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**NORA VARGAS, CHAIR
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Friday, February 2, 2024 - Noon**



Nora E. Vargas was sworn in on January 4, 2021, to represent San Diego County's First Supervisorial District. A first-generation immigrant, Supervisor Vargas is the first Latina, first binational, and first woman of color to serve as County Supervisor in the near 200-year history of the County of San Diego. She served as Vice-Chair of the Board for her first two terms, and on January 10, 2023, was unanimously elected Chairwoman of the Board of Supervisors.

She serves as Chairwoman for SANDAG, member of the Air Pollution Control District, and County representative to the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), and National Association of Counties (NACo). In February 2022, Chairwoman Vargas was appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom to serve on the California Air Resources Board.

Prior to her election to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Chairwoman Vargas served as an appointee to the 12-member California State Teachers Retirement System (CalSTRS) board. For seven years she also served as a member of the Southwestern College Governing Board, the only public institution of higher education in San Diego's South County.

Chairwoman Vargas was raised between the border cities of San Diego and Tijuana and is the oldest of four siblings. She graduated from Montgomery High School in South San Diego, attended Southwestern College, and later transferred to the University of San Francisco where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science.

Chairwoman Vargas lives in the community of Chula Vista with her rescue dogs Rocco and Bruno. In her spare time, she enjoys fly fishing and country music.



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS— JANUARY 26, 2024

Treasurer Ben Koala called the meeting to order. The invocation and pledge was given by Michael Monaco. The welcoming of visiting Rotarians was provided by Rasha Roshdy. The song, led by Chuck Bevan was “Raindrops”.

Ben noted the announcements shown on the calendar below.

Bob Silvas announced the LiveScan opportunity next week with a sign-up sheet circulated for members to designate their time slot prior to the meeting. Live Scan is required for all those members who wish to be involved with youth or Rotaract. He also promoted the Rotaract formation meeting at Novo Brazil in Otay Ranch Town Center on February 9.

The speaker, Capt. Todd Perry (Ret.) spoke about the new Navy Seal Museum that is planned for opening in a year across from the train station in San Diego. He noted that San Diego is the largest military city in the country when you consider Camp Pendleton, Miramar, North Island and Point Loma among other locations.



CALENDAR—UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, February 7, 6:00 pm, Rotaract Formation Meeting & Social @ Novo Brazil

Friday, February 9, Valentine Program, Noon

**Friday, February 9—St. Paul’s Senior Gift Baskets—Assemble before meeting.
Bring items or donate via QR code**

Friday, February 9, 8-11 am—Food Distribution at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church

Thursday, February 20, noon—International Projects Committee Meets—TBD

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, April 20— Tijuana Home Build

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Hello, everyone, and welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today sponsored by Jeanette Badal and Lucid HR Solutions. San Diego has begun recovering from Monday's surprising flash floods. The powerful storm set new rainfall records for the day in eight San Diego County cities, including Chula Vista.

In this map, each dot represents a central county location where flood damage was reported. Southeastern San Diego was hit particularly hard. In that area, rainwater washed huge piles of debris down Chollas Creek and clogged its path underneath National Avenue, creating what amounted to a dam. As more and more water rushed toward the clogged bridge, it had nowhere to move except out and away from the creek bed.

The floodwaters carried away trash bins and vehicles, and flooded businesses and homes, leaving tons of mud and debris behind.

The Federal Aviation Authority has approved an inspection process that will let airlines resume flying their Boeing 737 Max 9 jetliners, which have been grounded since a side panel blew out of a plane in midflight earlier this month.

The agency's review of the incident on board an Alaska Airlines Boeing jet cleared a path for the planes to fly again, but the FAA will not agree to any Boeing request to expand production until quality-control concerns have been addressed.

The agency will require airlines to conduct "detailed visual inspections" of door plugs and other components, adjust fasteners and fix any damage they find before putting Max 9s back into service.



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The FAA grounded most Max 9s the day after the door plug blew off and landed in an Oregon backyard. Alaska and United Airlines — the only U.S. carriers with Max 9s — have canceled hundreds of flights since then.

A new feature announced this week on the newest Samsung Galaxy phone makes it easier to talk to anyone on the phone in another language. The Live Translate option can translate a live phone call in real-time voice between two different languages.

During the phone call, the conversation is translated immediately after the caller speaks to the other person on the phone. That person can then respond in their own language which is then translated back to the caller's language. Live Translate supports 13 languages and 17 dialects – a personal interpreter right in your pocket.

Today's sponsor, Jeanette Badal, grew up in Tijuana and San Diego. She pursued her education on both sides of the border, eventually graduating from National University with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Through college internships in law enforcement and education, she discovered her real passion was for human resources and embarked on a 20-year career in the hospitality, manufacturing, and biotech industries.

With a wealth of HR experience, Jeanette ventured into entrepreneurship, establishing Lucid HR Solutions this past year. Lucid HR Solutions is focused on assisting small to midsize businesses with their HR needs. Jeanette especially enjoys helping small business owners navigate the many employment laws and regulations governing business in California.

Jeanette is a new and proud Rotarian, a board member of the San Diego chapter of the National Latina Business Women's Association, and a member of and volunteer for the National City Chamber of Commerce.

Residing in Otay Ranch with her husband and two boys, William, 13 and Daniel, 11, Jeanette values family time and indulges in listening to podcasts, reading, tending to her succulents and a good pinot. Her hidden talent - dancing salsa.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today sponsored by Jeanette Badal and Lucid HR Solutions.



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MORE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



President elect-elect Ben and Capt
Todd Perry (Ret.)



Sponsor Jeanette Badal and
raffle winner Max Scrivens



Raffle winner Bob Silvas



Raffle winner Ramon Moncada

Rotary Invocation 01/26/2024

May our homes, our nation, and country become havens of peace, let us pray for the grace to see every human being as a child of God, regardless of race, language or culture.

Lord, you have shown us through our lives and teachings that true greatness comes from service. Help use to model a life after your example and put the needs of others before our own. As we go about our day, please give us eyes to see the lonely, the hurting, and the marginalized.

Amen





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SENIOR GIFT BASKETS

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The Senior Gift Baskets were a HUGE hit last year and very much appreciated by the elders at St. Paul PACE program. We are doing it again this year!

Here is a list of useful items:

- Home goods
- Canned/non-perishable food items
- Cleaning supplies
- Kitchen, bathroom and home care items
- Hygiene care items, Denture cleaner
- Clothing, Sweatshirts, Socks
- Cleaning supplies
- Laundry detergent, Fabric softener
- Dish sponges
- Toilet paper, tissue, paper towels
- Blankets
- Trash bags
- Eye glass cleaners

If you prefer to make a \$\$\$ donation instead, you can use the QR code on the left and it will be designated to this specific activity. Thanks!

South Africa

The Rotary Club of Polokwane, northeast of Johannesburg, has given new meaning to the expression “waste not, want not.” The club has helped train more than 550 preschool teachers and caregivers to turn common household waste items — cardboard tubes, plastic sticks, egg cartons, newsprint, and more — into craft projects for children. In 2017, the club teamed up with Shayne Moodie, founder of an initiative called Empty Toy Box Education, to train rural educators to engage children with such projects. Club members collect recyclables and supplies such as glue and scissors, assist with the training, and provide the certificates for teachers. “The early childhood development program has been the most successful, sustainable program offered by our club in recent years,” says club member Ursula Moodie, who is Shayne’s mother. The program has reached as many as 17,000 preschoolers, the club estimates.



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