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The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista

Chartered February 16, 1926 - Club Number 908 - District 5340—
Meets Twice a Month, noon, 4475 Bonita Road, Bonita (CV Golf Course)

Wendy Wilson-Gibson
Bonita Museum & Cultural Center
September 23, 2022 - Noon



Who Writes History? including upcoming programming at the Bonita Museum & Cultural Center. The presentation includes methods for recording our history as well as documentation of our cultural practices. Join the museum in public celebrations and education about our indigenous roots during Fall celebrations.

San Diego County native **Wendy Wilson-Gibson** became the director in 2018. Under her leadership, BMCC has enjoyed a period of unprecedented growth in its civic engagement, initiating art, history and culture partnerships with artists, authors, collectors, and cultural institutions. During this period the museum has received funding to modernize its collections department as well as create new permanent history exhibitions. The nonprofit has increased and strengthened its staff to support education and innovative programming.

Did you know our own Chris Lewis is Chair of the Bonita Museum & CC Board?

CLUB CALENDAR

Bonita-Sunnyside Firefighters' Pancake Breakfast Sat. Sept 24—8-11 am
Lunch Together—On Our Own - Market on 8th—Friday, September 30, Noon
41 East 8th, National City; Beer! Take Hats outside patio; Niederfranks next door!
Bonita Optimist Book Sale—Oct 1-2 at Bonita Museum
CVPD Wes Anderson—Friday, October 7
Friday, October 14—Service Project—Food Distribution
Chula Vista Rotary Golf Tournament—Friday, October 28



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS— September 9, 2022

President Mark Scott called the meeting to order. Rasha Roshdy gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

President Mark shared a humorous excerpt he came across in a book about five Mafia families that mentioned Rotary. (read it on page 7).

Fundraising Chairperson Jesse Fernandez gave an update on the upcoming Club Golf Tournament set for Friday, October 28 at noon. We have several event sponsors and hole sponsors—but would appreciate a few more. Also, gift cards or items for the drawings at the dinner are also welcome. Members can donate wine for the cooler drawing with a rating of 90+ (or \$20+ per bottle). Thanks everyone!

President Mark fined Carmen Sandoval (and Jesse Fernandez by association) for their super cute grand daughter who lives in Chicago—and Carmen's recent trip to Peru.

Also a world traveler, Cheryl Shields, shared her adventures in Spain and other countries. Her daughter spent the summer in Spain and we received the banner from her local Rotary there.

Cheryl Shields received her Paul Harris Award. Lane Pearson congratulated everyone who has stepped up this year and encouraged everyone to consider.

Guest Speaker Jesse Vigil with Big Table, gave an interesting presentation on their organization that is dedicated to providing critical support to hospitality workers which include restaurant employees. Very interesting stories about how they helped many weather the pandemic storm which slammed

INVOCATION Given by Rasha Rosdy

In the Sufi tradition, God has 99 names. I have been contemplating the name love.

As humans, we tend to classify people around us. These are the people I pray with; these are the people I work with, the people I go fishing with, the people I live with.

I am reminded of what Gandhi said: " The golden way is to be friends with the world and to regard the whole human family as one."

When people choose to love, care, and look out for each other, they become a family. When you share trust, you build a bond as strong as blood.

Our Rotary family is built on trust and guided by the four-way test. I am sharing the famous poem by Jean Dominique Martin "

People come into your life for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. I am grateful every day for my Rotary family. May our Rotary family last us a lifetime. Amen"





JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON

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Hello, fellow Rotarians. Welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Diane Flint Wages and the Legacy Fund of the Chula Vista Rotary Foundation.

The big news this week is the weather, a sweltering heat wave that has broiled most of California, breaking records, and pushing the state's energy grid to the breaking point.

The opening day football game at SDSU's new Snapdragon Stadium last Saturday proved to be quite a weather surprise for the opposing team, the University of Arizona. When they left home, it was 95 degrees in Tucson. When they got to San Diego, it was 100 degrees. Not exactly what our Zonie neighbors expect. Next up: humidity, high winds and rain courtesy of Hurricane Kay, coming up the Baja coast.

On August 30, the Chula Vista City Council approved closing Harborside Park for at least three months. At the council meeting several residents called the situation at Harborside an "emergency" and urged the city to take immediate action so families can feel safe to return. Fellow Rotarian Eduardo Reyes, Chula Vista Elementary School District superintendent also spoke, saying "The reality is that it's no longer a park."

Between 50 and 100 homeless people had resided there prior to the official closing on August 31. Reported crimes at the park have included drug use, violence, prostitution, plus fatal overdoses. Harborside had the most calls for service of any city park, 200 last year, plus up to 12,000 pounds of trash collected on a weekly basis. The park closure could go beyond 90 days. A city-led community meeting is scheduled on Sept. 21 to brainstorm options for the park's future.

The City of Chula Vista is preparing to break ground on an \$89 million, 168,000-square-foot Cinematic Arts Academic Center & Library project, which will be home to San Diego State University's new, state-of-the-art Television, Film and New Media Studios Department. The cutting-edge facility, to be located at 1775 Millenia Avenue, will prepare students in all aspects of film and television production, including finance, distribution, and marketing. It will also include a new branch of Chula Vista Public Library, finally erasing a 19-year public library space deficit. The project, funded jointly by city and state, will be available for use by Sweetwater Union, Southwestern College and industry partners. Groundbreaking is planned for 2023, with completion in 2025.

Today's News at Noon is sponsored by Past President Diane Flint Wages in support of the soon to be launched Legacy Fund. Part of the Chula Vista Rotary Foundation, the Legacy Fund was founded to provide perpetual financial support to the Foundation through the generosity of gifts and donations. The earnings from that Fund will support the projects of our Foundation such as bicycles at Christmas, the Tijuana house build, and many other worthwhile local and international philanthropic endeavors. Imagine a Fund of \$500,000 that achieved a modest 5% annual return, potentially providing \$25,000 in annual support to the Foundation!

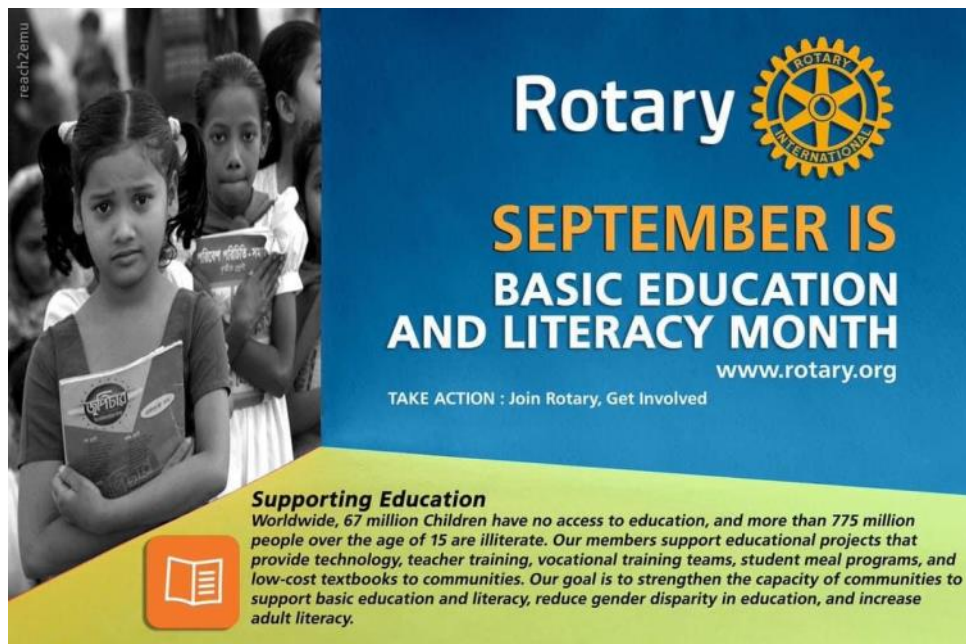
Opportunities to contribute to the Legacy Fund include annual donations, memorial gifts, and providing a gift through your estate trust or will. Your donation will give support in perpetuity as the Fund grows through donations and investments. Donations may be made to the Chula Vista Rotary Foundation with Legacy Fund in the memo. Please see President Mark or Legacy Fund Committee members Gary Bryant, Diane Wages, or Ken Weimer if you have any questions. Together we will ensure the ongoing philanthropies of the Chula Vista Rotary Foundation! This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Diane Flint Wages and the Legacy Fund of the Chula Vista Rotary



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Top left: Neisha Hernandez was a lucky winner in the drawing. Top right: Lane Pearson assisted by President Mark Scott presents Cheryl Shields with her Paul Harris Award. Above left: Eric Rimmel wins again; right, Chuck Bevan is a happy winner of the Beat the Summer Heat bag donated by Diane Flint Wages. Thanks Diane!



Above: Gary Bryant made a new friend at the Sweetwater River clean up. One of the odder items collected by our team of community volunteers.

More photos on page 6.

Thanks to everyone who helped out!





SWEETWATER VOLUNTEER CLEAN UP



Gary Bryant and Rick Richardson removed this mattress.



Jon Miller right up on the river's edge. Also helping that day: Gary Bryant, Kathleen Carroll, Duane Buckingham, Albert Aguilera, Noemi Carrillo, Lidya Depietri, Rick Richardson, Mark Scott, Alyson Estes and Risa Baron. Risa brought a couple of her co-workers. And Tina Matthias of course!



FIND THE ROTARIAN—Great Seats at Petco Park!



Book excerpt:

Lawyers for the remaining defendants were compelled in their summations to surmount three principal charges. They asked the jury to ignore the issue of the existence of the Commission portrayed it has no more dangerous to society than a **Rotary Club**.

(From Five Families - The Rise, Decline and Resurgence of America's Most Powerful Mafia empires by Selena Raab.)

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THANKS ROTARY

