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MARIA KACHADOORIAN
CITY MANAGER, City of Chula Vista
Friday, October 20, 2023 - Noon



Maria V. Kachadoorian was appointed City Manager of the City of Chula Vista in June 2020 after serving as Assistant City Manager. She is the first woman and first Latina to serve as City Manager. She began her career at the County of San Diego and has worked at the city since 1998. Kachadoorian started in the Finance Department and advanced to Finance Director before becoming Deputy City Manager, Assistant City Manager, then City Manager.

Her strong finance background helped lead the City through the Great Recession and was instrumental in implementing innovative strategies to mitigate the financial, economic and community impacts to the City and residents during the COVID-19 pandemic. During the pandemic's uncertainty, Kachadoorian led the team that ultimately inked the deal and broke ground on the \$1.2 billion Gaylord Pacific Resort and Convention Center project on Chula Vista's Bayfront.

In addition to advancing the Chula Vista Bayfront development, Kachadoorian has overseen the launch of the City Ambulance Transport Services, fostered initiatives that better connect the City's diverse communities and boosted momentum for the University and Innovation District. Kachadoorian continues her involvement in the implementation and oversight of the Measure P and Measure A sales tax programs to advance infrastructure and public safety staffing.

Kachadoorian was born in Tijuana and immigrated to the United States as an infant. She is a long-time resident of South County and lives in Chula Vista. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree with an emphasis in Accounting and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from San Diego State University. She is also a Certified Public Accountant.

Kachadoorian is a proud Chula Vista Rotarian and participates in a number of professional organizations including International City/County Management Association (ICMA), Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO). In 2013, Kachadoorian was recognized by the San Diego Business Journal as CFO of the year.



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - October 13, 2023

President Mora de Murguia called the meeting to order. Max Scrivens gave the invocation.

Gary Bryant, Community Projects, announced the Christmas in October day was moved to Sunday, Oct. 29. Volunteers will help with the backyard and will need to sign a waiver. Beautify Chula Vista is Saturday, October 21. Please sign up.

President Mora is walking in the Walk to End Polio on Sunday, October 22. Please join her or chip in to raise funds to end polio.

The District 5340 Seminar will be Saturday, November 4 and is an excellent opportunity to learn or get an update on all the wonderful work Rotary is doing around the world.

Save the date—November 6 for our Happy Hour with Joe DeMers at The Red Fox in San Diego.

The District's major fundraiser is November 10, DISCO INFERNO and is at the Town & Country. Sign up for a fun time.

Our Nutcracker fundraiser will be Saturday, November 18, 2:00. More information will be out next week.

Our upcoming programs are:

Maria Katchadoorian, City of Chula Vista City Manager & Rotarian—October 20

Stacy Kurtz, City of Chula Vista, Homeless Outreach—November 3

Reggie Waller, All Things Baseball—November 10

There was a mishap with our Polio Pig—it broke! Risa Baron volunteered to procure a new one. In the meantime, a rather sad Ziploc with a pig drawn on it, will have to do.

Program Chair Risa Baron introduced San Diego County District Attorney Summer Stephan who provided a remarkable presentation on key issues her office is addressing. These include the mental health crisis, skyrocketing deaths from fentanyl, human trafficking and homelessness issues. In addition, new state laws are hampering law enforcement's ability to address loitering and solicitation for prostitution. Her office recently developed an APP to help a person find a match with a shelter.

She announced that a new Family Justice Center will be opening in the South Bay and will provide a one-stop shop for people to access much needed services. She puts out weekly 3-minute video newsletters—check them out. It was an excellent and informative presentation.

**GOOD-BYE POLIO
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JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON by Betty Waznis



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Hello and welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's news sponsored by Gus Slovinsky and the law offices of Slovinsky and Slovinsky.

The Right to Repair Act was signed on Tuesday, which will soon make it easier for California residents to repair cell phones and other electronic devices to keep them working longer and save their owners money. Californians will be able to access information, manuals, and parts that they couldn't get their hands on before. The new California law requires companies to expand access to parts, tools and documentation for seven years for products priced at 100 dollars or more, and three years for products between 50 and 99 dollars. The Right to Repair Act is expected to go into effect in July of next year. It will apply to products made and sold after 2021.

Mercedes-Benz Trucks revealed a heavy-duty electric truck for long haul routes to take on Tesla's battery-powered Semi, the latest move in the intensifying electric trucking race. The eActros 600, which can travel 311 miles on a single charge while hauling up to 22 tons in cargo, is set to go on sale toward the end of this year. It's aimed at taking on Tesla's truck, which has already won orders from Walmart and UPS. It's the company's first to be aimed at long haul routes. The vehicle's battery can recharge from 20 percent to 80 percent in 30 minutes provided the customer has access to a one-megawatt charging device, which is still not widely available.

In more electric vehicle news, San Diego's annual EV Day will be held tomorrow at Snapdragon Stadium in Mission Valley from 10 to 3. EVs from Hyundai, Tesla, Polestar, Rivian, Kia and other carmakers will be on display. Booths will be set up to answer questions about EV rebates, incentives and pricing plans, as well as at-home and public charging venues. The free event is designed as an opportunity for people to check out EVs in a no-pressure no-sales environment. The event comes as the adoption of plug-in vehicles speeds up. Through the first six months of this year, 21 percent of new vehicle registrations were all-electric and plug-in hybrids were 3 percent of California sales.

Our Rotary fisher people and other travelers might be familiar with the beauties of Alaska's Katmai National Park and Preserve. Since 2012, the National Park Service along with the Explore nature live-cam network have hosted live bear cams at the park so that people all over the world can enjoy an up-close look as the bears catch salmon and fatten up for the winter. An autumn highlight is Fat Bear Week, an online tournament in which bear cam followers vote on their favorite chunky bears. This year, more than 1.3 million bear fans voted in the competition, which concluded Wednesday. This year's winner was 128 Grazer. She beat out last year's champion, a male bear over 20 years old, nicknamed Bear Force One.

Gus Slovinsky has been lawyering for over 42 years and has been a member of Chula Vista Rotary for 20 years. The law offices of Slovinsky and Slovinsky at Third and I have provided personal and professional representation to clients in all family law matters since its establishment in 1981. These include Divorce * Legal Separation * Paternity * Child Custody and Visitation * Child and Spousal Support * Domestic Violence Restraining Orders * Drug and Alcohol Abuse Issues * Child Abuse and Abduction * International Child Custody and Property Disputes * Immigration Issues * Property division * Business and Real Estate Valuation and Division * Step-parent Adoptions * Grandparent and Other Guardianships. See Gus for any and all family law needs.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today brought to you by Gus Slovinsky and Slovinsky and Slovinsky Law Offices.



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - OCT. 13, 2023




L-R: Past President Neisha Hernandez presents Bob Bliss with our Rotary bling in honor of being named Rotarian of the Week. A HILARIOUS scene when the DA, arriving in the nick of time to speak, pulls out President Mora's missing gavel and presents it to her.



This week's sponsor of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, Gus Slovisky presents Jeanette Badal, Jan Mellinger and Jan's sister, visiting from Seattle, Marsha, with some very fun gifts. Thanks Gus!



Above: President Mora with District Attorney Summer Stephan and Program Chair Risa Baron.
Below: An invitation to join our friends at the Rotary Club of Tijuana.

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A FUN TIME AT CLUB FUNDRAISER!



L-R: A group photo of the event as the drawing was about to be held. Plenty of desserts for everyone.

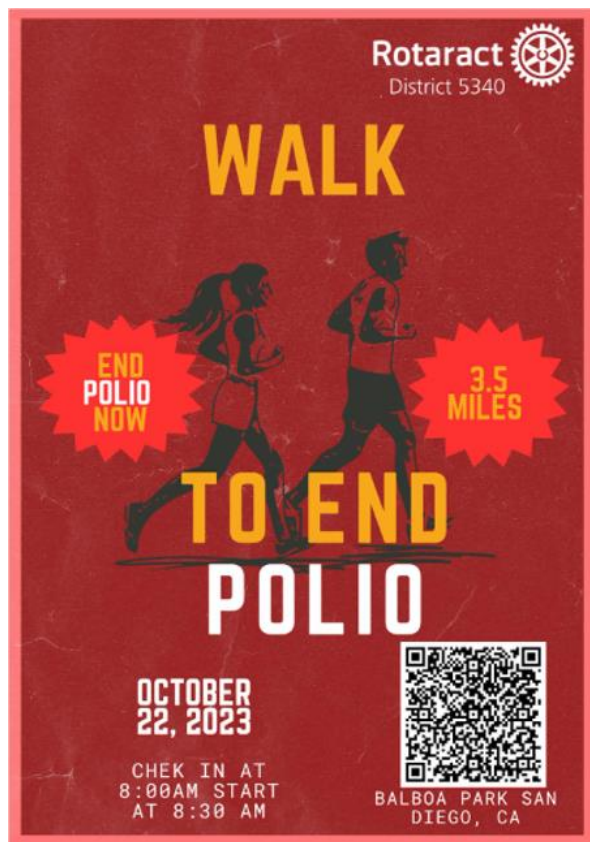


President Mora with Lisa Johnson helping with the ticket drawing. Two of the seven lucky winners were Ken Weimer who won the St. Paul's basket donated by Mary Johnson, and Diane Flint Wages, pictured with a very happy Brian who gets to share the Living Coast Discovery Center/staycation basket donated by Lori Torio.



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EVENTS THIS WEEKEND!



CALENDAR—SAVE THE DATES

20th Annual Beautify Chula Vista Day—Sat. October 21, 8:30 a.m.

Walk to End Polio—Balboa Park—Sunday, October 22, 8:00 a.m.

World Polio Day—October 24

Christmas in October—Sunday, October 29—NOTE NEW DATE

**Happy Hour with Joe Demers our Piano Player, (Dinner on own)
Monday, November 6, 6 pm @ The Red Fox**

**The Nutcracker Fundraising Event—Saturday, Nov. 18, 2:00 pm
@ The Kroc Salvation Army Center**

