

Chulatarian



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Friday, May 7, 2021—Noon

MARK BARTLETT
Urban Street Angels



Urban Street Angel's mission is to end youth homelessness by providing supportive housing and job training opportunities to cultivate personal responsibility.

Urban Street Angels is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2012 to help tackle youth homelessness in the San Diego, California area. We began as a small group of volunteers hitting the streets of San Diego several times a month with backpacks of supplies and home-cooked meals. We quickly discovered that San Diego has many organizations and resources dedicated to feeding and supplying the homeless, but very few geared to young adults. Particularly, a key service was missing: supportive housing and job training programs for transition-aged youth ("TAY", 18 – 25 years old) to help them off the streets with a hand up.



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS— April 16, 2021

President Zaneta Encarnacion called the meeting to order. Donna Moss gave the invocation. The breakout group discussion was: the weather has been beautiful. If you had to pick only one, what would your favorite thing to do outdoors be? Some of the responses were: garden, swim and go for a walk.

Gary Bryant mentioned the recent passing of community hero, Emerald Randolph, a human dynamo even at 94 years of age, spearheaded a multitude of community projects including Christmas in October. We are grateful for her work, spirit and many contributions to our community. She will be missed!

Lane Pearson encouraged members to contribute to the Rotary Foundation. Due to the generosity of our members, we have an abundance of points to match your contribution to RF. For example, if you donate \$500 at one time or over a period of time, our club will match your dollar contribution with points of \$500 to equal the amount for a Paul Harris Fellow. Excellent opportunity!

Lisa Johnson said there is a need for volunteers at the Sharps super vaccination site at the old Sears in CV. Let President Z know if you can help, and we will try to schedule a big Chula Vista Rotary day.

Betty Waznis gave the News at Noon, sponsored by Betty! Betty will donate \$100 to PolioPlus on Jan Mellinger's behalf.

INVOCATION - Given by Donna Moss

Creator and sustainer of all that is or will ever be, accept our thanks for this day and all its blessings.

We ask that you guide and direct our club, its leaders and our actions.

Grant that each of us may feel our responsibility to Rotary, to our community, to our country, and indeed to all countries and peoples.

Bless our fellowship today, in your service.

Amen

**GOOD-BYE POLIO
THANKS ROTARY**





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All those who
logged-on!

With Betty Waznis

Good afternoon Rotarians and guests. Today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon is sponsored by yours truly, Betty Waznis and the Chula Vista Public Library.

Congratulations to two members of our Chula Vista Rotary family who are being celebrated in the news this week. Chula Vista Rotarian Dr. Francisco Escobedo announced his retirement as superintendent of Chula Vista Elementary School District effective August 31 to become the executive director of the National Center for Urban School Transformation, a center at San Diego State University that focuses on improving urban education.

He has been an educator for 30 years and is one of the longest-serving leaders to remain with the same district in our county. Under his leadership, Chula Vista Elementary has been one of the county's few higher performing districts that is racially, ethnically, and economically diverse.

Opening events were held Wednesday for two eagerly awaited South Bay park projects: the new Tijuana River Valley Regional Park Campground and the Otay Valley Regional Park's Bike Park, named for former County Supervisor and honorary Chula Vista Rotarian Greg Cox.

The \$14.3 million, 79-acre Tijuana River Valley Regional Park Campground located across from 1942 Monument Road, offers scenic views of the valley, access to more than 20 miles of trails and 51 campsites that can accommodate trailers, tents and equestrian campers. It also features 10 yurts, a first in county parks. These are modern versions of ancient, round, tent-like, covered camping spaces, with doors, windows, bed frames and space for four to 10 people. The campground also has an amphitheater, a nature education center, a playground, restrooms, and showers. Reservations for the regular sites and yurts will be available starting this weekend.

The 3.2-acre, \$1 million Greg Cox Bike Park located just beyond 253 Rancho Drive features beginner and intermediate bike trails, a jump line and California's largest modular pump track — a bicycle course of rollers, banked turns and other features that let bikers ride without pedaling.

Your Chula Vista public Library continues to provide a lot of services and activities through this pandemic era. Library Takeout lets you pick up requested books curbside. Passport services are going strong at the Otay Ranch Mall. Online story times have racked up more than 40,000 views. Local history buffs might want to check out the library's collection of more than 1000 historic photographs of Chula Vista, available online. See your next Chulatarian for a link to a handy YouTube guide to finding and using them. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6HKeVy3RBUM>

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Betty Waznis and the Chula Vista Public Library.



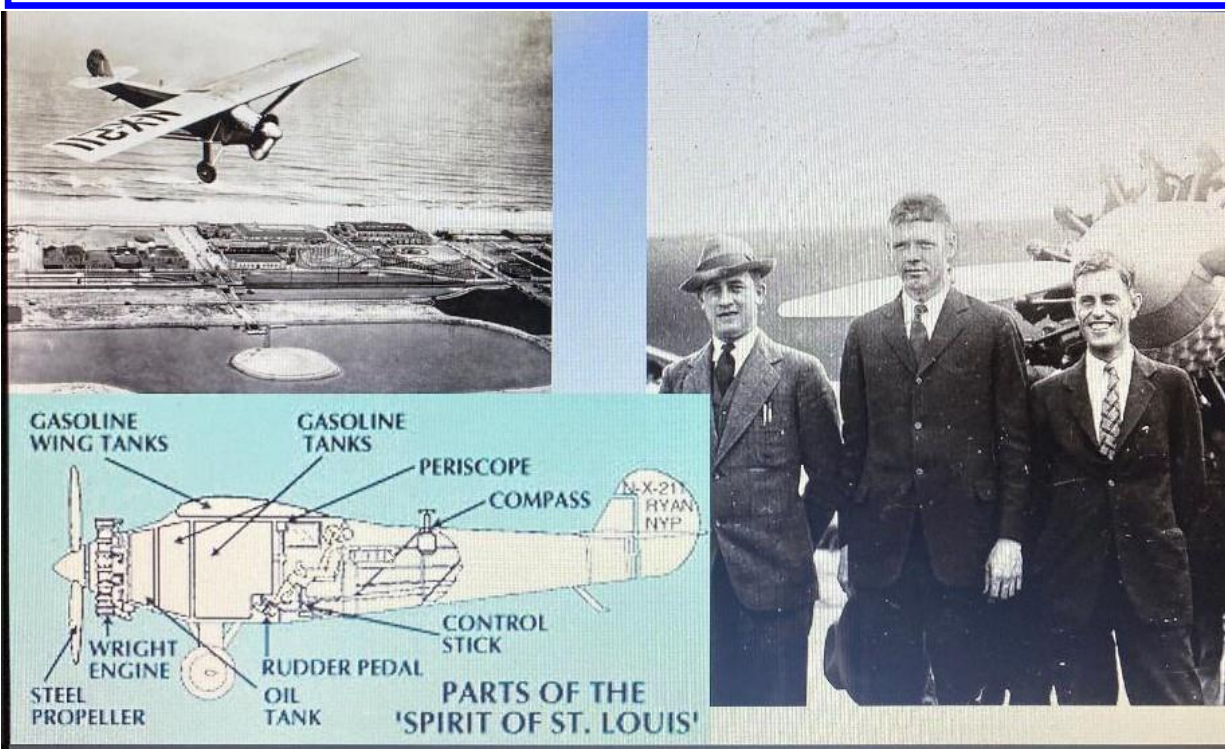


MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—April 30, 2021

Past President Bob Silvas gave a very interesting presentation about the history of aviation in our region. We learned so much!

Did you know the Spirit of St. Louis I made famous by Charles Lindbergh hangs in the Smithsonian? That the Spirit of St. Louis II replica was lost in the big fire at the Air and Space Museum in the late 70's? That the Spirit III that hangs in Terminal 2 has no engine?

We will likely need another one or two presentations to get more fun facts and historical information. Thanks Bob—well done!





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**2021 DISTRICT
CONFERENCE**

Rotary at the Beach: Celebrate & Connect!
September 10-12, 2021

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

A large, multi-story resort building with a red-tiled roof and white walls, situated on a beach with palm trees and a clear blue sky.

Registration Now Open!

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THE DATE
12-16 JUNE

**2021 VIRTUAL
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FUN FOR TODAY

I hope this email finds you well" The email finding me:



I can't believe people are STILL struggling with basic Zoom etiquette.

Remember: - MUTE yourself when not speaking

USE "raise hand" to avoid interruption in groups

Make sure your CAT is in view

Don't forget to tell me your cat's NAME

Please tell your cat I LOVE them

