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Chartered February 16, 1926 - Club Number 908 - District 5340
Meets Weekly, Noon, 4475 Bonita Road, Bonita (Chula Vista Golf Course)

**MARISOL QUEVEDO
MEALS ON WHEELS
Friday, January 31, 2025 - Noon**



Marisol Quevedo is the Associate Director at Meals on Wheels South County Center. She ensures the timely delivery of meals and services to 496 seniors.

In addition, Marisol oversees volunteer recruitment, community partnerships, budgeting, and fundraising to support the Meals on Wheels mission.

Passionate about senior welfare, she strives to create a supportive environment for clients and staff.

CLUB CALENDAR

Sat, Feb 1—Food Packing Project with Sunrise Rotary Club, 8:00 am

Fri, February 7, St. Paul's Senior Gift Bags assembly, 11:00 am

Fri, February 14, St. Mark's Food Distribution, 8:30 a.m.

**Sat, Feb 22, Finish Rotary Youth Certification Party!
At Neisha's Dance & Music Academy (870 Jetty Lane) 6:30 pm
RSVP to Bernard 619 246-2525**

**TEAM TRIVIA CHALLENGE—CV SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB—
Friday, March 14, 6:00 pm**



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—JANUARY 24, 2025

President Jesse Fernandez called the meeting to order. Autumn Reid gave the invocation and led the pledge. Songmaster Chuck Bevans encouraged us to sing.

President-elect Ben Koala introduced guests. Jim Biddle was in the house! President Jesse discussed the Four-Way Test and shared a fun song from our Rotary friends in Saskatoon Nutana, Saskatchewan, Canada. He reviewed upcoming programs and activities. He asked members to sign up to help at the “Welcome Table.”

Rick Richardson sent a beautiful video thank you for our Club’s support of their holiday event which benefitted twenty families with toys, gift cards and a beautiful holiday celebration. It was truly heart-warming.

Betty Waznis gave us the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Max Scrivens provided the drawing gifts. The lucky winners were Jim Biddle, Betty Waznis and Autumn Reid. Reed Dinsmore won the bonus SDSU swag bag that Risa Baron brought that included the coveted Brian Dutcher bobblehead. Congrats everyone!

Risa Baron, Club Secretary and former Chair of the SDSU Alumni Association, introduced SDSU Athletic Director J.D. Wicker. He provided a snapshot of the ever changing landscape of college sports.

He answered many questions regarding revenue sharing agreements, determining how to pay athletes, conference realignment and more. They are in the process of hiring a general manager to assist in some of these new evolving areas. J.D. also addressed many of the activities, concerts and events the Aztecs’ Snapdragon Stadium is hosting, including the kickoff of the Major League Soccer season. Unfortunately, there are no plans to add sails or any type of cover to provide shade at the stadium.

Finemaster Michael Monaco fined Carmen Sandoval \$100 in recognition of the birth of President Jesse and her grandson. (See page 5).





JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON by Betty Waznis

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THIS WEEKS
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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 Max Scrivens and Cali Home Funeral Services.

Big week for weather news. A rare cold storm charged through Texas, Florida and the northern Gulf Coast on Tuesday, blanketing New Orleans and Houston (where residents enjoyed skiing close to home) with snow that closed highways, grounded nearly all flights and canceled school for more than a million students, and prompted the first ever blizzard warnings for several coastal counties near the Texas-Louisiana border. Snow covered the white-sand beaches of Gulf Shores, Alabama, and Pensacola Beach, Fla. Cane. In New Orleans, like here on Bourbon Street, they're calling it not a hurricane but a snow-a-cane.

And here at home? The last time it was this dry in San Diego County, the year was 1850, and only a quarter inch of rain had fallen in six months. This year we have had only 0.16 inches of rain since July 1, which is significantly less than in parts of the Mojave Desert.

Firefighters have been busy knocking down multiple local fires all week. The big concern today is the Border 2 fire on Otay Mesa. Due to ongoing safety concerns, Arroyo Vista, Camarena, Eastlake, Liberty, Marshall, Olympic View, Salt Creek, and Wolf Canyon elementary schools are closed today along with Eastlake High, Eastlake Middle, Olympian High, East Hills Academy, and High-Tech High Chula Vista. All other CVESD schools remain open but on rainy day schedules due to poor air quality. The high winds should be gone by tonight, and a low-pressure system is expected to drop a quarter inch of rain near the coast and to bring a winter storm watch for heavy snow in the mountains over the weekend.

More people than ever are trying to go to San Diego State University. A record-breaking 118,800 students including more than 95,000 first-year student applicants have already applied to undergraduate and graduate programs across SDSU's campuses. SDSU's momentum could be due to the university's recent high rankings in U.S. News & World Report, rising graduation rates, and the national exposure from Aztec sports like the men's basketball team's NCAA March Madness runs. SDSU hit record enrollment at 39,373 students last fall at its local and Imperial Valley campuses. The university is planning to build seven new dorm towers for nearly 4,500 students as demand for on-campus housing grows.

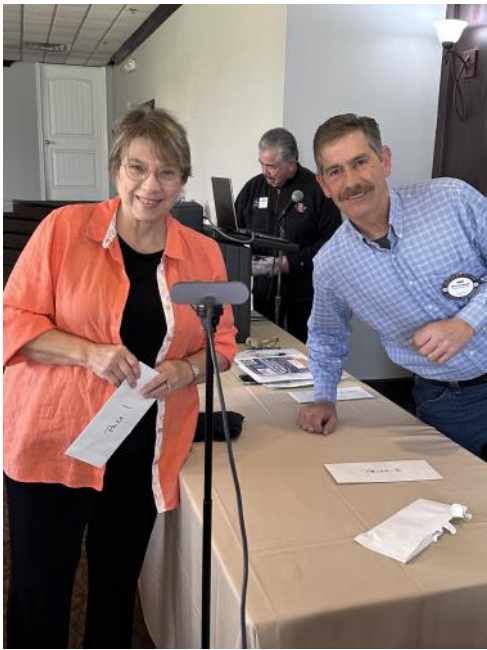
San Diego's Torrey Pines Golf course is welcoming PGA Tour players twice over the next four weeks. The annual Farmers Insurance Open is going on there right now and concludes its four-day run Sunday. Here are the pros teeing off Wednesday with smoke from the Bernardo fire in the sky.

Torrey Pines will also host next month's Genesis Invitational, scheduled for Feb. 13-16 after the event was moved from The Riviera Country Club in Pacific Palisades because of this month's wildfires and the resulting damage. The Genesis Invitational, which is hosted by Tiger Woods, is among the PGA Tour's eight "signature" events, with limited fields of the tour's top players and a \$20 million payout, more than double the Farmers \$9.3 million.

Today's sponsor, Max Scrivens, was born in Erie, Pennsylvania in 1967, the youngest of 9. Max graduated from high school in 1986 and joined the US Navy the same year. He finished his military service in the US Army, volunteering in the Gulf War. (Continue on page 5)



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L-R: This week's News at Noon sponsor, Max Scrivens, pictured with drawing winners Betty Waznis, Jim Biddle and Autumn Reid.



L-R: JD Wicker, with Risa Baron and Reed Dinsmore and his SDSU goodie bag. President Jesse presenting him with the speaker's mug.



MORE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—JANUARY 24, 2025



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

President Jesse and Carmen celebrated the birth of their grandson, Mauricio Kuauhtli Fernandez, with mini brownie bites and a FINE from the merciless Finemaster Michael Monaco.

Under the informal rules, Michael cannot fine the President but can fine the spouse—EVEN on her birthday! \$100!

Big sister Maricela has held him for a little while but seems concerned about the attention he gets.



Max Scrivens and his family recently welcomed a new grand daughter in late November.

Baby Mila is pictured here with her big sister Maya who is four years old.

Congratulations Scrivens family!



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Max began civilian life working at Merkle-Mitchell Mortuary as assistant to everyone. Landscaping, auto maintenance, building maintenance, removals and funeral assists. He worked his way up at several mortuary companies, completing numerous apprenticeships and certifications, finally qualifying for a funeral directors' license. He returned to Merkle Mitchell Mortuary as a funeral director, the same place where he once mowed the lawn. He now works at Cali Home Funeral Services, family owned and operated at 7401 Princess View Drive, in San Diego.

He's been in this industry for over 30 years and considers it an honor and a privilege to serve in this field. He and wife Shonta are proud parents of son Charles and daughter Brittany. Remember -- Max Scrivens at Cali Home Funeral Service has been letting people down for over 30 years and would love to let you down as well!!!!!!!!!!!!

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News At Noon today brought to you by Max Scrivens and Cali Home Funeral Services.



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

***Or if you prefer to have someone else shop for you, give \$ to Lisa or Mora

Thanks everyone!

Volunteers Needed!



Register to volunteer by scanning the QR code

SCAN ME

HELP US PACKAGE 15,000 MEALS FOR SOUTH BAY FAMILIES IN NEED!

Saturday, February 1, 2025
8am - 12pm

Allen Elementary School Auditorium
4300 Allen School Lane, Bonita

Sponsored by

Rotary 
Chula Vista Sunrise

Have fun while fighting hunger!

Join us for a high-energy hands-on volunteer project where you'll help assemble thousands of nutrient-rich meals in just a couple of hours!

ST. PAUL'S SENIORS GIFT BAGS

Our Club will once again be providing Valentine Gift Bags to Seniors through St. Paul's

Please see the list to get an idea of what we have provided in the past.


An updated wish list is coming soon.

We will provide information on when to bring items.

Bag assemble is Fri. February 7 at 11:00 a.m.



Mental Health Initiatives
Rotary Action Group
District 5340



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**Wednesday, February 12, 2025 |
6-7:30PM**

Bonita-Sunnyside Library
4375 Bonita Road
Bonita, CA 91902

Limited to 25 people

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