

# Chulatarian



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The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista  
Chartered February 16, 1926 - Club Number 908 - District 5340

Friday, November 27, 2020—Noon on Zoom  
**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**  
Dark This Friday





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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—NOVEMBER 13, 2020

President Zaneta Encarnacion called the meeting to order. Jerry May provided the impromptu invocation and led the pledge.

President Z welcomed guest Rich Rechief who lives in Bonita and belongs to the Downtown Breakfast Rotary Club.

The topic for our break-out sessions (aka small group discussions) was: What Are We Grateful For This Year? Some of us are grateful for our health, fun places to go like Julian, our dogs and Ohio State's ranking this year (guess who?).

Everyone guessed who the Rotarian Elf in a mask was—Mary Johnson!

A photo of an NBC 7 news story on the pandemic showed Bob Bliss and a mystery person (blocked by a plant and most likely Ken Weimer) having lunch at La Bella's. Fines of \$100 all around!

Members were encouraged to get their pledges in to the Chula Vista Rotary Foundation before the end of year if possible.

An urgent work matter needed President Zaneta's attention and she turned the meeting over to President-Elect Neisha Hernandez.

Breaking News: Jon Miller made a special guest appearance to share his possession of the historic Club gavel. He may have also fined himself \$100. Thanks Jon!

Duane Buckingham, this week's Sponsor of the News at Noon, played the Four-Way Test Song that Michael Monaco made famous during his year as President.

The lucky winners of the drawing were: Lisa Johnson (All the Rage), Eric Rimmele (Hunger Hits Home) and Bernard Hernandez (Jennifer Jones), who may or may not have reviewed the Rotary magazine—or is just very quick with Google on who the first RI woman President will be. Congratulations! Thank you Duane!

### INVOCATION By Jerry May

Thank you for the friends we have

Thank you for the time together

Thank you for the relationships we have grown

Thank you the good work that flows from those relationships.

Amen and Shalom





• LIVE



Brought to you by:

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 Duane Buckingham.

With more than 155 million votes counted and California and New York still counting, national turnout for the recent general election stands at 65 percent of all eligible voters, the highest since 1908.

This week the San Diego County Board of Supervisors approved Otay Ranch Village 13, just northeast of Eastlake and south of Otay Village 14. The board heard testimony from Cal Fire San Diego Unit Chief Tony Mecham, who said the development, "of all the projects that we've brought before the board, is probably the safest from a fire protection standpoint."

County staff said the developers, Baldwin & Sons, made several design choices that would mitigate the development's wildfire risk and environmental impact. Homes will be electric- and solar-powered; fire buffer zones surround all buildings, and parts of Otay Lakes Road will be widened.

The proposed development, dubbed Otay Ranch Resort Village, features 1,938 homes, a resort hotel, elementary school, fire station, more than 3 miles of trails, 40,000 square feet of commercial space and 1,107 acres of nature preserves. Baldwin still needs approval from other regulators, including the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Duane Buckingham is a devoted Rotarian who has held many positions of leadership, including President, Executive Secretary, and Assistant District Governor. He encourages club members to consider donating to the Rotary Foundation, one of the best and most effective charities in the world today. He and Karen have just welcomed a new member into the family – a cute little rescue dog named Murphy.

This concludes this week's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today's news sponsored by Duane Buckingham.







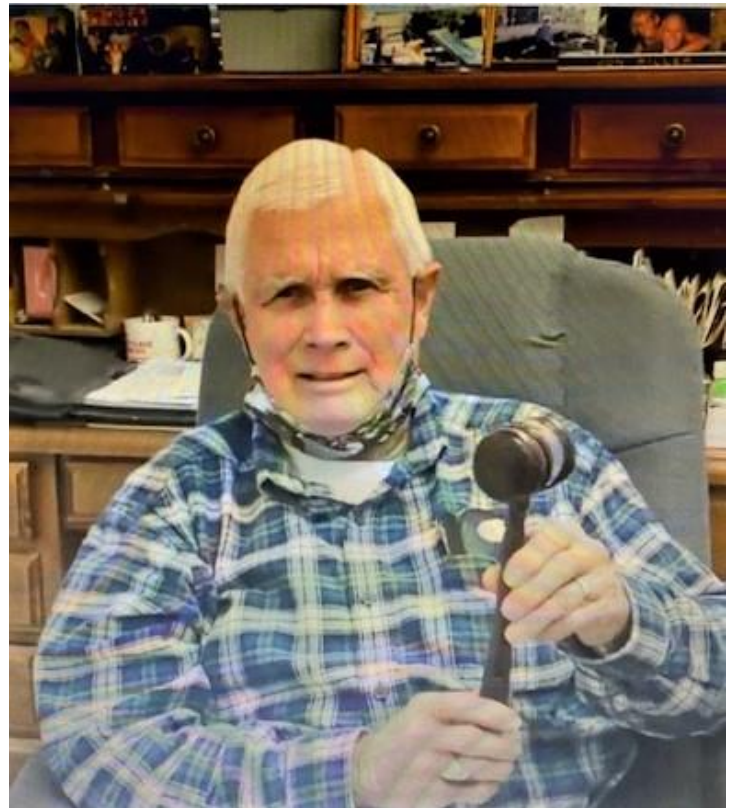
**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—November 20, 2020**



Above: Mary Johnson, as the Holiday Elf, at work at St. Paul Pace Program.

Above right: Bob Bliss and Ken Weimer, hidden by the plants.

Right: Jon Miller taking good care of the Club gavel.





## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—November 20, 2020 (Continued)

Sofia Salgado is the Executive Director for the Southwestern College Foundation. She provided an overview of their activities and mission to support student success.

Our Club has supported the Southwestern College Foundation with donations of food, snacks and drinks for the JAG Kitchen, provided the Student Clothing Closet with outfits and shirts for job interviews, and gave financial contributions to assist students with lap tops, food or other needs.

Sofia and students expressed their appreciation and thanks for our ongoing support.

Rotarian Lisa Johnson is serving as the SWC Foundation Chair this year.







## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE COMMUNITY**

### **Salvation Army Chula Vista Corps – Kettle Bell Ringing**

At this time individuals would volunteer on an individual basis. It would not be a sanctioned Rotary event at this time. Individual volunteers can schedule their volunteer hours at [www.chulavista.salvationarmy.org](http://www.chulavista.salvationarmy.org)

### **St. Paul's Pace Program – Motor Mingle 2020**

Individuals have an opportunity to participate in St. Paul's Pace Program(s) which serves senior citizens in Chula Vista – event will be held at their Motor Mingle 2020. This event will be a drive-thru drop off experience held at St. Paul's Plaza in Chula Vista. Please share the experience by **bringing a new blanket** for their senior PACE participants. There will be hot cocoa and treats to go.

When: Thursday, December 3, 2020 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Location: St. Paul's Plaza, 1420 East Palomar St., Chula Vista 91913.

The Chula Vista Rotary Club has approved a \$1,000 donation for the PACE program. The check presentation will be made at the Motor Mingle. Please join us for the presentation.

### **South Bay Community Services – Hope for the Holidays 2020**

Individuals have an opportunity to participate in South Bay Community Services – Hope for the Holiday's 2020 program in several ways.

\*For \$50 you can sponsor a child and the SBCS team will make the children's wish list purchases. The Chula Vista Rotary Club has approved a \$500 donation to SBCS to grant 10 Children's wishes. In 2019, SBCS was able to grant over 1,000 children's wishes.

\*Individuals can drop off toys/gift cards directly at South Bay Community Services, 430 F Street, Chula Vista 91910.

\*Volunteering: Those individuals who would like to donate directly through volunteering, they will be sorting gifts November 30<sup>th</sup> through December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please email Emma Leary at [volunteer@csbcs.org](mailto:volunteer@csbcs.org)

**Thanks for making a difference in our community!**





## *NOT EVERYTHING IS CANCELLED*

Sunshine is not cancelled  
Love is not cancelled

Relationships are not cancelled  
Reading is not cancelled

Naps are not cancelled  
Devotion is not cancelled

Music is not cancelled  
Dancing is not cancelled

Imagination is not cancelled  
Kindness is not cancelled

Conversations are not cancelled  
**HOPE** is not cancelled

The  
**Rotary**  
Foundation



**GOOD-BYE POLIO**  
**THANKS ROTARY**





**SOME FUN FOR TODAY**



**People who refuse to self isolate or maintain social distancing are the same people that hide a zombie bite**

