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The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista  
Chartered February 16, 1926 - Club Number 908 - District 5340  
Meets Weekly, Noon, 4475 Bonita Road, Bonita (Chula Vista Golf Course)

**VALENTINES DAY PROGRAM**  
Friday, February 13, 2026 - Noon



Bring your favorite person, friend or co-worker for  
Rotary fun and friendship—and SURPRISES!  
See you this Friday!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

100th CLUB CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION—  
February 27, 2026, 5:00 pm  
San Diego Country Club, \$100 per person; \$75 for members  
who pre-pay for meals

SENIOR GIFT BASKETS ASSEMBLY— FEBRUARY 13

TRIVIA CONTEST—Friday, March 13—Sign Up Today

TIJUANA HOME BUILD— Saturday, April 11, 6:30 am

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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - February 6, 2026



President Ben presenting the Rotary Speaker's mug to Anita Keller Scott of the San Diego County Y.



News sponsor Diego Quilantan with Fernando de los Santos and Lisa Johnson. Thanks Diego!

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**THANKS ROTARY**



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## JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON by Betty Waznis

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Hello, everyone. Welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today sponsored by Diego Quilantan and Koala Financial.

The Olympics are coming to San Diego as part of the 2028 LA Summer Games, with soccer matches scheduled for Snapdragon Stadium in Mission Valley. LA28 announced group stage and knockout round venues for the men's and women's tournaments on Tuesday. Stadiums in six cities have been added to Pasadena's Rose Bowl, which will host both finals: San Diego, San Jose, St. Louis, Nashville, New York and Columbus, Ohio. The match distribution for each venue is expected to be announced in April. Registration for the initial Olympic ticket lottery is open now through March 18, with ticket sales scheduled for April.

Florida's freezing temperatures over recent days provided a unique opportunity to combat a destructive invader. Green iguanas are a non-native invasive species in south and southwest Florida that have bad impacts on the state's environment and economy. Growing to more than 6 feet long, with sharp teeth and claws, they dig, burrow, and climb, damaging seawalls, canal banks, sidewalks, roads, building foundations and water systems, as well as residential roofs, pool decks, and electrical equipment. When temperatures drop and hold to near-freezing or below, the tree-dwelling iguanas can go into a state of torpor, temporarily lose muscle control, and fall to the ground. The cold-stunned reptiles aren't dead but remain paralyzed by the cold until temperatures warm up again. For a species notoriously difficult to catch or kill during normal weather, the cold has provided an opportunity to remove many of the pests. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission allowed residents to turn in any cold-stunned iguanas that they found. Over five thousand of the reptiles were dropped off during just two days, to be humanely killed.

This week, Brian Dutcher, SDSU men's basketball coach, spoke about the state of the program's NIL revenue-sharing resources for next season, saying "To be honest with you, we don't have enough to compete on a national level." SDSU amassed just under \$3 million for men's basketball for the 2025-26 season, all from external fundraising. In comparison, it's estimated there are more than 30 programs with at least a \$10 million payroll for men's basketball players, topped by Kentucky, with a reported \$22 million.

Big sports weekend. Winter Olympic opening ceremony began this morning at 11, with alpine skiing, ski jumping and luge featured this weekend. And I hope you have all placed your bets for the NFL Superbowl this Sunday. proceeds to benefit the Chula Vista Rotary Foundation. Tickets for the Superbowl were still available yesterday on Ticketmaster, ranging from the cheap seats at \$4,387 to something nicer at \$16, 381.

Today's sponsor, Diego Quilantan, is a Chula Vista native, a Bonita Vista High alum, and an Eagle Scout. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Economics and a Master's in the Science of Accountancy with an emphasis in Taxation from San Diego State. He works with Ben at Koala Financial as a Senior Accountant and is also an Enrolled Agent. He's currently studying for and taking the CPA exams and plans to complete all four sections soon. Outside of work, Diego spends a lot of time building things. He writes code, builds internal tools, works with 3D printing, and takes on technical projects that combine software skills with physical hardware. Diego is also a scratch golfer with a 1.8 handicap. He enjoys walking the course, keeping his own stats to track progress, and late-night driving range sessions. His favorite course is Torrey Pines, and his bucket-list course is the Old Course at St Andrews. Outside of work and golf, Diego's favorite travel destination is Japan. He speaks English and Italian, his favorite color is purple, his favorite food is clam chowder, and he's a lifelong Los Angeles Lakers fan. This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today brought to you by Diego Quilantan and Koala Financial.

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## CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR BRIAN WAGES

A Celebration of Life for Brian Wages, husband of Diane Flint Wages, will be held on March 7, noon to 3:00 p.m., at the San Diego Country Club, 88 L Street Chula Vista

We hope you can attend.



*Trivia Night 2026 is coming! Hosted by the Rotary Club of Chula Vista, this exciting evening of trivia and teamwork raises funds for local charitable causes.*

**ENTRY FEE**  
**\$50 PER PERSON**  
**\$400 PER TEAM**  
**OF UP TO 8 PLAYERS**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026**  
**@ 6:00 PM**  
**(DOORS OPEN AT 5:15)**

**THE VENUE AT EASTLAKE**  
871 DISTRICT PLACE, SUITE 104  
CHULA VISTA, CA 91914

**REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 10TH**  
[www.chulavistarotary.org/page/trivia](http://www.chulavistarotary.org/page/trivia)

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION**  
Teams that have registered /paid in full by February 20 will receive two free mulligans (free answers!) Registration closes at midnight March 6.

### TABLE TAILGATE WHILE PLAYING

- Bring your own food & snacks
  - Beer and wine will be sold
- NO OUTSIDE LIQUOR  
ALLOWED DUE TO  
OUR LIQUOR LICENSE**

*Questions?*

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*Your participation in this fundraiser will benefit the Rotary Club of Chula Vista's Foundation Fund. Proceeds will support local charities. The CV Rotary Foundation Fund is a 501 (c)3 organization and your contributions are tax deductible.  
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# YOU ARE INVITED!

## Centennial Celebration

Please join the Chula Vista Rotary Club to  
celebrate 100 Years!

Take a look back and a look ahead at the  
incredible years of club service, fellowship,  
and community support.

Enjoy connecting and reconnecting with Chula  
Vista Rotarians and enjoy refreshments,  
dinner and more!

**FEBRUARY 27, 2026**

**5:00 PM TO 7:30 PM**

**4:30 PM Registration Opens**

**5:00 PM Cock tail Reception**

**5:30 PM Buffet Opens**

**6:15 PM Program + Dessert**

**Purchase tickets online**

San Diego Country Club  
88 L Street  
Chula Vista, CA 91911

**\$100 per ticket**

**\$75 for pre-paid members**

**PURCHASE TICKETS:** <https://www.chulavistarotary.org/page/centennial100>

