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DAN DREDLA
Sharp Hospital
Friday, November 12, 2021—Noon



Dan joined Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center in 2001. As Vice President of Clinical Services, he is the hospital's senior executive for procedural, ancillary and support services. None of us knows what that truly means, but he promises to enlighten us as he presents this Friday's program with a craft talk. He'll also touch on how he got into health care 33 years ago, why your hospital bill is misleading, a brief history and future of Sharp, and surviving a pandemic up close.

Without giving too much away, Dan's hospital career started in his hometown of Riverside after earning a degree in public relations from Cal State Fullerton. Over the years, his career went south – literally rather than figuratively – as he worked his way through hospital marketing jobs to broader operational roles in Murrieta and San Diego. He'd like to point out he was never a financial bean counter, but more of an organization and systems guy. Nonetheless, Dan apparently doesn't look like an administrator, as visitors to the hospital frequently address him as "doctor." Fortunately, he hasn't had to remove anyone's appendix, although he's willing to try.

Away from work, Dan loves to spend time at quirky coffee shops around the county or in Europe with a good book and his wife, Lori.



Meeting Highlights— November 5, 2021

President-elect Donna Moss called the meeting to order. David Hoffman gave the invocation and led the pledge. Guests and visiting Rotarians were introduced and welcomed with our famous welcome song.

Members with November birthdays were celebrated. Carmen Sandoval was without bling as the Rotarian of the Week.

Gary Bryant announced that we will welcome the Southwestern College choir on December 17 as our Holiday Celebration. He also asked us to save the date of January 29 to help sort food at the Food Bank (Feeding San Diego).

Michael Monaco provided background on the origins of the Above & Beyond award. He called up Dan Dredla who introduced Sharp Chula Vista Chief Nursing Officer, Dr Gaby Malagon Maldonado.

Dr. Maldonado described in great detail the many ways honoree, **Nicole Athans**, went above and beyond in her day to day work during the pandemic—truly impressive! One example was helping to facilitate communications between patients and their worried family members. She is someone who is making a big difference for patients at Sharp. Congratulations to Nicole!

Chula Vista Fire Chief Harry Muns provided a comprehensive update on the newly restructured Ambulance Transportation System (ATS) which recently reached the six-month mark. The new in-house operation has shown significant improvement over the previous contractor in call volume, response time and is now able to leverage federal reimbursement funding.

GOOD-BYE POLIO
THANKS ROTARY



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<https://neishas.zoom.us/j/95585492823?pwd=cTFkeXB2Sm42OXpIM0dvU0gxWDBQdz09>

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JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON

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With Betty Waznis

Good afternoon Rotarians and guests. Welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Chuck Bevan and the Sweetwater Valley Line.

Bob Melvin has been hired as manager of the San Diego Padres. Currently with the Oakland A's, he's a three-time manager of the year, seven times in the playoffs, 2,618 big-league games across 18 seasons in both leagues, plus earning a World Series ring as bench coach of the 2001 Diamondbacks. He's agreed to a three-year contract that will pay about \$12 million. In his first news conference, Melvin said he was persuaded by the outstanding roster, plus the enthusiasm he witnessed from Padres players and fans when the A's were at Petco Park in late July.

Chula Vista is proposing to put up prefab pallet units on a vacant lot at 205 27th St., near the intersection of Broadway and Faivre Street, to establish South County's first homeless shelter. The city estimates that more than 700 people in Chula Vista are currently unsheltered. The proposed development includes a total of 75 beds in 66 units, known as pallet houses. The structures include windows and a locking door, shelving, power outlets and an interchangeable bed and desk. Not quite tiny homes, since there is no plumbing, kitchen or in-unit bathroom.

The site would also have two multipurpose structures, showers, laundry, and trash services, as well as offering at least two meals a day, according to the city's RFP for site operator. The selected operator will be required to maintain the site and provide 24-hour security and site control. The pallet houses, a product of the Pallet Shelter company, are prefabricated units priced below \$10,000 and can be put up in 45 minutes. California currently has more than 2,200 beds in 16 shelter villages using the company's products.

Third Avenue has another exciting new eatery. Last week, Jose Barajas, a South County baker featured on popular national TV cooking shows, opened his own bakery and café. Mmm ...Cakes officially opened Saturday at 310 Third Avenue at F Street. Barajas has competed in several TLC and Food Network shows, including "The Next Great Baker" and "Gingerbread Showdown." The new shop features his specialty cakes and offers a breakfast menu.

Most people know Chuck as the Chief Presiding Officer of the partially defunct World Famous Sweetwater Valley Lines. But he is also known as the Mustang Man, not the Ranch, but the car! Purchased new in March 1968 this is the car that carried him through college and work until 1974. You can see the proud Montebello High School grad with the car, and the sad shape of the Mustang in 1976.

Family and career obligations left the Mustang derelict and barely running. In the late 80s, the process of restoration began, with Chuck doing most of the work. The car was repainted in its original Ford Color, Sauterne Gold, and a new top was added and some minor work done on the interior. It has now been 30 years since that restoration and another one is due. Chuck has established a Go Fund Me page if you are so motivated to help. A donation will entitle you to a ride, but you can't drive it.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Chuck Bevan.





MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—NOVEMBER 5, 2021



Dan Dredla with Above & Beyond honoree Nicole Athans and Dr. Gabriela Malagon Maldonado.



Above: Fire Chief Harry Muns visits our Club.
Above right: Brad Wilson attends again (!) within two weeks—to CLAIM his grand prize—the wine fridge with all the spirits included. Congrats Brad!



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Chuck Bevan was still deciding whether to smile or not as Eric Rimmele claimed his drawing prize.



There is it! Very nice smile as Chuck presents Duane Buckingham and Diane Flint Wages their gifts cards.





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THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

Coworker: are you ok? You look tired.

Me:

