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**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)**

**ROUNDTABLE ONLY  
NO MEETING  
Friday, November 25, 2022, Noon**



## **CLUB CALENDAR**

**November 25— Roundtable—Happy Thanksgiving!**  
**December 2—Wayne Rafflesberger, Author & Polio Survivor, Noon**  
**Sat December 3—Veterans' Home Decorating—8:30 am**  
**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 18, 2022

President Mark Scott called the meeting to order. Carmen Sandoval presented the invocation. President Mark said based on considerable feedback and discussion, our Club will be returning to weekly meetings beginning in January. We will keep the socials and service projects. The next quarter will reflect the new billing for weekly meals.

Michael Monaco and Lisa Johnson provided the background on the Above & Beyond recognition for front line healthcare, education and law enforcement staff. Dr. Gaby Malagon-Maldonado, Chief Nursing Officer at Sharp introduced Ruel Abrajano, an Advanced Clinician RN. He has more 20 years experience and is credited with reduction of cardiac arrest rates and return to ICU rates at the hospital. Ruel is considered a stroke superstar—a master at determining whether a patient has had a stroke and administering timely, critical medication. Congratulations to Ruel Abrajano (and a standing ovation).

Reminder! Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and put Chula Vista Rotary Foundation as your favorite non-profit and Amazon will send \$ to us. Thank you!

Save the date! Friday, April 28, we will be co-sponsoring the Trivia Night with the Chula Vista Morning and Eastlake-Chula Vista Rotary Clubs.

Gary Bryant gave an update on upcoming Community Programs. We are cleared for the Ronald McDonald house dinner event. The Southwestern College Choir—smaller group—will perform. Apologies for the mix-up on the Nov 11 food distribution—it was Nov 10 due to Veterans Day. We will be doing the Salvation Army bell ringing after a long hiatus.

Chuck Bevans shared a beautiful story about Marilyn's Uncle Lester who died in WWII. See page 7.

Jon Miller happily donated \$500 in fines to celebrate the birth of Analise Sue, his new GREAT grand daughter—Congratulations Jon & happy family!





## JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON

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Hello, fellow Rotarians. Welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Bob Bliss of Robert Bliss CPA.

With 99% of ballots counted, Chula Vista Councilmember John McCann is the projected winner of the City of Chula Vista Mayoral race, winning 52 % of votes cast, with opponent Ammar Campo-Najjar getting 48%.

Two divers searching the ocean for World War II-era aircraft instead found a piece of history from one of the country's darkest days. There in the sand, with fish swimming above it, was a 15-foot square section of the space shuttle Challenger, which exploded on the morning of Jan. 28, 1986. The accident killed all seven crew members on board including teacher Christa McAuliffe and was one of the worst in the history of the American space program. The discovery was located off the Florida coast near Cape Canaveral, northwest of the area known as the Bermuda Triangle. The piece will remain there until NASA decides what to do next, to properly honor the legacy of Challenger's fallen astronauts.

Our San Diego State Aztec basketball team is off to a strong start this season. They are 3 and 0 after beating Stanford on Tuesday, their first ever win against the Cardinals. and are ranked number 17 nationally in the AP poll. Now it's onto Lahaina and the Maui Invitational, where The Aztecs will meet Ohio State on Monday night.

No need to put off that repair job any longer. Instead of adding items to city landfills, bring broken or non-working items such as electronics, appliances, computers, toys, bicycles, clothes, etc., for assessment, disassembly, and possible repair to a [Fixit Clinic](#). They'll provide workspace, specialty tools and guidance to help you disassemble and troubleshoot your item. It's tomorrow from 10 am to 1 pm at Civic Center Library, 365 F Street. This is a family-friendly event: children are welcome. Local repair vendors, live repair demonstrations and an environmental film are also on the agenda. Sign up ahead of time at [zerowastesandiego.org](http://zerowastesandiego.org), but walk ins are also welcome

This week's sponsor is that lucky duck Bob Bliss who this year celebrates 35 years of membership in Chula Vista Rotary. Bob has over three decades of experience in Chula Vista and has been a loyal and reputable member of the business community. Once you are his client, you are a part of his trusted network, and he will treat your finances like his own. The vast majority of people that sign on with Robert Bliss CPA become lifetime customers and never feel the need to go anywhere else for their tax and financial needs. If you are a busy individual and do not feel like you have the time to handle your bookkeeping, personal expenses, and, most importantly, tax preparation, give Bob a call.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Bob Bliss of Robert Bliss CPA.







## DECORATORS NEEDED FOR VETERAN'S HOME!

Saturday, December 3, 8:30 a.m.  
Chula Vista Veterans' Home

Let Troy Ray know you can help!  
It is a fun time and brightens their home.  
Save the date for take down: Saturday, January 7, 8:30 a.m.



See Mary Johnson for more information or to bring to next meeting. Thank you!





#### Uncle Lester's Story by Chuck Bevan

My wife Marilyn's Uncle Lester was an Army Medic in World War II. Sadly, he was killed in action.

A month ago, our daughter Carolyn was talking to our son Jimmy about a conference she was attending in Amsterdam. Jimmy reminded her that Uncle Lester is buried in the Netherlands, so, on the Saturday before she came home, she visited the cemetery.

This was not easy, as it involved a three-hour train ride, after which she purchased flowers and took a bus out to the site. Carolyn had notified the docents in advance that she was coming and they graciously welcomed her. They took her on a tour that included several monuments and a chapel honoring the sacrifices these soldiers made.

Our family really appreciated the effort Carolyn made on this visit and the bittersweet memories of this part of our family history.

After all this happened, Marilyn and I were talking about how happy we were about Carolyn's effort.

You see, Marilyn had been told the story of Uncle Lester many times and it ended with him being killed. Now, she sees him at peace in a beautiful and well-maintained place. Carolyn's trip and the pictures brought her great comfort and closure on Uncle Lester's memory.







## ABOVE & BEYOND—SALUTING RUEL ABRAJANO



Advanced Clinician RN Ruel Abrajano receives the Above & Beyond award from Dan Dredla on behalf of our Club. He is pictured with Chief Nursing Officer Dr. Gaby Malagon-Maldonado. Ruel continuously goes the extra mile for his patients and co-workers. Congratulations!



Lexi Rueff shares her passion about climate action and engaging young people in south county.

She shared events happening this weekend including a Fix It event and composting. Thank you Lexi!



### This Week's Invocation:

Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can."

— John Wesley

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**GIVING TUESDAY**  
**A Global Day of Generosity**

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2022**

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