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Meets Weekly, noon, 4475 Bonita Road, Bonita (Chula Vista Golf Course)

SANDY SCHELLER
TRY TO REMEMBER
Friday, December 8, 2023 - Noon



Meet Holocaust survivors featured in the Holocaust exhibit,
RUTH Remember Us The Holocaust.

This exhibit was featured in Chula Vista between 2020 and 2022.

It is currently at the Rancho San Diego Library and will come to
an end in May 2024.

Sandra is the daughter of Holocaust survivors and has made it her
mission to figure out what it's going to take to create San Diego's
first Holocaust Museum.



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - December 1, 2023

President Mora de Murguia called the meeting to order. President-elect Jesse Fernandez introduced guests and visiting Rotarians. Songmaster Chuck Bevins led us in song with a holiday carol.

Michael Monaco introduced Chula Vista Fire Chief Harry Muns who introduced this quarter's Above & Beyond honoree, Captain Michael Neal. Cpt Neal holds many leadership roles in the department. He thanked Rotary for hosting RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), which HE ATTENDED many years ago and made a big difference for him.

December birthdays were celebrated with the birthday song (see page 7). Anniversaries were also announced. Upcoming speakers and the club calendar were reviewed. Gary Bryant gave an update on the Ronald McDonald House dinner on Wed, December 13. Volunteers can now park in the structure, but be prepared to pay. A record 57 volunteers are signed up to help! The SWC jazz and concert choirs will sing at 6:00 pm.

President Mora presented a check for \$400 to Chief Kennedy for the CVPD Foundation holiday activities—in addition to the giant pile of toys members brought in. Thanks everyone!!

President Mora encouraged members to submit photos for the Rotary International contest.

Change is coming! Volunteers are needed for the audit committee, submit suggestions to David Hoffman, Chair of the Nominations Committee. We are implementing Clover—a pay by card system very soon. We will have a new post office box for the Club and are exploring autopay for dues.

Veterans' Home decorations will be taken down on Saturday, January 6, 8:30 am.

A Club Social is set for Monday, December 18 beginning at 4 pm at Novo Brazil at Otay Ranch Center.

Installation/Outstallation is set for Friday, June 28th—save the date.

Risa Baron will be bringing a NEW Polio Pig back.

Kathleen Carroll had great fun with the News at Noon prizes.

Chief Kennedy gave an excellent update—Chula Vista has the LOWEST crime rate in the county!



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 brought to you by Kathleen Carroll.

Arizona State University will begin offering four-year degree programs at Southwestern College next year. ASU has yet to specify what degree programs it will offer here, but as one of the nation's largest universities, ASU specializes in everything from education and computer science to biotechnology and entrepreneurship. In addition to ASU, SDSU, Point Loma Nazarene University, and National University also offer four-year degree program courses at Southwestern, which is building a center specifically for students taking upper-division classes.

Marine Group Boat Works, located in the Chula Vista Bayfront, is starting a multi-million-dollar modernization project at its 15-acre shipbuilding and repair facility. The center of the project is the addition of a new state-of-the-art mobile boat lift, which will be the only sideways-crawling travelift on the West Coast and the largest in the United States. The giant lift will be able to haul a super-yacht out of the water and transport it forward, backward, and even sideways on wheels that can turn 90 degrees. Another key feature of the machine is its variable width, which will allow the crane to expand up to 18.5 feet or collapse for vessels with smaller beams.

The new versatility provided by the lift will allow Marine Group to make more efficient use of its one-million-square-foot facility by optimizing the space between vessels when blocked on shore. The build-out is expected to take 12 months. As part of the facility modernization, the company will dredge the basin back down to its original depth of 13 feet because it has begun filling with silt, a natural occurrence. Another step in maintaining a state-of-the-art facility on our bayfront to continue attracting large yachts and super yachts from all over the world.

Two news leaders arriving on the San Diego sports scene. Mike Shildt, who many saw as the favorite from the outset, was announced last week as the choice to replace Bob Melvin as the San Diego Padres' 18th full-time manager. Shildt managed the St. Louis Cardinals to the playoffs in 2019, 2020 and 2021 and went 252-199 over 3½ seasons. He was named National League Manager of the Year in 2019 but was let go in 2021 over what the team described as philosophical differences. Shildt's experience as a winning coach, his last two years spent as an adviser in the Padres' player development department, and his experience working with Padres president of baseball operations A.J. Preller, seemed to have tipped the scale in his favor.

Another new coach was also announced. Sean Lewis, who spent five seasons at Kent State before becoming the offensive coordinator at the University of Colorado, has just been hired as San Diego State's new head football coach. A proponent of up-tempo, wide-open offense, Lewis fits the profile of what many Aztecs football fans have been hoping for, more offense to balance our awesome defense.

The 37-year-old Lewis was head coach at Kent State from 2018 to 2022, guiding the Golden Flashes to two bowl games. He then left to become Colorado's offensive coordinator under head coach Deion Sanders. During his own playing days, the 6-foot-7 Lewis was a tight end and kick returner at Wisconsin.

Today's sponsor, Kathleen Carroll, lived in several different states as a child, due to her father's career in the Marine Corps. Eventually the family settled in La Jolla to be near grandparents. Now, Joe and Kathleen Carroll are grandparents themselves, welcoming Jackson, age 9 months and Eli, 7 months, into the family. Here is a photo of their family from last summer.

This concludes this edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today brought to you by Kathleen Carroll.



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L-R: President Mora with Police Chief Roxana Kennedy, Sgt Molina, and Captain Dan Peak checking out the surprise load of toys donated by Rotarians over a couple of weeks.
THANKS EVERYONE!



Kathleen Carroll spreading holiday cheer as this week's news sponsor.
L-R: Zaneta Encarnacion, Bart Miesfeld and Ken Weimer were the lucky drawing winners this week.



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MORE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - December 1, 2023



L-R: Chief Kennedy conferring with Fire Chief Muns. Michael Monaco, Above & Beyond Chair, with Honoree Captain Michael Neal and Chief Muns. Captain Neal making a few remarks.



L-R: Back from Vermont—Reed and Beta Dinsmore—welcome home! Gary Bryant presents checks to Bob Silvas for Mary's House (\$400) which provides support to trafficking victims and Rick Richardson for Childcare Development Associates (\$1500) which will provide holiday meals/gifts to 15 of their neediest families for the holidays. It will be matched by their banking partners.





Christmas Tree Decorating at Veterans Home of California - Chula Vista



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**DISEASE PREVENTION &
TREATMENT**

Special guest and former member Donna Moss was visiting from Indiana and popped to say hello! (With Zaneta)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR ROTARIANS!



Tom Davies - December 7

Ken Weimer - December 8

Chuck Bevan - December 10

Carlos Sanchez - December 12

Kathleen Carroll - December 16

Mary Johnson - December 18



Our piano player
Joe DeMers brings a
wonderful festive
atmosphere to our
meetings.

Thanks Joe!





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ROTARY BELLRINGERS RETURN AFTER A HIATUS!



Darrel Johnson spent some time at the Sprouts on Third Avenue. Be sure to notice the message on the apron



L-R: Autumn Reid, Carmen Sandoval and Jerry May took turns ringing the bell for The Salvation Army. The time goes fast!





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!





*Our most sincere
sympathy to
Steve Brodbeck and
his family on the
recent passing of his
sister Kathleen.*

CALENDAR—SAVE THE DATES

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

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 & BAKE COMPETITION—
Friday, December 15, Noon**

CLUB HOLIDAY SOCIAL at NOVO BRAZIL—Monday, December 18, 4:00 pm

DECORATION TAKE DOWN AT VETERANS' HOME—Saturday, Jan 6, 8:30 am

**GOOD-BYE POLIO
THANKS ROTARY**

