initial rollout – an estimated 1500 will follow. Customers will use self-swab tests in their car while monitored by pharmacy technicians, with results available in about three days. Two of the seven county sites are here in Chula Vista: Fourth and C street, 645 East Palomar St., Chula Vista. Tests are free. Appointments are necessary. For information, see

www.cvs.com/ <https://www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing>

Our friends at the Chula Vista Veterans Home may be living under new rules, but the good news is – those rules are working. So far, no residents in the Chula Vista CalVet home are showing signs of the virus. The Chula Vista home houses 283 veterans and is part of a network of eight CalVet homes in the state. So far only three CalVet residents statewide have contracted the virus; two have died. By contrast, more than 70 veterans have died of the disease at a "soldiers' home" in Massachusetts; more than 125 have died in New Jersey's three veterans' homes, and more than 60 residents of an Alabama veterans home tested positive.

People are eating more meals at home and doing more yardwork with the extra time on their hands. The result? San Diego's trash trucks have picked up nearly 20% more garbage, recycling, and green waste than they did this time last year. Another reason haulers are collecting more trash is that nearly every house is occupied, because almost no one is taking long vacations or even short getaway trips. A corresponding dip is expected at commercial and retail sites as less trash is generated by restaurants, malls and offices, and hotels.

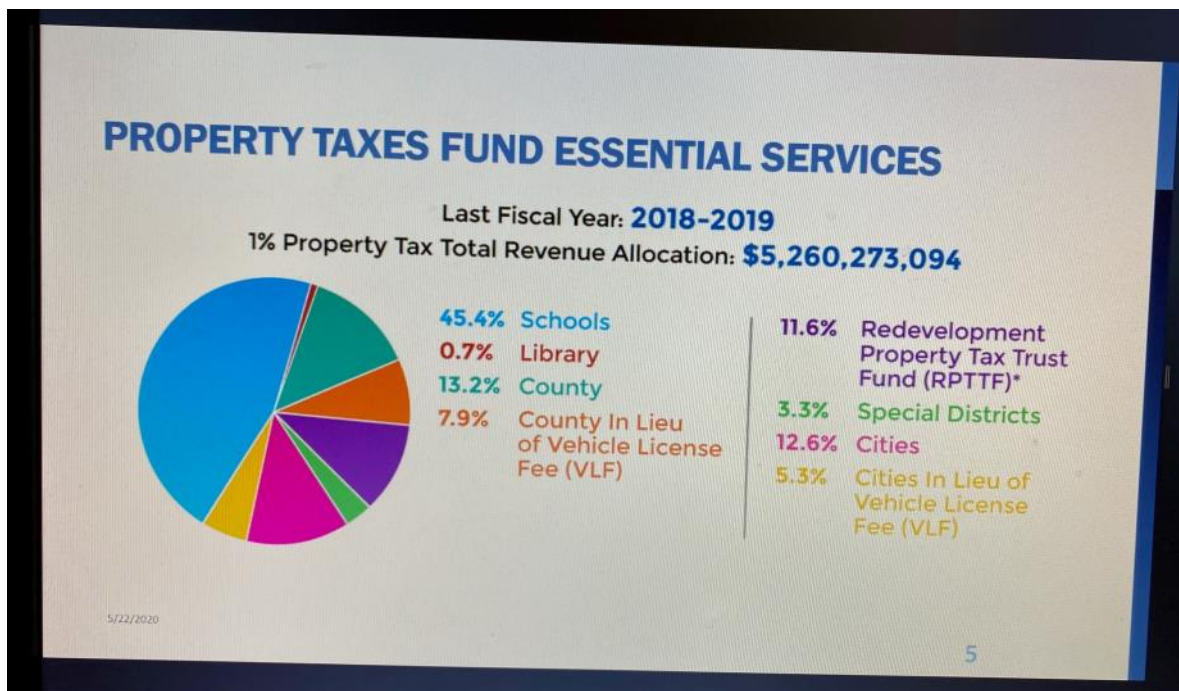
From Notre Dame to Louisiana State to Florida State, a number of colleges and universities have announced plans to reopen campuses for the fall semester, and conferences have begun planning how to play pandemic style football. The presidents of Miami and Notre Dame said in separate interviews they expect the college football season to be played, probably in empty stadiums, like so many other sports.

We can expect morning low clouds followed by beautiful sunny days this weekend. Sit outside with your phone or laptop and enjoy the virtual Memorial Day simulcast from four local landmarks: Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, the USS Midway Museum, Miramar National Cemetery, and the Mt. Soledad memorial. The combined service on Monday shifts from location to location, each featuring a special event, and includes a military jet flyby in the missing-man formation. Watch the ceremony live at www.sandiegomemorialdaylive.com from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. or afterward on YouTube.

This concludes the Memorial Day zoom edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon.



Meeting Highlights of May 22, 2020 (Continued)



4 STEPS TO FILE PENALTY CANCELLATION REQUEST

1. Go to sdttc.com
2. Fill out penalty cancellation request
3. Include payment and printed documentation
4. Send it to the TTC

San Diego County Assessor-Tax Collector Dan McAllister gave an update on his office's activities. He reminded us that taxes are still due, however, they may consider waiving the penalties on late payments if you make the request and state your case.

Dan has presented to our club many times over the years and is very pro-active about getting out and about. Thank you Dan!





U-T Item Highlighting Rich Brocchini

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THE SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE | MONDAY • MAY 25, 2020

FRONT-LINE HEROES IN THE REGION



**RICHARD
BROCCHINI**

Job: Chula Vista
Fire Department
battalion chief

What have you learned from this experience about yourself or your community?

"During these times, we have seen our residents and community leaders come together. We have experienced how powerful humanity can be when we work as one. We have learned that stories of hope inspire us to be better, to give more, to do more and to be more. We have learned what matters, what we are doing well in life and where we can improve. We have learned kindness and love at a deeper level. And we have learned that we are all in this together. One team, one mission, Chula Vista strong."

To read more about this U-T front-line hero or others, go to uniontrib.com/front-line-heroes. To submit a nomination, go to sandiegouniontribune.com/frontlinehero

**GOOD-BYE POLIO
THANKS ROTARY**



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THE
DATE**

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SOME FUN & THOUGHTS FOR TODAY



New tables to assist in social distancing...

Attitude
is the
little thing
that makes
a big difference

BE STRONGER THAN YOUR STRONGEST excuse

IT'S FAR • IT'S LATE • I'M OLD FOR THAT • IT'S HARD • I'M TIRED • IT'S COLD • I'M BUSY • I'M NOT STRONG

