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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)

Vanessa Barron
Employer Relations Liaison - Southwestern College



Vanessa Barron—Vanessa is the Employer Relations Liaison at the San Diego & Imperial Counties Community Colleges Regional Consortium, and working with Southwestern College to engage businesses in partnership development activities that increase student awareness and encourage students to join the local workforce.

Once a Southwestern College student, Vanessa understands the importance of engaging students with local employers and identifying industry opportunities to help students explore multiple career options, learn about workplace practices, and make informed decisions about their education and future goals.

Vanessa has over 15 years of experience in business development, sales, marketing, and community relations. She holds a Bachelor's Degree from San Diego State University, and Master's Degree from National University.

CLUB CALENDAR

Ronald McDonald House Red Shoe Day—May 24, 2023
SAVE THE DATE: Installation/Outstallation— TUESDAY, JUNE 20 PM



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—April 14, 2023

President Mark Scott called the meeting to order.. Lane Pearson introduced visiting Rotarians and guests.. Mark showed a picture of David Hoffman and Bernard Hernandez in Mexico City for the Padres game there.

Duane Buckingham reported on the Rise against Hunger event put on by the Chula Vista Sunrise Club. They put bulk rice, vitamins, soy and dehydrated vegetables into small containers.

Mark showed that our Laura Humphreys will be honored at the upcoming Las Primeras event .

May 24 is Red Shoe Day where motorists are solicited for funds to support the Ronald MacDonald House. Zaneta's beautiful dogs will participate decked out in their customized Tee shirts. More volunteers are needed. Contact Gary Bryant if you have interest.

June 20 is the annual Outstallation /Installation being orchestrated by Past President Neisha Hernandez.

Mark showed a picture of the wedding of Michael And Sabrina Monaco's son's wedding.

Laura Humphrys, Regional Director of the YMCA and Valeria Ruiz Griego, Director of Casaas Para Minores Migrantes YMCA of Mexico presented a compelling case for the need to provide humane support for those unaccompanied children who are trying to migrate to the United States. Their mission is to reunite them with their families either in their homeland or in our country. They can accommodate 12 women and 12 men. They have processed over 74,000 in 32 years.. Average stay is 2-6 months. They work closely with the governments of the involved countries.

Invocation by Maria Kachadoorian

Let us pray together, each one of us, according to our individual beliefs. Let us offer thanks for our food, blessings for one another. Let us be a source of hope for those in need.

As we come together today we pray for guidance, wisdom, and support. We pray that we can engage in meaningful discussion, allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of community.

Amen





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 Chuck Bevan and the Sweetwater Valley Lines.

We've had big rains and big snow. Now here comes The Big Melt. Temperatures in Central California are climbing into the high 80s and mid-90s with the potential for some areas to reach daily records this weekend.

The warm weather will descend upon some of the state's deepest snowpack ever recorded, with the southern Sierra still measuring 256% of normal for the date.

Many of the areas most likely to be threatened include the Tulare Lake Basin, where the once-dry lake has reemerged,

leaving some ranches and farmlands underwater. The weather service has also issued a flood watch in portions of California and western Nevada along the eastern Sierra, including the Lake Tahoe area. There is a particular concern about flooding along the eastern Sierra, which threatens to erode portions of the Los Angeles Aqueduct — the city's water lifeline.

State officials have deployed thousands of emergency personnel across California in anticipation of flooding and landslides. The state's dam operators have been making strategic releases from reservoirs to make room for incoming runoff.

Yosemite National Park will be closed starting today until at least May 3 to avoid the evacuations experienced by park visitors and staff following major park floods of last year.

For the last 10 years California has had a goal to reach 1.5 million zero-emission vehicles on the road by 2025. Due largely to a sharp increase in sales since 2021, we've passed that target a couple of years ahead of schedule.

According to figures from the California Energy Commission, 1.52 million electric vehicles, or EVs, have been purchased through the first quarter of this year. That includes battery-electric, plug-in hybrids and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.

First quarter EV sales accounted for 21 percent of all of California's new car and truck market — compared to 5.6 percent for the total U.S. market. Strong sales are attributed to rising gas prices, government rebates, and an increasing number of charging stations.

Mary Casillas Salas has joined the California Community Colleges Board of Governors, representing San Diego County on the 17-member body.

California has the largest community college system in the nation, serving about 2 million students per year.

Recently our former mayor and former honorary Chula Vista Rotarian described how the community college system paved the way for her political career.

She married at age 19 and became a stay-at-home mother with a few side jobs. At the age of 37, she decided to return to school. The single mom graduated with honors from Southwestern College and San Diego State University. She went on to serve as Chula Vista City council member, state Assembly member, and two term mayor of Chula Vista.

Big News for past president Chuck Bevan, seen here with some rowdy fellow Rotarians. The World Famous Sweetwater Valley Lines has been seized and taken over by mysterious European Interests. All aspects of the layout have disappeared, although rolling stock, engines and buildings somehow vanished prior to the new ownership taking over. Only a single train was lost to the new ownership.

Stay tuned as a new version of the Sweetwater Valley Lines is in the future, so long as there is room, as the President's wife moves into the old train space with sewing and painting work materials.

In other news, a derailment that occurred on Freight Train #1 resulted in the total uninsured loss of the President's brother's classic VW convertible. Fortunately, the liability for this multi-million dollar claim lies with the new owners of the railroad.

Finally, Past President Chuck wishes all of you a wonderful spring and summer filled with family, friends and maybe some travel.



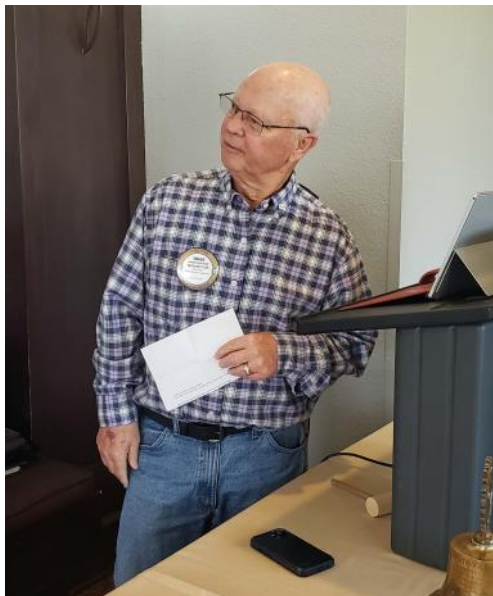


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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—APRIL 28, 2023



Laura Humpherys and Valeria Ruiz Griego pose in front of banners that highlight the work of Casas YMCA in Tijuana



Duane Buckingham and Rise Against Hunger

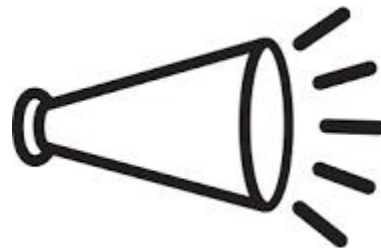


Bernard and David in Mexico City





MEMBER NEWS!



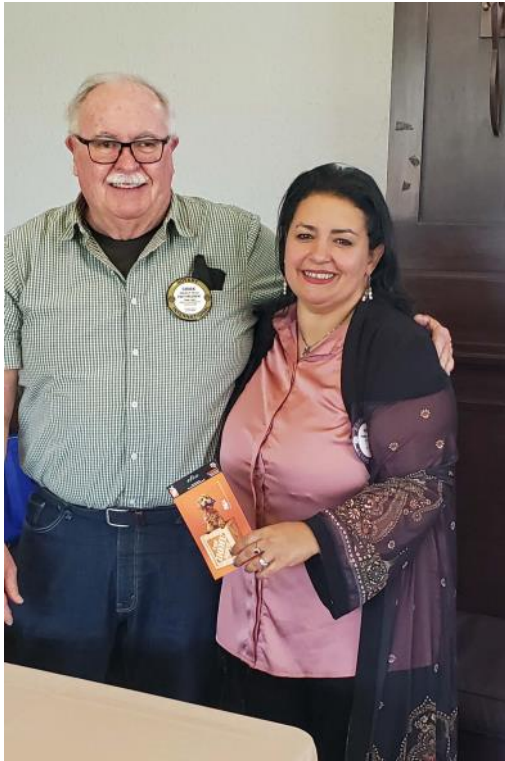
Congratulations to the **Michael and Sabrina-Monaco** on the marriage of their son Andre to Amy Parker.

They were married earlier this month in the Camarillo area and live in LA.



Betty Waznis and Jim Biddle
News at Noon





Winners with News at Noon
Sponsor Chuck Bevan:

Rasha Roshdy

Tiffany Kecklinski (proposed
member)

Maria Kachadoorian





HOME BUILD FOR VELEZ FLORES FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS



The Sweetwater Valley Railway had a derailment causing the Chuck Bevan model railway to go into hibernation



Las Primeras
presents
Bubbles & Brews

73RD ANNUAL FUNDRAISING GALA

HONOREE



Laura Muñoz Humphreys

Laura believes it is important to be involved in the community, and believes the community is stronger when business and organizations work together for the common good. The entities she is involved with are too numerous to list. Please join us as we celebrate her tenure and her dedication to our South Bay Community.

Our 73rd Annual Fundraiser
Bubbles & Brews

An evening of dining, dancing, auctions, and more.

The Venue At Eastlake
871 Shawcross Place
Chula Vista, Ca 91914

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023

Cocktail Attire
6PM-10PM

6PM Cocktails, 7PM Dinner, and then Dancing.



Las Primeras
Bubbles & Brews
The 73rd Annual Fundraising Gala

Las Primeras
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2023-2024

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Las Primeras

Laura Humphreys to be honored





Rise Against Hunger