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

DARK—NO CLUB MEETING
Friday, February 23, 2024

Rotary  In a few words:

Acquaintance
Fellowship
Connections Ideas Opportunity
Action Fair Respectful Ethical
Expertise
Integrity
Accountability Honor
Understanding International
Diversity Youth
Membership Commitments United
Community Education Health
Vocational
Service
Economy Club Scholarship Friendship
Relationships Development
Leadership
Sincere Responsible Professional

REMEMBER!

There is no meeting this meeting.

Invite a friend next week!

CALENDAR—UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

District Training Assembly—Saturday, March 9, 8:30 am—2:00 pm

May 22—RED SHOE DAY—For Ronald McDonald House

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

SAVE THE DATE! Friday, June 28—Installation/Outstallation



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS— FEBRUARY 16, 2024

President Mora de Murguia called the meeting to order. Carmen Sandoval gave the invocation. In honor of our Club's 98th birthday, Songmaster Chuck Bevan, with an assist from Jon Miller, sang our Club's fight song.

President Mora said the delivery of the Senior Gift baskets was delayed due to a crime in a nearby parking lot. It has been rescheduled to February 21. Darrel Johnson was awarded his member blue badge and was presented with it by his sponsor Ken Weimer.

David Hoffman re-introduced the Rotary Exchange student from Japan, our Club is sponsoring this year, Haruto Nakata. He recently moved to the Hoffman home, is a student at Olympian High School and one of his favorite things about America are TACOS. Haruto is from Chiba, which is near Tokyo.

The program for the day was Club Presidents' Day. David Hoffman (91-92) held President Mora's gavel and shared with newer members the long tradition of gavel stealing.

Jerry May brought a very large banner from his year with the theme of Look Beyond Yourself. He reminded us that Bill Holland, former radio personality was in our Club and used to do the weekly news.

Jan Mellinger (02-03) shared how her grandfather had been a member of the Club in the 1950's and 1960's. Her year was the year polio was going to be eradicated (we know it has not happened). She highlighted the power of one and updated the drawing to gifts.

Michael Monaco (12-13) said the theme for his year was Peace Thru Service. His speaker gift was a framed polio vial (a donation was made on behalf of the speaker). He tried to teach us a song—to no avail and had us carrying a Rotary coin. SEVERAL people had them in their pockets. Bob Bliss was the quickest to pull it out and won a big prize.

It was a very fun and informative meeting. A big thank you to all the past President presenters!

CHULA VISTA ROTARY FIGHT SONG

Chula Vista Rotary our hats are off to you.

Serving others above ourselves will be our motto strong and true...

So we are proud to wear the badge of the wheel of Rotary

Guided by the Four-Way Test, we'll build a world where we live in harmony.

(Written by Lane Cole)

JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON by Betty Waznis



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With Betty Waznis

Hello everyone, and welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today brought to you by Lane Pearson and The Rotary Foundation.

California drivers will need to double-check where we park this year. A new law on the books has created a no-parking buffer around marked and unmarked pedestrian crosswalks. Drivers are typically not allowed to park their vehicles in the middle of an intersection, on a crosswalk, in front of marked curbs, in a way that blocks access to fire hydrants or too close to a fire station entrance, among other prohibited parking spots.

Now drivers will need to consider the areas around crosswalks as no-park zones and get into the habit of leaving a 20-foot gap between their vehicle and any marked or unmarked crosswalks because of the law that went into effect at the start of the year.

Assembly Bill 413 does not specify what constitutes an unmarked crosswalk. Over the next 12 months, drivers will receive a warning if they violate the rule. Citations will start on January 1. The concept of leaving a clear line of sight for all modes of transportation is called "daylighting" and prevents a vehicle from obscuring the view of motorists who are approaching a crosswalk. 43 other states have already implemented some version of daylighting. The bill aims to reduce California's pedestrian fatality rate, now nearly 25% higher than the national average.

Two weeks ago, the California Department of Public Health released new more relaxed COVID guidelines. People testing positive no longer need to isolate if they have no symptoms. In addition, those who do develop symptoms are no longer advised to isolate for five days, but rather can end isolation once their symptoms are mild and improving, and they've gone 24 hours with no fever. They should wear a mask for 10 days after symptoms first appeared.

Vaccinations, natural immunity from past infections, and the development of medications such as Paxlovid have made the disease much less risky. New COVID hospitalizations are at the lowest points for the winter season since the pandemic began, even though high levels of virus are circulating. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is also considering loosening its recommendations to align with this new revised advice.

In 2023, Mexico was the leading source of goods imported to the US — ahead of China for the first time in over 20 years, a big change in global commerce dynamics. Between 2022 and 2023, the value of goods imported to the US from Mexico increased by almost 5%, while Chinese imports fell 20% in the same time period. Foreign companies, particularly those selling in North America, see Mexico as a strong alternative to China for several reasons, including the simmering trade tensions between the U.S. and China. American consumers and businesses have turned to Mexico, Europe, South Korea, India, Canada and Vietnam for auto parts, shoes, toys, goods, raw materials, and many other goods.

The Padres are gearing up for spring training. The full squad is due in camp today. 25 exhibition games will be available via TV, radio or webcast this spring. The first two Cactus League games of the season against the Dodgers will be on ESPN next Thursday and Friday. Followed by Padres dot TV's broadcasts streaming free of charge on Cox Channel 4 (Yurview) starting with the Feb. 26 game against Cleveland from the Peoria Sports Complex.

Lane Pearson serves as our club's committee chair for the Rotary Foundation, the organization that turns our local donations, support, and work into a better life for needy deserving people all over the world. Ask him about the Rotary Foundation and how you can help and contribute. This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today brought to you by Lane Pearson and The Rotary Foundation.



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Club Rotary Foundation chair Lane Pearson presented drawing gifts to L-R: Jeanette Badal, Margaret our guest piano player, and Ken Weimer.



L-R: Bonus gift bag winner was Bob Bliss.
Past President Jerry May unfurled his very large banner.
Jerry was also holding President Mora's gavel throughout his talk.



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Above: Past President Michael Monaco presented Bob Bliss a large fruit Strudel from Hans & Harry's for pulling out his Rotary challenge coin the quickest of everyone who still had them.



Past President David Hoffman shared highlights from his term and showed off President Mora's gavel. Past President Jan Mellinger shared how Chris Lewis helped raise big \$\$\$ for polio.



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L-R: Darrel Johnson receiving his blue badge from his sponsor Ken Weimer.
Our Rotary Exchange student, Haruto Nakata, joined us for lunch. His English is improving.

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2024 District Training Assembly

Saturday, March 9, 2024

8:30 AM to 2:00 PM