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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)

**DARK  
NO CLUB MEETING  
May 6, 2022**



There will NOT be a meeting this Friday. We will be DARK in anticipation of our FIESTA FUN-RAISER on Saturday.

See you there!

Several of you requested contact information for our guest speaker a few weeks ago from San Diego Community Power.

Here is the email for Sebastian Sarria:

[SSarria@sdcommunitypower.org](mailto:SSarria@sdcommunitypower.org)



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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—APRIL 29, 2022

President Neisha Hernandez called the meeting to order. Donna Moss provided the invocation. President Neisha recognized Ben Koala as the Rotarian of the Week. Both he and Madame President (and others!) are fresh off an entire day of hard work, building the home for the family in Tijuana. Great job Ben (and everyone)!

Our Club's Polio Pig had \$439.61—great job everyone! We will send our contributions in to get the double match. It was passed around one more time to further increase the total.

Gary Bryant encouraged members to join in on Rotary at Work Day on Saturday, April 30th, 9:00 at the Living Coast Discovery Center.

Reminder! Our Club is DARK next week—no meeting. See you at the FIESTA FUN-Raiser!

Reminder about the matching points which turns your \$\$\$ into a Paul Harris donation. Our goal is to get all members signed up as Paul Harris—it would be a tremendous milestone.

Maria Kachadoorian provided a very informative update on the City of Chula Vista as part of her sponsorship of the news. Some of the highlights included a new city website featuring a video, Chula Vista Community Shuttle on the west side, Bridge Shelter coming soon to south Chula Vista to house some previously homeless people, Sesame Place (previously Aquatica) is now open, Loma Verde Recreation Center is being rebuilt; it is the most highly used of city facilities. Finally, Maria shared that final negotiations are underway regarding the Bayfront Project.

Did you know Chula Vista has 65 parks throughout the city? And more than 92 miles of trails? Now we do! Thanks Maria!

Gary Bryant introduced longtime friend of our Club, Chuck Day, CEO of the Ronald McDonald's Charities of San Diego. It turns out Chuck received one of the coveted electric Smith Corona typewriters from our Club back in 1975, when he was ASB President at Hilltop High. He also received \$250.

Chuck provided an update on their current activities and plans for expansion. He thanked us for all we have done over the years—annual Christmas dinner for families with holiday concert, provided bikes, Red Shoe Day etc.—and thanked us for what we will help them do in the future. Thank you Chuck!

### UPDATE ON JIM ALGERT

**Jim is eating/drinking very little.**

**He remains under hospice care—his second week.**

**Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.**



## JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON



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Good afternoon, Rotarians and guests. Welcome to the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's news sponsored by Maria Kachadoorian and the City of Chula Vista.

The world's most expensive lunch will go on sale again this spring when investor Warren Buffett auctions off a private meal to raise money for a California homeless charity one last time. The auction has been on hiatus for the past two years because of the pandemic. Buffett, the world-renowned CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, has held the lunch auction once a year for 20 years to raise money for the Glide Foundation, a favorite charity of his late wife that helps poor and homeless people in San Francisco.

Every winning bid since 2008 has topped \$1 million; Buffett has raised nearly \$34.5 million for the charity over the years. The weeklong eBay auction will begin June 12 with an opening bid of \$25,000 and continue through June 17. The winner will get to invite up to seven people to lunch with Buffett at the Smith & Wollensky steakhouse in New York City. The only topic that's off limits at lunch is what Buffett might buy next.

An all-electric FedEx delivery van broke a Guinness World Record when it made the drive from New York City to Washington, D.C., on a single charge. Brightdrop, a subsidiary of General Motors, announced that the van completed the 258.85-mile trip without recharging, earning the world record for greatest distance traveled by an electric van on a single charge. The journey was timed to coincide with Earth Day. The company says, "Having a long battery range with reliable power is an essential part of electrifying last-mile delivery fleets everywhere."

We all know it's hard right now to hire people for every job where they are needed. One out-of-the-way employment opportunity must work extra hard to fill its seasonal position. A post office in Antarctica, the world's southernmost, announced this week that it is hiring. Job duties include selling stamps, hand cancelling mail, and counting penguins.

The post office at Port Lockroy is an expedition cruise and research destination on Goudier Island, just off the west side of the Antarctic peninsula. The historic site receives about 18,000 visitors each season.

A British Antarctic territory, Port Lockroy was established in 1944 as a British research station. Now, it is managed by the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust, which operates a museum and gift shop along with the official post office outlet. The Heritage Trust team also monitors the impact of people on the Antarctic environment, which includes counting the number of penguins, penguin chicks, and penguin eggs on the island. If you were to accept the job, you wouldn't leave Rotary behind, since Antarctica is home to not one but two Rotary clubs.

Our own Maria Kachadoorian is not only a proud Rotarian but also Chula Vista's City Manager, appointed in June 2020. She is the first woman and first Latina to serve in this position. Maria is a long-time resident of South County and lives in Chula Vista. She has a BS degree in Accounting and MPA from SDSU. She is also a Certified Public Accountant and has been recognized by the San Diego Business Journal as CFO of the year. In addition to her many heavy responsibilities, she has often served as a key member of our fundraising committee and has volunteered for our annual Tijuana home build. Thank you, Maria. This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's news brought to you by Maria Kachadoorian and the City of Chula Vista.





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Top left: Ben Koala was honored as Rotarian of the Week.  
Top right: Guest of Ken Weimer, Darrel Johnston, was the first drawing winner.  
Above left: Eric Rimmle with News at Noon Sponsor Maria Kachadoorian.  
Above right: David Hoffman takes home the chocolate bar and Amazon gift card.





## ROTARY AT WORK DAY



A small but mighty crew tackled the trail at the Living Coast Discovery Center on the Chula Vista Bayfront. Troy and Jean Ray, Reed and Beta Dinsmore, Gary Bryant and guest, Dave Pigden, did a great job!

Thanks to Cheryl Shields and Chik Fil-A for providing lunch.





**HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR ROTARIANS!**



**Zaneta Encarnacion - May 9**

**Carmen Richardson - May 10**

**Mauricio Lutteroth - May 13**

**Neisha Hernandez - May 19**

**Bud Wilson - May 22**

**Lane Pearson - May 22**

**Laura Humphreys - May 23**

**Kathi Mits - May 30**

**Jon Miller - May 31**

**GOOD-BYE POLIO  
THANKS ROTARY**





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**RED SHOE DAY**

**THURSDAY  
JUNE 2, 2022**

**Red Shoe Day is BACK IN PERSON!**

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

<b>Governor's Dinner</b> Del Mar Hilton	<b>SAVE THE DATE ~</b> Registration opens 4/20/22	June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 5:00pm-8:00pm
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## FIESTA FUN-RAISER!



**Please join us for a FIESTA FUN-RAISER  
Saturday, May 7, 4:00 p.m.**

At the Home of Mary and Robert Johnson  
Check your email for event information  
Capacity is limited

**TAQUERO—MUSIC—FUN !**

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**MARGARITAS**

**GUACAMOLE**

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Address provided with your RSVP

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