

Chulatarian



The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista

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Meets Fridays at noon, 4475 Bonita Road, Bonita (CV Golf Course)**

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**Environmental Services Division
City of Chula Vista
Friday, September 17, 2021—Noon**



The Environmental Services Division pursues waste management strategies that emphasize more efficient use of resources through waste reduction, reuse, recycling and environmentally sound disposal strategies. There is growing concern about climate change and how it could impact our environment and our lives. Recycling and preventing waste can significantly reduce greenhouse gases produced during the mining, transporting, and processing of raw materials for the manufacturing of goods. We can choose to significantly reduce waste and greenhouse gases by purchasing and reusing products made from recycled materials.

Manuel Medrano, Environmental Services Manager, began his career with the City of Chula Vista in January of 2000 as an intern while attending San Diego State University. Manuel's experience has been developed by working on all of the City's waste reduction and recycling programs. Bob Coleman, Sustainability Specialist, has extensive public and private experience in energy and sustainability. The past 4 years, he has worked in the Office of Sustainability, supporting programs with outreach efforts to residents and businesses on conservation and waste management programs. His key focus has been preparing the draft City's Zero Waste Plan.



Meeting Highlights—September 10, 2021

President Neisha Hernandez called the meeting to order. Donna Moss gave the invocation and led the pledge. President Neisha shared some fun facts about our Rotarian of the Week—born in Ohio—easy giveaway—Jim Biddle!

Finemaster Michael Monaco had all the fisherman stand and asked a couple of questions about the origins of catch and release. Only one escaped the fine with their deep knowledge of fishing. Did you know fish can remember being caught eleven months ago.

Ken Weimer invited everyone to a Club Social at he and Dina's home on Saturday, October 16, 4-7 pm.

President Neisha called on Ben Koala, a hero among us, to share some of his experiences fighting the Dixie fire in northern California, near Susanville. He was called to serve as part of his National Guard duty. They worked with CalFire and something new this year is the shortage of prison workers due to the large numbers that were released early during the pandemic. Ben worked on fire breaks and with hoses to save structures. Thanks Ben!

Announcements: Golf Tournament is October 29; no meeting that day as most members will either be golfing or working the event. A dinner-only option will be available for those who would like to participate in the after golf festivities. \$25 per person.

The holiday event at Ronald McDonald House is tentatively set for Wednesday, December 15th. Stay tuned as covid restrictions could impact whether we can go at all.

Beginning next Friday, please donate good quality wine for the special wine refrigerator that will be available during the golf tournament. The goal is to fill it for the lucky drawing winner.

Carl Yaeckel, Citizens Climate Lobby, shared information about his group's work locally and in Washington DC.

GOOD-BYE POLIO
THANKS ROTARY



[ZOOM LINK](#)

<https://neishas.zoom.us/j/95585492823?pwd=cTFkeXB2Sm42OXpIM0dvU0gxWDBQdz09>

Meeting ID: 955 8549 2823
Passcode: 728501





A PRAYER FOR THE ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

Good and gracious God,

Today we come before you with heavy hearts
as we remember the events of 9/11.

For some of us today is a mixed bag of emotions.
We hurt deeply for those who lost their lives
and those who lost their loved ones.
We mourn the nearly 3,000 who died that day.
We are humbled by the bravery of the first responders.
We continue to grieve with our neighbors
in the loss of our national innocence —
our false sense of constant safety.
As we think of the way
New York and D.C. responded,
as churches, synagogues, and temples
opened their doors to ALL people,
as strangers carried each other out of buildings,
as those who had shared with those who had lost —
as we remember the bravery of the passengers and crew
of United Airlines Flight 93
our pride wells up in us.

Yet, we struggle today,
not wanting to get caught up in the macabre celebration,
this sometimes too-prideful remembrance of loss.
We still remember how the world responded,
supporting us and even declaring us one people.
“Today We Are ALL Americans,”
the headlines read.

God of all people,
teach us to be patriotic, but humbly so.
Teach us to see the frailty, beauty, and value of life
in light of this tragedy
rather than using it to elevate
trivial difference to the heights of
divisive reasons for hatred.

Remind us of the response of the American people.

Remind us of the way the true heart of this nation's people was revealed
in open doors, open arms, and open hearts.
May we never forget that on that day,
we did not focus on nationality, wealth, education, sex, or sexuality.

We focused on need.
On humanity.
On love.

Call us back to that place in our hearts.
Instill in us the deepest sense of call to be that people once again.

We lift up to you all those who, even today,
[17] years later, suffer from the loss.
From N.Y.C. to Iraq, the tragedy
has deeply and profoundly affected millions.
May we continue to heal and help each other just as we did
that day.

Amen.

Mark Sandlin was the minister at **Vandalia Presbyterian Church** in Greensboro, NC when this article appeared.





JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON

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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 Michael Monaco and Our Hometown Magazine.

We all know that tomorrow is the 20th anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Center, September 11, 2001. There are many opportunities to commemorate the event tomorrow. A ceremony at 2:30 p.m. on the flight deck of the USS Midway Museum includes emergency helicopter flyover, US Navy Band, a 21-gun salute, and harbor police fireboat water display.

The Chula Vista Police Department Foundation hosts "Evening With Heroes" from 4 to 8 p.m. tomorrow at the Elite Athlete Training Center. The ticketed fundraising event helps support the officers and K-9s of the Chula Vista PD, and this year includes a special 9/11 tribute.

And if you'd like to support our fellow Rotarians, tomorrow's 56th Poway Rotary Parade starts at 9 a.m. and features high school bands, equestrian units, pageant courts, first responders, and commemorates community heroes.

Five western states - California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Utah - recorded their hottest-ever summer, spanning June through August. Sixteen other states also saw a top-five warmest summer on record, according to the National Weather Service. Nationwide, the stretch from June to August tied the 1936 Dust Bowl summer as the hottest on record.

The Padres had a day off before a 10-game road trip through Los Angeles, San Francisco and St. Louis, beginning 23 straight games to close the season. They start tonight at Dodger Stadium.

Michael Monaco started his sales and marketing career in San Francisco working for KFAX Christian Radio as an account executive. Then to Reno Nevada where he worked in radio and TV in local, regional and executive sales positions for WB, UPN, Fox and Univision. In 2002, Michael ventured into publishing by creating ELLA, Denver's first and only Spanish language women's magazine. After moving to Chula Vista in 2004, Michael thrived in the business banking industry for 7 years where he specialized in non-profit and small business banking. However, publishing called him back in 2013. He purchased an Eastlake community publication, My Hometown Magazine, and transformed it into a magazine covering all of Chula Vista and Bonita, now called Our Hometown Magazine. Since April 2020, Our Hometown has been exclusively online at ourhometown.online.

Michael has been active in the community for many years, serving on numerous foundation boards and assuming leadership roles in the Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce, Chula Vista Rotary, Southwestern College Foundation, San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce, Eastlake Business Association, Chula Vista Public Library Foundation, and South Bay Family YMCA.

He's a talented emcee at many high-profile community events, and is the creator of the South Bay Pumpkin Smash, a collaboration of local businesses, our high school district, and Friends of Chula Vista Parks and Recreation.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today's news sponsored by Michael Monaco and Our Hometown Magazine.





CHULA VISTA ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, October 29, Shotgun Start at Noon
Chula Vista Golf Course - 4475 Bonita Road



Supporting Youth Leadership, Scholarships, Community Projects & More!



\$125 per player/\$450 per foursome paid by Oct 14
\$500 per foursome after Oct 14

**INCLUDES LUNCH, SNACKS, DRINKS, DINNER &
FUN!**
TOP THREE TEAMS WIN PRIZES

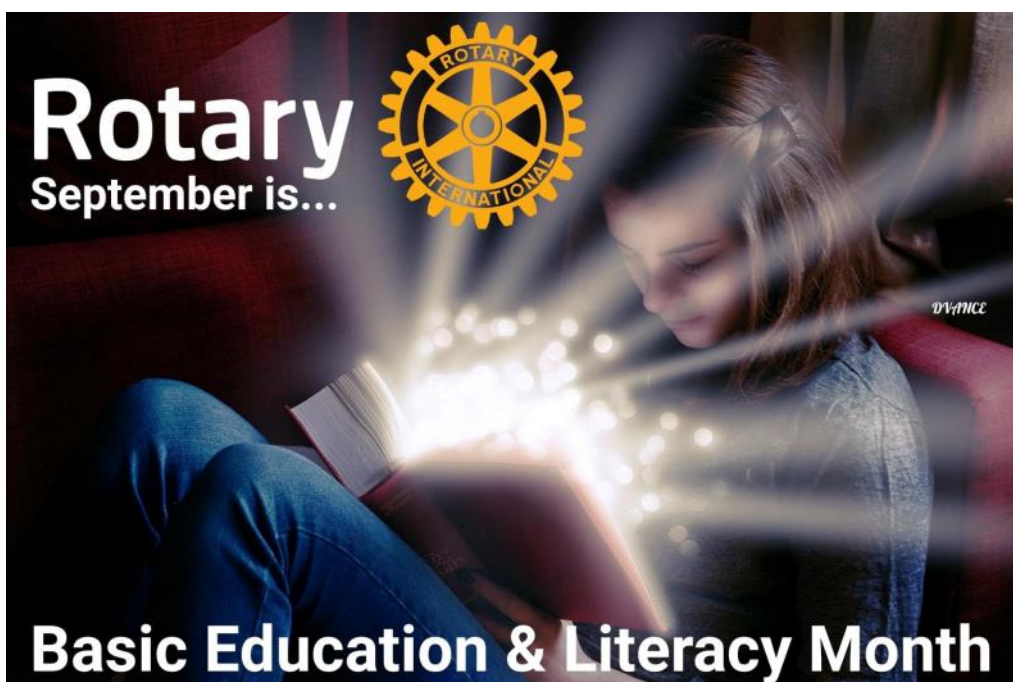
Golfers in Costume Will Be Entered to Win Prizes!
Contact Jesse Fernandez (619 370-6805) or Albert Aguilera (619) 395-7947



MORE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—SEPTEMBER 10, 2021



Above left: Ben Koala shares his experiences fighting the Dixie fire as part of the National Guard.
Above right: Past President Zaneta Encarnacion receives her Paul Harris pin from Lane Pearson, Foundation Chair.





JOIN US FOR
A Night in Sevilla!



*A Paella
and
Flamenco
Experience*

Paella provided by

ROMESCO
MEDITERRANEAN COCINA

Dessert provided by

NOTHING bundt CAKES

September 18th, 2021

SATURDAY | 6:00pm to 9:00pm
2017 Chardonnay Terrace | Chula Vista, CA 91913

Entertainment provided by Flamenco Fever featuring Ricardo Diaz

TICKETS: \$100/person

Pay online
Scan the QR code to pay:

Pay through Venmo
@RotaryClub-ChulaVistaEastlake
*Include names of guests



Pay by check to The Rotary Club of Chula Vista-Eastlake and mail to event address.

This fundraising event benefits the service projects of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista-Eastlake.
Call or text 619-791-5440 for more event information.





MORE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—SEPTEMBER 10, 2021



Top: Donna Moss with news sponsor Michael Monaco, Betty Waznis with Michael looming large on screen. Gary rounding out the lucky winners. Remember when it was taboo to wear shorts to meetings? No longer! Troy, Lane & Gary rockin' them.



DISTRICT CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



The District Conference at the Hotel Del was excellent!
From a fun wine taste reception to kick it off, to a deeply moving tribute to the 20th anniversary of 9/11, to lunch with friends and learning what other clubs are working on. Very inspiring and energizing!





Top: First responders from the Navy, Marines, local police, fire and medical personnel ringed the entire Crown room at the Hotel Del. A powerful video about 9/11 reminded us of who we lost and how all of us were changed by that day.

Above left: Carmen Sandoval was recruited to keep time and blow the whistle—if necessary—to help Phil Blair roam the room and get shy Rotarians to share about their favorite club projects in 30 seconds or less.

Above right: Neisha & Bernard Hernandez enjoyed some family fun with their two youngest on the Rotary Ride-Stride





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THOUGHTS FOR TODAY



WORKING FROM HOME



9:00AM



9:12AM

