

# Chulatarian



## The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista

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**Friday, May 8 2020—12:00**  
**ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**  
**Giovanna Castro, Republic Services**



Republic Waste Services' history dates back to the early 1990s when it was formed to consolidate several waste collection companies. In the years following Republic experienced a great deal of growth through key mergers and business transformations as well as a series of name changes. The Company began trading as Republic Services, Inc. (NYSE: RSG) on July 1, 1998, and in 2008, Republic Services merged with Arizona-based Allied Waste Industries, bringing the national headquarters to Phoenix. Today, Republic Services is a Fortune 500 Company, operating across 41 states and Puerto Rico.

Republic works to bring customers dependable solutions for regional recycling and waste challenges. They are committed to on-time service and to bring positive changes to the environment in ways such as expanding recycling offerings, responsibly handling waste, and adding low-emissions vehicles to their fleet. Giovanna Castro will provide an update on how they are meeting the challenge of the current pandemic and will share how they are developing new and innovative ways to best serve customers and minimize environmental impact.



## Meeting Highlights of May 1, 2020

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

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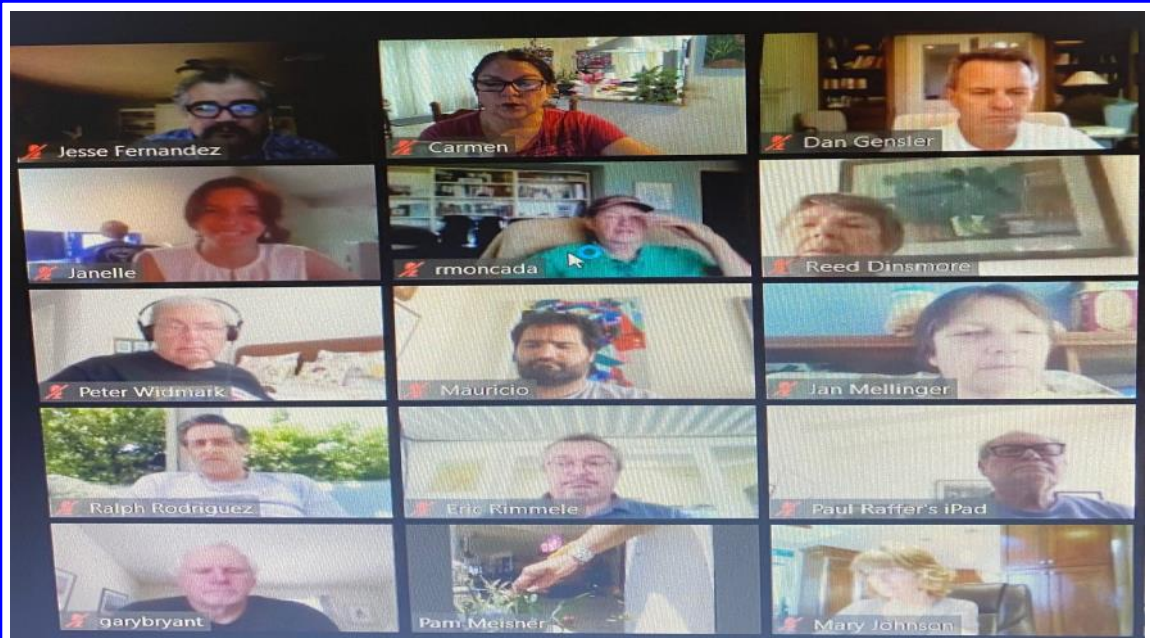
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to space  
constraints.**



President Bob Silvas called the meeting to order with a Trevor type bell.

We were joined by old friend Peter Widmark in Florida, District Governor Elect-Elect Dan Gensler (Coronado Club), Paul Raffer (Palm Springs), and first time Zoomer Ralph Rodriguez. Nice to see everyone—even on screen.

President Bob has apparently been watching too many cartoons while staying home. We were treated to not one but two! Rotarians with May birthdays were treated to Las Mañanitas (cartoon to the right) then our traditional happy birthday song.



### INVOCATION - by Bernard Hernandez

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for our Rotary family.

Even though we cannot be together physically, help us to have connection, fellowship, and friendship.

We ask you right now to heal all those who are sick.

We pray that you comfort all those who mourn.

For friends who have lost loved ones, give them peace.

We ask to help everyone who is struggling financially right now.

Help us to be wise stewards and continue to serve those who are in need.

We pray over our healthcare workers, first responders, essential workers and all those on the front lines.

We ask that you pray over our leaders, to give them guidance and wisdom to make the right decisions.

Even though the virus has so much of our focus and attention, even beyond that, you would get the attention of our hearts.

Please bring some good out of this difficult season.

Please protect and watch over our Rotary family!





## Meeting Highlights of May 1, 2020 (Continued)

### NEWS AT NOON - By BETTY WAZNIS

Good afternoon to you, Rotarians and guests, family and pets, and Instacart deliverers. Today's Jim Biddle News at Noon for May 1 pandemic edition.

Governor Newsom announced yesterday that California beaches already opened could stay open, all except for those in Orange County, due to the crowds that showed up there last weekend. He congratulated San Diego County on its coastal cities working out a coordinated approach to ensure physical distance and safe behavior.

Of course, we're not on the beach here in Chula Vista, we're on San Diego Bay. This is what the Port of San Diego guidelines say for bay recreation: It's a yes for walking, running, and cycling on walkways, sidewalks and promenades. Swimming, kayaking, paddle boarding and, running along beaches are okay. Kayaks and paddleboards may launch from beaches.

You may see this as a triumph, a comedy or a tragedy, but one trend during the Covid shut-down is a rise in home haircuts. Hair clipper sales have increased by 186% over this same time period last year. And "How to cut hair" videos have been viewed millions of times on YouTube. One result is the popular hashtag trending on the internet --#Badpandemic haircuts.

We don't get much of a chance to see live sports these days. No doubt that is why the NFL draft, taking place entirely via teleconferencing over three days last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, drew a record 15.9 million viewers across four networks, a 37% increase over last year. Fears about technical issues had been high leading up to the draft, but there were no discernible glitches or delays in the draft process, which involved the use of 600 camera feeds. And the NFL raised more than \$100 million for COVID-19 relief.

Some of our members are combatting cabin fever with scenic drives. If you head out H Street to Proctor Valley Road and keep going into the county, you'll find Jamul Casino. While the casino is closed, Jamul at Home offers packaged meal kits created for the home cook by the casino chefs. Each kit includes restaurant quality ingredients for a meal for two to four people — plus a simple recipe to put it all together - AND Breakfast for the next day. Order online at [jamulcasinosd.com](http://jamulcasinosd.com) and then schedule a time to pick up your meal box, cost is \$40. For every meal box ordered, a meal will be donated to the Feeding San Diego emergency food bank. Cloudy skies should clear up today and will stay clear this weekend, perfect for that long scenic drive to Jamul or wherever the road may take you. This concludes today's Jim Biddle News at Noon, pandemic edition. (An edited edition).

Lane Pearson reminded members about the Rotary International Foundation's excellent reputation as a well managed and effective organization, with \$.92 of every dollar going to fund projects around the world.

Announcement: Virtual Cooking & Wine Tasting event next Wednesday, May 6. Our very own gourmand Eric Rimmele will share how to make a simple and tasty Italian dish. Lane Pearson has suggested budget friendly wines to accompany the meal or join in with whatever you have at home. It will be held Wednesday, May 6, 6:30 p.m.

Dan Gensler, District Governor to be for Rotary Year 2021-2022 said hello and mentioned how much he has enjoyed our club meeting. (Our Hello song is always so memorable for guests).

President Dan welcomed Janelle Wallace and Pam Meisner (AKA Ms. Smarty Plants) of The Water Conservation Garden, a six-acre facility near Cuyamaca College. They shared a video about The Garden and the workshops and educational programs they offer.

The Water Conservation Garden is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located in El Cajon on the campus of Cuyamaca College. The Helix and Otay Water Districts conceived the idea of The Water Conservation Garden as a response to the drought in the early 1990's. The water districts joined with Cuyamaca College to create a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) that resulted in the creation of The Water Conservation Garden. Other organizations (Sweetwater, San Diego County, and City of San Diego) joined the JPA in subsequent years. In January 2011, the governance of The Garden was shifted from the JPA to an independent non-profit Board of Directors. Nationally known for leadership in water conservation, The Garden has won recognition from the American Public Gardens Association as one of the eight top gardens in the United States for its community education programs.

They have invited our club for a visit and tour when they re-open later this year. Their website is: [thegarden.org](http://thegarden.org)





***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**

**Sonny Rai - May 29**

**Kathi Mits - May 30**

**Jon Miller - May 31**

**GOOD-BYE POLIO  
THANKS ROTARY**





## ROTARIANS AT WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

On Monday, May 4, Chris Lewis, Troy Ray, Duane Buckingham and Gary Bryant picked up 2,860 lbs. of food at the San Diego Food Bank and delivered it to St. Mark's Lutheran Church for Project Hand administered by Lutheran Social Services. This is our second hands-on activity picking up and delivering the food to the church. There will be more opportunities going forward and will make the volunteer opportunities available to all club members. In talking with the folks there yesterday, they are distributing food three days this week, with Friday being a heavy day.



Clockwise from top left: Chris Lewis with his truck loaded and ready to leave the Food Bank. Duane Buckingham lends a hand to Chris. Gary Bryant supervising the forklift. Gary, Troy Ray and Chris ready to load more food.





### TRIVIA NIGHT UPDATE\*

May 5, 2020

**Dear Trivia Night Team Captains,**

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Directors of the Chula Vista Sunrise Rotary Club has sadly decided to cancel our Trivia Night event that had been re-scheduled for June 19th. We feel we have no choice with the restrictions to large gatherings and we definitely want our participants to feel safe while attending this annual fun event.

Trivia Night is our major fundraiser of the year and many organizations depend on our financial support. We have already given \$2500 to the Chula Vista Community Collaborative that we support each year at Trivia Night, as they depend on our contribution to assist local families in need. We will have to re-evaluate what other organizations we can support without the income from the event.

Because so many groups depend on us, we ask teams to consider the following:

\*\*\* Donate your team registration of \$240 to the Chula Vista Sunrise Rotary Club Community Benefit Foundation so that we can assist the many organizations that we support locally.

\*\*\* If you decide that you cannot do this at this time, we will refund any portion of the table's registration to the captains for you to disperse to your teammates. (\$30 per player). Please let us know by June 1.

\*\*\*\* Consider making an additional tax-deductible donation to our Community Benefit Fund so we can support groups such as Community Through Hope (assisting unsheltered individuals) Mary's Guest House (serving survivors of human trafficking), Youth Alliance Coalition (helping homeless youth), Chula Vista Welfare Council (serving families in Chula Vista), the San Diego Food Bank and more! We guarantee that 100% of funds raised will go to local charities!

\*\*\* We have many silent auction baskets waiting to find good homes. Information will be coming soon about our online auction. Our goal is to raise over \$7,000.

Please reply to this email and let us know how you would like us to move forward! If we do not hear back from you by June 1, we will assume that you would like to donate your table registration.

Captains, please share this information with your team! We hope to be back next spring with another evening of obscure facts! Thank you all for your understanding and continued support!

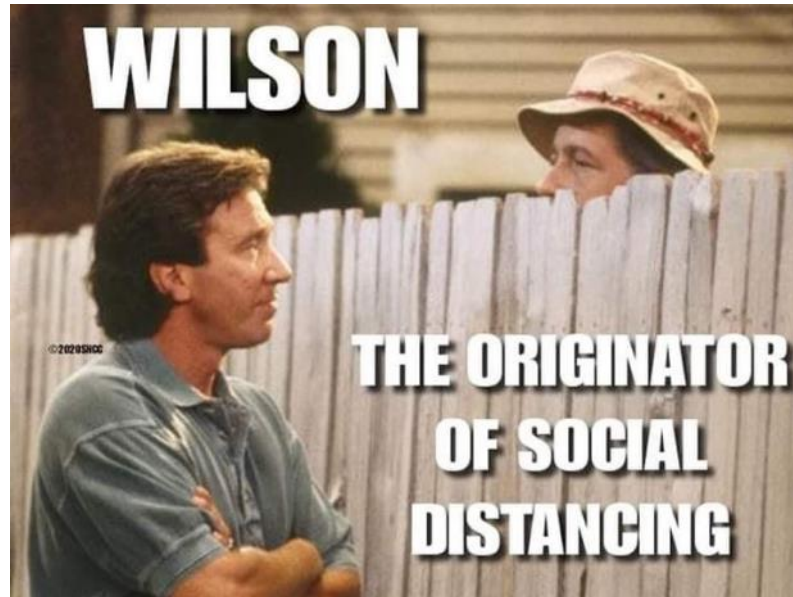
**Chula Vista Sunrise Rotary**

*\*We included this letter from the Chula Vista Sunrise Club because many of our members participate and support this*



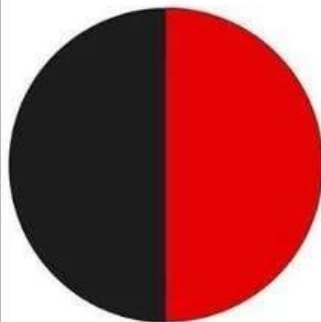


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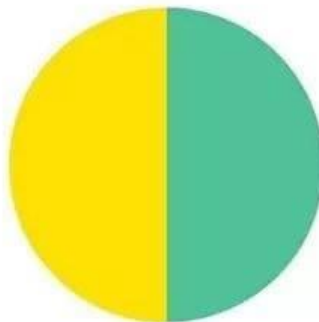
### THE APOCALYPSE

**WHAT I EXPECTED**



● ANARCHY  
● ZOMBIES

**WHAT I GET**



● HOME OFFICE  
● NO TOILET PAPER

**Me after I eat all of  
my quarantine  
snacks in one night**

