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For more than 20 years, the Emilio Nares Foundation has supported families to navigate through their child's journey with cancer by offering free transportation to medical treatments, as well as resource navigation.

They help families access mental health, housing, food, and legal aid, among many other services. We are the only nonprofit inside of Rady's Children's Hospital that helps families access mental health, housing, food, and legal aid, among many other services.

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR NOVEMBER 21



Lisa Johnson was the sponsor of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. L-R: The lucky drawing winners were: Ken Weimer, Tom Davies and (not pictured due to unflattering photo) David Hoffman. Below: Beto Gurmilan was the guest speaker and shared his journey to establish the Gurmilan Foundation which supports participation in adapted sports and education.



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JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON by Betty Waznis

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Hello, everyone, and welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's news brought to you by Lisa Johnson and Arts District Liberty Station.

Ford Motor is partnering with Amazon to let dealers sell certified used vehicles on Amazon Autos, allowing customers to browse inventory, arrange financing, and complete most paperwork online. Buyers then pick up their vehicles in person — no free Prime delivery! The program launches in Los Angeles, Seattle, and Dallas, with San Diego to come. Vehicles include a manufacturer-backed warranty and dealership-level benefits. About 180 dealers have expressed interest, and 20 have enrolled. Amazon Autos, which began offering used vehicles in August, facilitates sales while cars are sold by participating dealers. The partnership arrives as U.S. new car prices remain high; the average price hit a record \$50,080 in September.

Flight reductions nationwide have officially ended ahead of what's expected to be record Thanksgiving air travel for Southern Californians. The Auto Club of Southern California forecasts that about 700,000 plus residents will fly between Nov. 25 and Dec. 1 - nearly 3% more than last year and 12.5% above pre-pandemic levels. Airlines say they'll be fully prepared by today. Holiday air bookings from San Diego are up 11.3%, while LAX and San Francisco show slight declines. Most travelers, however, will drive: 5.9 million Southern Californians are expected on the roads, a 2.7% increase from last year. Heavy traffic is expected Tuesday and Wednesday, with busy return travel on Sunday.

SDSU Aztec football is on top of the Mountain West conference by one game with two games remaining in the regular season. The Aztecs close out the season with a home game tomorrow night against San Jose State and a road game the day after Thanksgiving against New Mexico.

SDFC hosts Minnesota United in Monday's MLS Cup Western Conference semifinal match. The knockout-stage game starts at 7 p.m. in front of an already sold-out Snapdragon Stadium. More than 32,500 fans are expected. The match is a "blue-out," with fans encouraged to wear the color.

Randy Jones, the first Padre to win the Cy Young award, died Tuesday at 75. He still holds several franchise records dating from the mid 70's including shutouts and innings pitched.

Today's sponsor Lisa Johnson is President and CEO of Arts District Liberty Station; she's been in her role almost 11 years. Located in the former Naval Training Center in Point Loma, Arts District Liberty Station is a 100-acre historic campus that has been transformed into one of San Diego's largest cultural destinations, home to more than 120 galleries, studios, museums and more. Most recently, Lisa and her team completed construction on The Joan and Irwin Jacobs Performing Arts Center, housing two state-of-the-art performance spaces, including The Clays theater with 282 seats, and The Dottie Studio Theater with up to 150 seats.

There is still more to come. Beginning construction sometime in 2026, The Admiral project will repurpose the former officer's homes and the military gatehouse into a hospitality venue with shops and restaurants. Come visit and explore all Arts District Liberty Station has to offer...with no parking headaches. Liberty Station offers more than 5000 free parking spaces! Holiday activations include Rady Children's ice rink, now in its 10th season, holiday tree lighting the night after Thanksgiving, and Menorah lighting on December 14.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today brought to you by Lisa Johnson and Arts District Liberty Station.



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SENDING WELL WISHES

We are sending prayers to Joe Carroll, husband of Rotarian Kathleen Carroll, who will be having surgery this coming week. Kathleen said she learned recently that she is more like Nurse Ratchet than Florence Nightingale—keeping her sense of humor through it all.

Brian Wages, husband of Rotarian (and first woman President) Diane Flint Wages, is on the mend following several days in the Intensive Care Unit to care for a serious bout of pneumonia. Diane says she is keeping very busy with her care providing duties.

SEND IN YOUR NEWS!

**Recent milestone? Big event? Career change?
Under the weather?
Let Rotary in on your news—share with
President Ben or Exec Sec Carmen**

3rd ANNUAL BAKE SALE

*Donations will support our
Rotary Programs*

**Bring anything Homemade,
Bakery made— Sweet or Savory!**

*Pies, Cakes, Cookies, Brownies,
Bread, Candy, Toffee,
Empanadas, appetizers etc.*



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**LAST DAY TO BRING
CALENDARS & PUZZLE BOOKS FOR VETS**



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, December 6, 8:30 am—**Veterans' Home Decorating—Building C**

Wednesday, December 10 - **Ronald McDonald House Dinner—VARIOUS SHIFTS**

Friday, December 19 — **Holiday Program & Bake Sale!**

CHULA VISTA ROTARY 100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
February TBD, 2026

TRIVIA NIGHT— Friday, March 13, 2026, 5:30 pm

