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THE MUSIC MACHINE
BONITA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL
Friday, October 20, 2023 - Noon



This Friday, we will have a special performance by *The Music Machine* as a special change of pace.

The Music Machine is Bonita Vista High School's advanced mixed show choir. *The Music Machine* is proud to celebrate 48 years of excellence and has entertained audiences in 22 countries on four continents including four Disney properties.

Honored to serve the San Diego community, *The Music Machine* performs at community events such as Balboa Park's December Nights, and the USS Midway Memorial Day Celebration.

The Music Machine has also been featured on television appearances including Cox's "Salute to Teachers" and KUSI's "Good Morning San Diego." This performing ensemble has won numerous top awards at state, national, and international competitions.

See you on Friday and bring a friend!



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - October 20, 2023

President Mora de Murguia called the meeting to order. Cheryl Shields gave the invocation.

Irma Flores was inducted as a member of our Club. Irma is originally from Mexico City and is a part of the Salvation Army.

President Mora gave a big “Shout Out!” to Betty Waznis who does such a wonderful job every week with the Jim Biddle News at Noon. She also gave a “Shout Out!” to Jesse Fernandez and the Fundraising Committee for a wonderful event at Mark Scott’s home. We raised more than \$5000—great news! Thank you Rotarians!

Community Service Chair Gary Bryant gave an update on upcoming events. He reminded Rotarians to get Youth Certified ASAP. We will be having joint projects with youth and need to ensure members can participate. See Gary or Bob Silvas about it.

President Mora encouraged members to attend the Foundation Seminar on Saturday, November 4. Our Club will reimburse the \$20 fee.

Ken Weimer gave us a heads up for the bell ringing in support of the Salvation Army. It will most likely be at the Sprouts on Third Avenue. The date is to be determined.

President-elect Jesse Fernandez announced the Chula Vista Rotary Foundation Board gave the final approval for the transfer of \$355,000 to LPL Financial Group. This has been a painstaking process with the committee working to ensure the best path forward for our Club. Diane Flint Wages, Ken Weimer, Mark Scott and others served on the committee.

Betty Waznis gave us an update on the events in our community and world.

Maria Kachadoorian, Rotarian and Chula Vista City Manager gave an introduction on several key issues including homelessness. She introduced Assistant City Manager Courtney Chase who provided a very comprehensive update on Measure P which was approved by voters a few years back. It provides for a half cent sales tax which goes to infrastructure projects which include roads, traffic signals, drainage, fire and police facilities, recreation centers and the Civic Center library.

INVOCATION by Cheryl Shields

Dear God,
Thank you for today. We come to you with heavy hearts over the war going on in our world. God, we pray for peace. We pray for Israel - protect the innocent that are caught in this mess. We pray for wisdom for the Leaders ... both globally and locally.

God, help us remember our endless blessings every day. Help us use our time, talent, and resources for good. Thank you for this food we are about to eat and the friends around the tables we get to enjoy it with.

AMEN



JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON by Betty Waznis



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With Betty Waznis

Hello, everyone. Welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today sponsored by Leon Redondo.

Rite Aid, one of the largest pharmacy chains in the US with more than 45,000 employees, filed for bankruptcy on Sunday, weighed down by billions of dollars in debt, declining sales and more than 1,000 federal, state and local lawsuits, claiming that it filled thousands of illegal prescriptions for opioid painkillers. Rite Aid has struggled in recent years to compete against larger peers like CVS and Walgreens Boots Alliance, as well as Amazon. Rite Aid's stock has fallen nearly 80 percent since the start of the year. The company has closed stores in recent months and is preparing to close hundreds more.

Citizens Take Action, a Long Beach-based nonprofit that aims to promote transparency in election spending, released an analysis last week titled "Integrity in San Diego Local Government: A Report Card on Campaign Finance Laws and Transparency for Cities in San Diego County." Five of the 18 cities in San Diego County received a D or F grade when it comes to municipal campaign finance reporting.

The highest scoring city and the only one with an A+ rating? Chula Vista. Chula Vista received top points for its strong limit on campaign contributions by individuals, its prohibition on contributions by PACs, its limited fundraising window for candidates, and the transparency of its campaign finance data.

Disneyland Resort in Anaheim announced Wednesday that it has increased single-day admission prices on its most popular days. This continues the strategy started in 2016 when Disney began using pricing as a crowd-control strategy. Back then, a ticket on a "value" day cost \$95 and "peak" day admission topped out at \$119.

The lowest-priced ticket for a single low-demand day visit at Disneyland and California Adventure will remain at \$104. The daily ticket for high demand days has risen from \$179 to \$194. The two-day pass will now cost \$310, up from \$285. Other tiers and multi-day passes are also increasing in price. The expedited front-of-line Genie+ program went up from \$25 to \$30. Annual passes and preferred and standard parking in selected Disney lots are also up.

With Monday morning's approval of sports for the 2028 Los Angeles Summer Olympics, the International Olympic Committee continues to remake the Games in hopes of attracting new fans. Cricket, flag football, squash, lacrosse, plus baseball and softball will all be added to the L.A. Olympics, giving the 2028 Games a distinctly different look. Squash and flag football will be in the Olympics for the first time. Cricket and lacrosse are returning after appearances in very early Games, while baseball and softball have been in and out of recent Olympics.

In addition to these new sports, three others that were scheduled to be dropped in the IOC's original plan have survived: weightlifting, modern pentathlon and boxing. The new sports lineup will cause L.A. 2028 to blast past the IOC's limit of 10,500 total athletes for summer Games.

Leon Redondo was born in the Philippines and immigrated to the US in the early 90s. He is married to Cecilia; they have one adult son named Xavier. They have been residents of Chula Vista for 30 years. Leon has been a member of Chula Vista Rotary for over 12 years. He retired from SDG&E in 2022 and is enjoying life by having a weekend feeling every day.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today brought to you by Leon Redondo.



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President Mora de Murguia welcomes Irma Flores to our Club, assisted by Jesse Fernandez and Irma's sponsor Bob Silvas. Welcome Irma!



President Mora presents the matching donation to the Club, represented by Fundraising Chair Jesse Fernandez and acting Treasurer Diane Flint Wages. The check is from The Baldwin & Sons Company for \$5000. Thanks to everyone who contributed to our Salsa & Margarita fundraiser!

President Mora thanks speakers Maria Kachadoorian, CV City Manager and Courtney Chase, Assistant City Manager. They provided an interesting infrastructure update.





HIGHLIGHTS - Clean Up Chula Vista—Sweetwater River Valley



From top: Where the Target cart was before Gary and new friend pulled it out.
The Sweetwater River AFTER Rotarians and other volunteers collected a pile of trash. Well done team!



Above: Duane Buckingham helping out. Gary Bryant with Bill Torre getting ready to tackle some of the mess. Gary reported that Tina Matthias' home baked cookies were amazing as usual. He also said there was a big decrease in the amount of styrofoam containers they picked. They worked on the south side of the channel and cleaned up between two bridges along the 54.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who participated: **Jan Mellinger, Duane Buckingham, Bill Torre, Bob Silvas, Jon Miller and Gary Bryant.**





Above L-R: News sponsor Leon Redondo with Ramon Moncada, Jesse Fernandez and Irma Flores. Below at the Sweetwater River clean-up are Jan Mellinger, Jon Miller (a Rotarian for 56 years!) and Bob Silvas (who he brought into our Club and met when Bob was in high school), and Bob, Gary Bryant and Bill Torre (who is transferring to our Club from Big Bear).





CALENDAR—SAVE THE DATES

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

Otay Valley Park Clean Up—November 4

**Happy Hour with Joe Demers our Piano Player, (Dinner on own)
Monday, November 6, 6:30 pm @ The Red Fox**

Distribute food at St. Mark's Lutheran Church—Friday, Nov. 10

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

Bring toys for Chula Vista Police Foundation, present to Chief Kennedy— Dec. 1

Chula Vista Veteran's Home—Decorate—(date to be confirmed)

Kettle Bell Ringing—Salvation Army—(date to be confirmed)

Ronald McDonald House—Serve meal—Wed. December 13