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New Americans Museum—Liberty Station

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Linda Caballero Sotelo is Executive Director of New Americans Museum [NAM] a visual arts & oral histories non-traditional institution whose mission is to celebrate & educate about the contributions of multigenerational immigrants post WWII into the American narrative through a variety of vehicles including oral histories, arts & culture programming, creative sector social enterprise ventures, democracy and tolerance building initiatives and leadership development for new Americans.

Linda believes in the power of civic engagement & storytelling as tools for social change through the participation and exposure to arts & culture practices as catalysts for building understanding & tolerance amongst communities and civil society. A naturalized US citizen, Linda was born & raised in Tijuana, Mexico. A binational, bicultural, multilingual Fronteriza whose childhood was spent crossing the San Diego/Tijuana border daily seeking educational opportunities. Linda has over 25 years of professional experience as a senior level executive for organizations, national & international projects and initiatives.





MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—OCTOBER 2, 2020

President Zaneta Encarnacion called the meeting to order. Carmen Sandoval provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Break out rooms provided an opportunity for members and guests to visit for a short time.

President Z announced that Rick Anderson has been posting our meetings online on our Club NEW You Tube page.

Social gatherings are still on hold due to the pandemic and local guidelines.

Past District Governor Marta Knight was on hand to present the Presidential Citation to our Club for meeting various goals last Rotary year. Past President Bob Silvas was present to accept this special recognition. He reminded us that we were ALL Rotarians of the Year last year. Marta concluded her remarks by reminding us how we have served our community with love, compassion and joy—despite the current challenges.

President Z held a quick poll of member on the level of interest/comfort with an in-person service activity. Most - 65% - very comfortable with it, assuming proper protocols are in place. More to come.

Jan Mellinger asked participants to produce items that are purple, green and orange. Quick on the draw were: Neisha Hernandez, Mora de Murguia and Albert Aguilera. They will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card. Congratulations!

INVOCATION BY CARMEN SANDOVAL FERNANDEZ:

Almighty God, who are mother and father to us all.
Look upon your planet Earth divided.
Help us to know that we are all your children;
That all nations belong to one great family,
And all of our religions lead to you.

Multiply our prayers in every land
Until the whole Earth becomes your congregation,
United in your love.
Sustain our vision of a peaceful future
And give us strength to work unceasingly
To make that vision real, Amen.

(From Prayers for Healing - Blessings, Poems and Meditations from Around the World - 1997)





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All those who
logged-on!

With Betty Waznis

Good afternoon and welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Jan Mellinger.

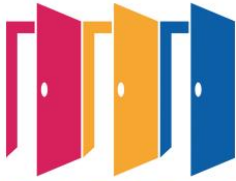
The San Diego Padres rallied to win Game 2 of their National League Wild Card Series against the St. Louis Cardinals last night, storming back from a deficit to win 11 to 6 in their first post season series in 14 years. The Padres became the first team ever to hit five home runs from the sixth inning on in a postseason game. Fernando Tatis and Wil Myers scored multiple home runs and became just the second pair of teammates to record multi-homer games in the same postseason contest. The pair they joined? Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig of the 1932 Yankees. Final game of the 3-game series is today at 4 pm at Petco Park.

Jan Mellinger is a licensed marriage and family therapist who last year retired very happily after 23 years at Scripps Health. Some pretty interesting hobbies in her past – she raced Porsches and is a certified Porsche driving instructor. She showed horses competitively and now occasionally shows cats. Jan's been a Rotarian for 29 years, was Chula Vista Rotary's second woman president, and comes from a Rotary family. Her grandfather, Reg Seabrook, was an active Chula Vista Rotarian from the mid 1950's to his death in 1974 and served as club president. He was also the president of the San Diego Country Club here in Chula Vista; he arranged for Eisenhower's helicopter to land there for the presidential visit sponsored by our club. For some never-before-seen photos of this landmark event, be sure to join our meeting on Oct 23.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, sponsored today by Jan Mellinger.

GOOD-BYE POLIO
THANKS ROTARY





Meeting Highlights - October 2, 2020 (continued)



Above: Part of the group with a joyful President Z.

Left: Past President Bob Silvas looking a bit scruffy.

There may have been a vote in favor of a haircut—stat! And a shave...

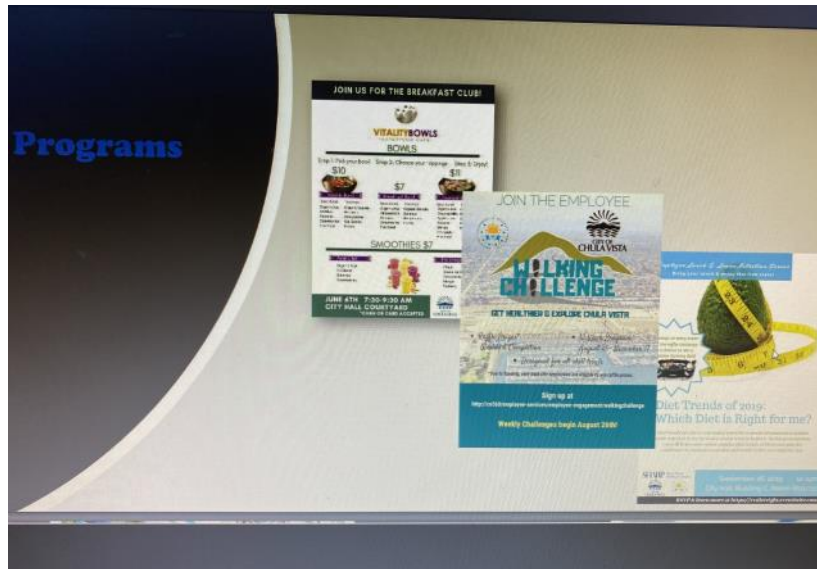
He was looking a bit tired due to his recent move to a new home in the Hilltop area of West Chula Vista. There has been a lot of painting and general work in the past week.

Hang in there Bob!





Meeting Highlights - October 2, 2020 (continued)



Stacey Kurtz with the City of Chula Vista told us about the new Healthy Chula Vista initiative that seeks to improve the quality of life for residents.

It encompasses various programs and partnerships which include local schools, organizations and even the AARP.

Be sure to check it out online:
www.chulavistaca.gov/agefriendly





CLUB SUPPORTS RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE



Community Projects Chair Gary Bryant presents a \$1000 check from our Chula Vista Rotary Foundation to Chuck Day, President and CEO at the Ronald McDonald House. The funds will be used for their meal program which we have been participating with over the last 10 years.

Due to COVID-19, our annual Christmas event at the house serving meals to the families has been cancelled. The only individuals allowed in the House at this time are the families staying there plus the staff. Volunteer opportunities are very limited at this time. Volunteers are few and handle front desk inquiries only. Based on State guidelines individuals age 65 and older are currently restricted from volunteering.

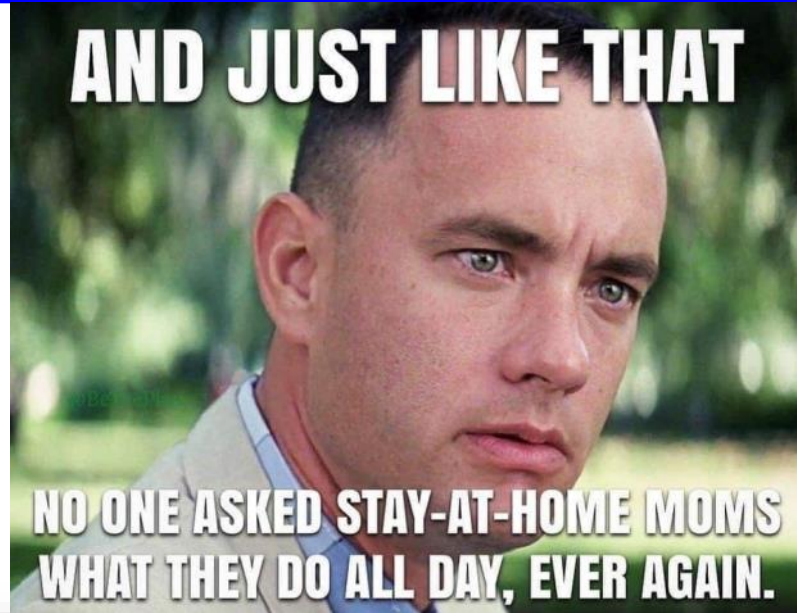
Meals served to the families in the house are in to-go containers and they can eat in the dining room (at socially distance tables) or take them back to their rooms. Meals for other families not staying at the House are provided at the front door in to-go containers, however they are not allowed to enter the facility at this time. Chuck hopes to open the House to those not staying there maybe sometime in the first quarter of 2021.

Individuals who would like to volunteer individually to assist at the front desk can contact the House through their web site at www.rmhc.org.





SOME FUN FOR TODAY



Me leaving my bed to go to the couch



Where is your next travel destination?

- Las Kitchenas
- Los Lounges
- Santa Bedrooms
- Porto Gardenas
- Los bed
- Costa Del Balconia
- St bathroom
- La Rotonda De Sofa

me after hearing someone cough on my \$8 round trip flight to italy

