

# Chulatarian



The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista  
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Meets Fridays at noon, 4475 Bonita Road, Bonita (CV Golf Course)

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**RISA BARON**  
Republic Services  
Friday, November 19, 2021—Noon



**Risa Baron** is an award-winning professional with more than 25 years of experience and success in public affairs, community relations and communications with a focus on solid waste, energy, water, and the transportation industry.

She joined the Republic Services team in March 2021 as Municipal Manager, working closely with the City of San Diego and cities throughout San Diego County to provide waste and recycling services. Risa's current priority is to implement a food waste recycling program in the region to align with new regulations from SB 1383.

Her prior experience includes work at the San Diego County Water Authority, SDG&E and Caltrans connecting with local municipalities, state and federal government agencies, school districts, non-profits, and the business community on environmental programs and outreach.

Baron holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and Public Administration from San Diego State University. She is past President of I Love a Clean San Diego and President-Elect of SDSU Alumni Association.



## Meeting Highlights— November 12, 2021

President Neisha Hernandez called the meeting to order. Chris Lewis gave the invocation. Jesse Fernandez provided additional information about the successful golf tournament and held a second chance drawing for those who have purchased Super Drawing tickets. Risa Baron won the botox graciously donated by our own Dr. Peter Rullan. Donna Moss won the family six-pack to the Living Coast Discovery Center and Bob Bliss won a foursome of golf at the CV Golf Course that he very kindly passed along to Eric Rimmele for a donation to the Chula Vista Rotary Foundation.

Finemaster Michael Monaco “recognized” Lori Mitchell for her beautiful mural art on the Oceanside Museum. Fun fact: President Neisha got her name indirectly because someone liked Dom DeLuise’s niece’s name Veneisha. (Get the details from Neisha). This came up during Lori’s fining.

Lisa Johnson announced that our Club will be collecting toys and gifts for teens for Promises to Kids. More information to follow. Start gathering your items. Gift cards to Target are always a good choice.

Betty Waznis gave us the News at Noon—great job as always Betty!

Gary Bryant asked those interested in helping at the Feeding San Diego Food Bank on January 29th (9-11 a.m.) to sign up online. There are 18 volunteer slots available.

Dan Dredla gave an insightful presentation and even injected some fun and levity in a very serious subject— his job at Sharp’s Chula Vista. He shared what he does all day—and now his wife Lori knows too! He included why he stays—great place, rewarding and more. And finally, told us how they survived the pandemic—surreal and traumatic.

It was a memorable presentation. So much so, that members stayed late as many asked questions and did not bolt for the door. It was capped with a standing ovation. Great job Dan!

**GOOD-BYE POLIO  
THANKS ROTARY** 

### ZOOM LINK

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

Meeting ID: 955 8549 2823

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## JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON

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All those who  
logged-on!

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 Albert Aguilera and ServPro of Chula Vista.

San Diego and Tijuana have won their joint bid to become a World Design Capital. The two cities were selected together as the 2024 winner, defeating the other finalist, Moscow.

The competition is sponsored by the Montreal-based World Design Organization. The award means a global spotlight with a year of events to promote our region, including festivals, celebrations, and an international conference highlighting our winning designs, architecture and civic planning, including the CrossBorder Express, the Rady Shell, Balboa Park, Chicano Park, and in Tijuana, Playas de Tijuana's Friendship Park, and the circular Tijuana Cultural Center.

Previous design capitals have been Seoul, Helsinki, Cape Town, Taipei and Mexico City. Our bid was unique in that a binational region applied and won.

An anonymous donor has purchased \$80,000 in toys that will be given to less-fortunate children through the US Marines Toys for Tots drive. From 6 to 8 a.m last Tuesday, these Marines followed the donor's personal assistant as he hand-selected about 3,000 toys from Geppetto's Toys in Carlsbad. The checkout receipt stretched 48 feet.

Here we see Sgt. Cole Crockett and other Marines load boxes of toys onto a 28- foot truck which was filled to the brim. The donor, a businessman who owns homes in San Diego and elsewhere, won't give his name but has agreed each year to make his gift public to encourage others to donate new, unwrapped toys to the campaign.

SDSU men's basketball won its season debut 66-53 against a surprisingly strong UC Riverside team on Tuesday. This is the Aztec's ninth straight win in a season opener, 16th straight against California opponents and 20th straight against the Big West. Matt Bradley, last spring's transfer from Cal and a 2 time All Pac-12 selection, was impressive in his SDSU debut, scoring 16 points in the first half and finishing with 23 on 8-of-13 shooting. The Aztec's next game is tonight at BYU.

Albert Aguilera didn't let the pandemic stop him from joining Chula Vista Rotary last year, so most of us met him for the first time on zoom. Now that we are meeting again, he has jumped right in and just finished up as co-chair of our successful golf fundraiser. Albert is Vice President of Finance for ServPro of Chula Vista.

The company does water and fire damage restoration, and has been serving the community since 2006. What started as a family business out of their garage has now turned into a small business with over 25 employees that serves all of San Diego. Albert and his older brother Martin are leading the company into the future and have a strong belief that in order to make their business grow, they have to serve the community.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Albert Aguilera and ServPro of Chula Vista.





## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—NOVEMBER 12, 2021

### INVOCATION BY CHRIS LEWIS:

As we open our meeting today, let us be mindful that we are entering a season of Thanksgiving; two words- Thanks and Giving. First let us give thanks for our rich blessings: for we are loved; we are employed, we are clothed, we are card for; we are well fed; we are, by worlds standards, quite wealthy and for these we give thanks. The second word is giving and as Rotarians, we are called to set ourselves aside and reach out to those not so fortunate.

We don't have to look far to see homelessness, poverty, illness, injustice, hunger, abuse, anger, hopelessness, addition, and the list goes on. each of us has a unique gift that can make a difference in this world. Let us then pray for guidance to discern how best to deploy our gifts and then act; the world depends on it.

Dear God, we invoke your blessing upon this wonderful group of men and women who are here to serve. Give us all the courage, strength, and motivation to serve beyond ourselves, bless our families; bless our meal and the people who prepare and serve us today.



Above: Risa Baron is speechless upon winning the Botox in the drawing.  
Above right: Bob Bliss wins again—only he does not play golf.



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Above left: Lori Mitchell in the house to support husband, Dan Dredla, gets fined for her wonderful art in Oceanside.  
Above right: Rotarian of the Week Gary Bryant! Some discussion about where the Rotary sign went in his yard in Lakeside.



Above left: Albert Aguilera presents Risa Baron with her SECOND win of the day. Albert had misplaced two of the gift cards and went back to the store to see if they were there.  
Middle: Luckily, Duane found them on the ground and as luck would have it— he won one of the gift cards! He donated it to Promises2Kids toy/gift card drive. Thanks Duane!  
Right: Our newest member, Kathleen Carroll, transferring from Club 33 to our Club, won the third gift card.



**NOVEMBER IS**





**ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH**

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

*"Clean water, the essence of life and a birthright for everyone, must become available to all people now"*  
Jean-Michel Cousteau

BECAUSE WE CARE  
MAKE A CONTRIBUTION, BE THE DIFFERENCE

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## THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

*Life is good.*

I woke up. I have clothes  
to wear. I have running  
water. I have food to eat.  
I am thankful.



Happy  
  
Thanksgiving

