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The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista
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Friday, November 20, 2020—Noon on Zoom



Sofia Salgado is the Executive Director for the Southwestern College Foundation whose mission is to develop and deliver resources for student needs through trusted stewardship of charitable giving and meaningful community partnerships.

She leads the Foundation's strategic planning, marketing, and operations efforts to promote student success through scholarships and leadership programs.

Please join us on Zoom this Friday and let's give Sofia a warm introduction to our fun Club!



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—NOVEMBER 13, 2020

President Zaneta Encarnacion called the meeting to order. She welcomed guest Gabriel Ruz. Jerry May gave the invocation.

The breakout rooms provided members an opportunity to chat about favorite places, restaurants, cafes or other locations in Chula Vista. Some members mentioned Donny's Coffee in Bonita (across from Glen Abbey). They have excellent coffee and avocado toast. Bill Padelford fondly remembered weekly meet ups with fellow South County educators at a restaurant in IB.

President Z reviewed recent Club contributions sent to the Burn Institute and shared a wonderful thank you video from a parent whose child is in the District Support Program run by the Y. There was another heartfelt thank you video from Southwestern College students who received lap top computers to assist in their studies. Our Club contributed \$1000 to a SWC donation drive where another donor matched up to \$10K.

The historic club gavel - stolen months ago from the President's home (is no where sacred?) - mysteriously re-appeared in Chris Lewis' office waste basket (via video).

Neisha Hernandez announced that she is coordinating the Chula Vista Rotary Holiday program which has been going strong for decades. She is seeking great ideas and volunteers. If you have a talent—singing, guitar, trumpet—let her know and you may be considered for the program. Please call her (619) 857-9163.

Duane Buckingham encouraged members to take the Rotary International 2020 member census. The RI Research department is looking at how the pandemic is impacting members and clubs. He also reminded everyone to be sure to read the most recent issue of the RI magazine.

Jesse Fernandez, Scholarship Committee Chair, provided a brief update and said we will be automating the application process next year by putting it online. They are looking for additional volunteers. Please contact Jesse if you are interested.

President Z said there would not be any news today as Betty Waznis had a fall and spent the day at the hospital. Please be sure to wish Betty well.

Even without the News at Noon today, there was a sponsor—Diane Flint Wages! In honor of Alex Trebec, she devised a Jeopardy style game. Jerry May was the winner of the Rotary fun facts game. He re-

ON THE MEND:

Please send your warm wishes to **Betty Waznis**, who is recovering from a big fall last week.

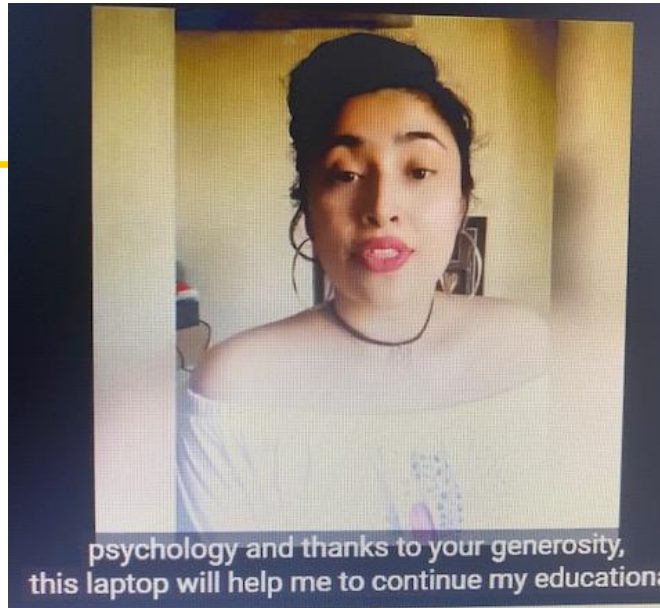
Ramon Moncada said good-bye to his gall bladder just a few days ago and is doing very well—even logging in to the International Projects Committee Zoom meeting Tuesday.

Hope you are both 100% very soon!





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Left: Y program parent and child saying thanks. Right: Southwestern College student expressing her appreciation for our donation which helped her receive a laptop. She was previously doing her work on her cell phone. Below: Chris Lewis upon finding the gavel in his office.





MORE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—November 13, 2020



Betty Mohlenbrock, Founder of Reading Legacies, has been a passionate advocate for the powerful impact reading can have on children and students' lives. A former 3rd grade teacher, and reading specialist, she learned very early how critical developing a love for reading was to overall academic success.

She believes the single best predictor in a child's success is if they have been read to regularly. Parents want what is best for their kids.

Reading Legacies has gone virtual to adapt to the pandemic and to be able to continue their vital work. They have multiple programs including one to help incarcerated people retain a connection with their kids. Another helps to bridge a generational gap where elders share memories and read to children. They are also setting up a Story Corner at their facility in Liberty Station (by appointment).

For more information about this wonderful organization - or to volunteer—please go to:
readinglegacies.org

**ROTARY
GRATEFULNESS
WEEK**

NOVEMBER 16-22, 2020

**Join the Rotary Districts of Zone 26/27 as
we say thank you to our essential workers!**

**THANK
YOU!**





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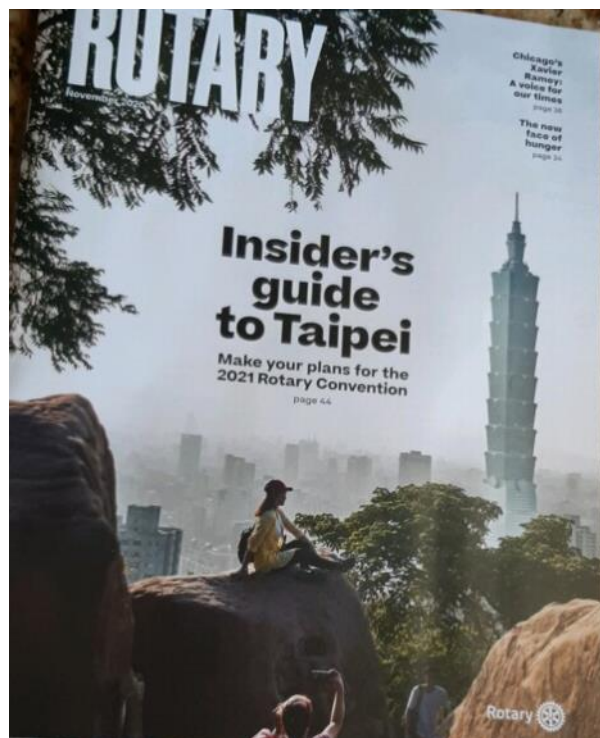


Diane's favorite picture with fellow Rotarians—from the "Non-Event" in Feb.



Chris Lewis mysteriously finds the historic Club gavel in his office waste basket...





THIS FRIDAY!

Be sure to see the most recent issue of the Rotary International magazine—pay attention to headlines.

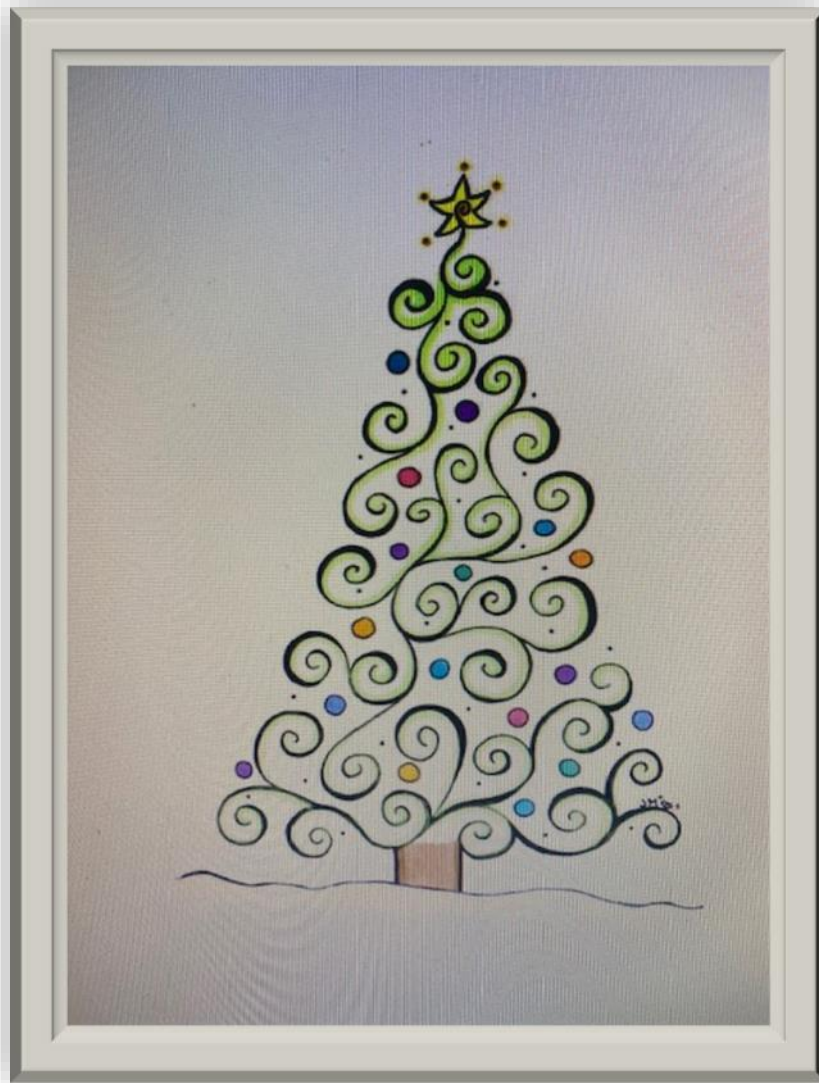
On November 20, drawing sponsor Duane Buckingham will have three \$50 gift cards to award informed Rotarians.

**GOOD-BYE POLIO
THANKS ROTARY**





Calling for Holiday Program Helpers!



President-Elect Neisha Hernandez is organizing our Annual Holiday Program.

Please share any ideas you may have. Please volunteer to share your talents at this special event.

Email or call Neisha to step up! (619) 857-9163.





THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Oh, Heavenly Father

We thank Thee for food and remember the hungry.

We thank Thee for health and remember the sick.

We thank Thee for friends and remember the friendless.

We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.

May these remembrances stir us to service.

That Thy gifts to us may be used for others.

Amen

(By A. Van Buren)





SOME FUN FOR TODAY

