Chulatarian





ROTARY CLUB
OF CHULA VISTA

OFFICERS 2022-2023

Mark Scott President

mscott@encorerealtysd.com

President-Elect Mora Keller de Murguia Secretary

mdemurquia@baldwinsons.com

Jesse Fernandez Executive Treasurer fernfam@pacbell.net

Neisha Hernandez Past President

neishahernandez@gmail.com

Jerry May Executive Secretary jerrymay121@outlook.com

<u>Directors</u>:
Albert Aguilera
Risa Baron
Lisa Johnson
Mary Johnson
Leon Redondo
Rasha Roshdy

www.chulavistarotary.org



The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista

Chartered February 16, 1926 - Club Number 908 - District 5340— Meets Twice a Month, noon, 4475 Bonita Road, Bonita (CV Golf Course)

LEXI RUEFF YOUTH4CLIMATE Friday, November 18, 2022, Noon



Lexi Rueff (she/her) leads a Climate Justice Community Engagement Program for youth in Chula Vista. Through this program, Lexi works to raise awareness, train and empower youth, build gardening and composting infrastructure, and create civic engagement coalitions, focusing on Hilltop High, Palomar High, and Chula Vista Middle.

Lexi graduated from Indiana University in 2017, where she majored in Spanish and Comparative Literature. She's currently in a Sustainability Leadership masters program at Claremont Lincoln University. Lexi is passionate about the ocean and plastic pollution and is proud to be part of the youth-led climate movement!

CLUB CALENDAR

November 25— Roundtable—Happy Thanksgiving!

December 2—Wayne Raffesberger, Author & Polio Survivor, Noon Sat December 3—Veterans' Home Decorating—Time TBD December 9, Project Hand Food Distribution @ St. Mark's, 8 am

Wed. December 14—Ronald McDonald House SAVE THE DATE: December 16—Holiday Program—SWC Music December 23 & December 30—DARK—No Meetings



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS— November 4, 2022

President Elect Elect Jesse Fernandez called the meeting to order. Following the invocation and patriotic song in honor of Veteran's Day, Foundation Chair Lane Pearson presented Ken Weimer with the very prestigious Major Donor Paul Harris award. Congratulations and thank you Ken!

Community Programs Chair Gary Bryant gave an update on the various projects under way including the 126 hygiene kits our Club is providing to students at Southwestern College. Members send personal notes of encouragement that were attached to the kits. A representative from SWC was in attendance to accept them. Members also donated clothing for their Jaguar Clothes Closet. Our Ronald McDonald House service event is tentative as they determine how to best move forward in this post-pandemic transition period.

Christmas in October did not happen but we are hopeful it will be scheduled in 2023. Emerald Randolph's passing last year left a big leadership void that is being addressed. Food distributions continue at St. Mark's. We are working with the Altrusa Club and CVESD to provide grocery gift cards to support families for Thanksgiving. There is a possibility we may return to the Salvation Army's bell ringing program on a limited basis. More info to follow.

Jesse Fernandez shared that our Club raised nearly \$13000 through the Golf Tournament. Thanks so much to everyone who donated, played, sponsored and volunteered!

Although not able to attend, President Mark Scott asked for members to comment on a return to weekly meetings. Most members present were strongly in favor of weekly meetings. Some want the change to happen in December.

Gary Bryant was the sponsor of the News at Noon. Lucky winners were: Eric Rimmele, Troy Ray and Ken Weimer.

Chief Mike Simms gave an interesting presentation about the Bonita Sunnyside Fire Dept.







Page 3 Chula Vista Rotary Chulatarian



JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON



Hello, fellow Rotarians. Welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Gary Bryant and the Community Projects Committee.

Struggling to dampen inflation, the Federal Reserve announced a widely expected fourth consecutive "jumbo" 0.75 percentage point rate hike on Wednesday. The year-over-year inflation rate has remained stubbornly high, only slowing from a June peak of 9.1% to 8.2% as of September. That's well above the central bank's preferred inflation rate of 2%. With today's rate increase, the benchmark federal funds rate is a range of 3.75% to 4%. Rates are expected to peak at 4.5% to 4.75% in 2023.

Discovery Park in the Rancho del Rey Community, where a Christopher Columbus statue stood for 30 years, will be renamed Kumeyaay Park of Chula Vista. Chula Vista council members unanimously approved the renaming on Tuesday, a designation they said recognizes the Kumeyaay people, who are native to the region with 13 reservations. The City Council also agreed that the statue, which has been in storage for two years after repeatedly being targeted by vandals, will be returned to the artist's heirs or to the McMillin Company, who commissioned the sculpture. The city has yet to decide what, if anything, will take its place.

Trent Grisham was the Padres' choice to start every game in center field during the postseason. His defense during the season earned him his second career Gold Glove Award on Tuesday as the National League's top center fielder. He also won in the COVID-shortened 2020 season.

Fleet Week San Diego starts today and runs through November 13. The 10-day event is in its 21st year hosted by the Port of San Diego at Broadway Pier downtown. You can enjoy a wide variety of events designed to celebrate the contributions of the Navy, Marines and Coast Guard to our community. The Navy littoral combat ship Montgomery and Coast Guard cutter Forrest Rednour will be open for public tours starting today through Sunday. The Innovation Zone showcase some of the latest high-tech equipment used in both military and civilian applications, and is an exciting attraction for all ages, with thousands of student visitors during the week. A Veterans Day boat parade is set for November 11. The parade route starts at Shelter Island. goes past the Embarcadero before crossing the bay to Coronado. Skydivers and vintage aircraft flyovers will accompany the parade. Also part of the festivities is a Veterans Art exhibit at the Martha Pace Swift Galley in Liberty Station.

Our sponsor Gary Bryant started community service as a boy in the Talmadge area of San Diego. He grew up in service organizations like the Masons and the Boy Scouts, and just kept going. We know that he enjoys hunting, fishing, and shooting sports. Somehow, he finds time to lead, support and volunteer for multiple community and charitable organizations. Here's a short list: Chula Vista Charitable Foundation, YMCA Board, Ronald McDonald House, Christmas in October, Chamber of Commerce, and many more. Many people sign up: a lot fewer show up. Thank you, Gary, for always showing up and for everything you do for our club and our community.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Gary Bryant and the Community Projects Committee.



Page 4 Chula Vista Rotary Chulatarian







L: Lane Pearson had fun presenting Ken Weimer with his Paul Harris Major Donor award.
R: Trina Eros with Southwestern College was on hand to accept the hygiene kits and clothing donated by our Club.









This week's luck drawing winners with news sponsor Gary Bryant: L-R: Eric Rimmele, Troy Ray and Ken Weimer. Congratulations!





MEAL DRIVE

Last Call for Grocery Gift Card Donations!

The Chula Vista Elementary School District has identified 600 families in the district who are either living in their cars or in hotels. The district would like help in feeding 30 to 50 of these families. The Altrusa Club reached out to our Club to see if we could partner with them on this project for the CVESD.

Our Club is supporting the Altrusa Club and CVESD in this effort.

Please donate \$25 towards the purchase of a grocery gift card AND our Club will match it! (Up to \$500). Contact Gary or Jesse about your donation. Thank you!

BOARD UPDATES

July

Approved the following signatories on the Club and recommended the following for the Foundation bank accounts:

Approved the Board Goals as presented by Mark Scott and already given to RI. Among them are: Membership growth to 73, Service participation of 40 and Leadership Development of 3.

The RI and Club insurance policies were explained. There is no need to "authorize" an event for insurance purposes.

August

Approved the updated Club Policies document which is posted to the Club website.

The board supports the initiative to reach out to other Service Clubs to partner for Service Projects in the community.

September

Approved a joint fundraiser with the evening and morning clubs of a Trivia Night. Jesse Fernandez will be our contact. Proceeds will be distributed equally among the three Clubs.

Future: Job Descriptions, Legacy Fund





TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2022







