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ROXANA KENNEDY
CHIEF OF POLICE, CITY OF CHULA VISTA
Friday, December 1, 2023 - Noon



On December 30, 2016, Roxana Kennedy was appointed as the City of Chula Vista's 24th Chief of Police. Chief Kennedy began her law enforcement career in 1992 after graduating from the Southwestern College Police Academy. She rose through the ranks to become the first female Lieutenant, Captain, and Chief of Police at the Chula Vista Police Department, as well as the first internally selected Chief of Police in 67 years.

Chief Kennedy is committed to the six pillars of 21st Century Policing by providing the highest level of professional law enforcement services to our community by building trust and legitimacy, increasing the use of technology, implementing community policing strategies, expanding officer training and education, and enhancing officer safety and wellness. Under Chief Kennedy's leadership, CVPD has adopted an innovation initiative focused on using technology to enhance community safety, increase situational awareness and officer safety, and reduce response times. CVPD is proud to be the first and only police department to work under the Federal Aviation Administration's UAS Integrated Pilot Program "Drone as First Responder (DFR)" concept which provides real-time data to officers and supervisors allowing officers to make better tactical decisions in the field providing safer outcomes for all parties involved. Chief Kennedy's goal is sharing

CVPD's story with law enforcement partners nationally and internationally to help standardize and expand to any agency interested in the benefits. Most recently, Chief Kennedy completed intensive training and is now a FAA Part 107 Certified Drone Pilot which helps her have a greater understanding of how beneficial this program is for public safety. CVPD is also on the cutting edge of another pilot project called Live911. Live911 allows officers in the field to hear incoming 911 calls and respond before critical calls are processed and dispatched. Additionally, Live911 can pinpoint a caller's location allowing an officer to respond to callers so traumatized they are unaware of their location



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - November 17, 2023

President Mora de Murguia called the meeting to order. President-elect Jesse Fernandez introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

President Mora introduced Bart Miesfeld who she sponsored as a member of our Club. Bart told us about himself and he received his Rotary pin, member packet and INVOICE. Welcome Bart! (Pictured right after Mora put his pin on his lapel).

President Mora gave updates on upcoming events including Salvation Army bell ringing (see Ken Weimer for a one or two hour shift at the Sprouts on Third Avenue, Veterans' Home decorating (sign up on clipboard), Ronald McDonald House dinner (sign up for task/shift) and more! See calendar for more details.

Max Scrivens generously sponsored the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Lucky drawing winners were: Jesse Fernandez, Ramon Moncada, and David Hoffman.



FIRST EVER ROTARY BAKE SALE

Tired of your usual holiday treats?
Others might not be...how about making something special, donate it to the bake sale, and then purchase something new for your holiday table.
Win/win for Chula Vista Rotary!

*Date: December 15th [sale is at our holiday meeting]

*Questions/details: Call, text, or email Lisa Johnson (ljohnson@ntcfoundation.org, 619.392.6106 c)





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JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON by Betty Waznis



Hello, everyone and welcome to the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's news is brought to you by Max Scrivens and La Vista Mortuary.

Los Angeles commuters are learning to live with the temporary closure of a stretch of the I-10. An estimated 300,000 vehicles a day normally use this mile-long section of the freeway between Alameda Street and the East L.A interchange, a key east-west route through downtown. Although the roadway may be open for traffic as early as next week, it will take at least two months of nonstop work to completely repair the damage done by an arson fire on Saturday.

About 100 columns were damaged in the 8-acre blaze, and 45 need to be rebuilt. Fortunately, officials have determined the elevated section will not need to be demolished. The fire began under the overpass at Alameda Street early Saturday morning, tearing through wood pallets, cars and other construction materials being stored under the freeway. No injuries were reported.

Peter Seidler, the big-spending and enthusiastic chairman of the San Diego Padres, died Tuesday. Seidler came from a baseball family. His grandfather, Walter O'Malley, moved the Dodgers to Los Angeles from Brooklyn in 1958. Seidler's mother, Terry, and his uncle, Peter O'Malley, owned the team until 1998. Peter Seidler was part of the group that bought the Padres in 2012. He became Padres chairman and principal owner in 2020. Seidler, 63, was diabetic, a two-time survivor of non-Hodgkins lymphoma, and had battled health issues for years. He supported numerous charities focused on cancer, diabetes and homelessness. Seidler planned for the Padres to remain in his family for generations after he died. Seidler is survived by his wife and three young children; his mother, and nine brothers and sisters.

In other local sports news, Padre's pitcher Blake Snell, a pending free agent, was named the National League Cy Young Award winner on Wednesday, becoming just the seventh pitcher to win the award in both leagues.

And finally, Brady Hoke is out as coach of the SDSU Aztec football team. Hoke, 65, reportedly informed staff members Sunday evening that he had been fired. He had three years remaining on his contract.

The Aztecs are 3-7 for the season, 1-5 in the Mountain West, tied for last place with New Mexico. This is the first season since 2009 that they are not bowl eligible. Hoke guided SDSU to a school-record 12 wins in 2021, earning Mountain West Coach of the Year, but the Aztecs slipped to 7-6 last season and have lost seven of their past eight games this season.

Max Scrivens was born in Erie, Pennsylvania in 1967, the youngest of 9. Graduated from high school in 1986 and joined the US Navy the same year. He finished his military service in the US Army, volunteering in the Gulf War. He began civilian life working at Merkley-Mitchell Mortuary as assistant to everyone. Landscaping, auto maintenance, building maintenance, removals, and funeral assists. He worked his way up at several mortuary companies, completing numerous apprenticeships and certifications, finally qualifying for a funeral directors' license.

He returned to Merkley Mitchell Mortuary as a funeral director, the same place where he once mowed the lawn. In October of 2020 he started a new adventure at family owned and operated La Vista Mortuary, Crematory and Cemetery, where he built and assisted in the expansion of the mortuary and crematory. He's been in this industry for over 30 years and considers it an honor and a privilege to serve in this field.

Max and wife Shonta are proud parents of son Charles and daughter Brittany. Remember -- Max Scrivens at La Vista Mortuary Crematory and Cemetery has been letting people down for over 30 years and would love letting you down as well!!!!!! This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today brought to you by Max Scrivens and La Vista Mortuary.



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We learned a little bit more about Max Scrivens (be sure to read the news). L-R: Here he is with Jesse Fernandez, David Hoffman and Ramon Moncada.



L: Rotarians and guests give new member Bart Miesfeld a warm Chula Vista Rotary welcome!

R: President Mora presents speaker Betty Mohlenbrock with the coveted mug. Program Chair Risa Baron provides an assist.



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FIRST EVER ROTARY COOKIE CONTEST

Do your friends and family rave about a special cookie, brownie, or bar that you make? Do you want to put that treat to the test against other Rotarian bakers? Let's do it!

I know some of you are already digging out grandma's special recipe or dreaming up something unique and new. Don't be shy. Let's start a new, fun Chula Vista Rotary tradition!

- Date: December 15th (also at our holiday meeting)
- Who can enter: Any CV Rotarian and/or his/her spouse
- How many entries can you have: Each baker can submit up to three entries
- Who is judging? : Surprise guest judge TBD
- Prize: One grand prize of a \$100 gift card [thank you Mora] and...even better...

BRAGGING RIGHTS FOR A YEAR!

Details/questions: Call, text, or email Lisa Johnson (ljohnson@ntcfoundation.org, 619.392.6106 c)



MERRY CHRISTMAS

VETERANS HOME DECORATING THIS SATURDAY AT 8:30!

**Help brighten the holidays for the residents
of the Chula Vista Veterans Home**

**It is located at 700 East Naples Ct.
(next door to Sharp Hospital)**

**It is usually less than one hour of fun
putting up trees and garland**





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FIND YOUR RECIPES!



Get ready for a fun NEW holiday event! Our Rotary Bake Sale AND Holiday Cookie Competition! Members, spouses and friends can enter!



Team Registration begins January 8th.



**MEMBER
SHOUT
OUT!**



Lisa Johnson made the rounds on television recently to help promote the opening of the ice rink at Liberty Station. Here she is on Ch. 8 with Eric Konert.

Located in the Central Promenade at ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station, Rady Children's Ice Rink is in its 27th year and is a fun, family-friendly way to spend time together, raising funds for the Thriving After Cancer program at the Peckham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders.

CALENDAR—SAVE THE DATES

Chula Vista Veteran's Home Decorating -Saturday, Dec. 2, 8:30 a.m.

Food Distribution at St. Marks—Friday, Dec. 8, 8:00 a.m.

Kettle Bell Ringing—Salvation Army (See Ken Weimer for your time slot)

**Ronald McDonald House Dinner —Shifts begin at 4:00—
Wednesday, December 13**

**CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM & BAKE SALE—
Friday, December 15, Noon**

**GOOD-BYE POLIO
THANKS ROTARY**

