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The Downtown Chula Vista Association is a 501c3 non-profit organization working to create, promote and champion a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly downtown destination, spurring increased values, investments and commercial traffic to the historic Third Avenue corridor.

2026 will be a pivotal year for the DCVA, and we're excited for the opportunity to share some exciting updates on new downtown business openings, events, and placemaking projects!

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - JANUARY 23, 2026

President-elect Rasha Roshdy called the meeting to order. President Ben and his family are skiing in Switzerland. Bill Torre gave the invocation and Chuck Bevan led us in singing “Oh What a Beautiful Morning.”

President-elect Rasha called Mora de Murguia up and presented her with a beautiful floral arrangement in honor of her father, who recently passed. Mora shared some fun information about her dad—he was a Lion for many years and the inspiration for our Holiday Bake Sale.

Mora discussed her new role with District 5340 and due to her role as District Governor Nominee Designate, DGND, which means she will be DG in three years. She introduced Maryzoila Juarez-Urbe who will now be District International Service Co-Chair and assume some of Mora’s previous roles. Maryzoila told us about herself and journey with Rotary.

Carmen Richardson shared information on the Senior Gift Bag project coming up for February. She is also a member of Altrusa, a community service organization that we are partnering with. She introduced Irasema Quilantan with Altrusa, who presented our Club with a \$750 check for the Senior Gift Bags. Other Rotarians who serve through Altrusa are Betty Waznis and Lisa Johnson.

It was announced the Centennial needed to be moved back one week to February 27, due to a major District 5340 event. Please sign up on line or send/bring your checks in to reserve your place. (\$100 per person).

Gary Bryant provided updates on the upcoming Senior Gift Baskets projects, Salvation Army bell ringing days at Sprouts by Rotarians brought in \$1345 (thanks happy helpers!) and provided a calendar of events on every table.

President-elect Rasha circulated a box for our polio fund. There may have been a mishap with the Polio Fig... It was unclear and further investigation is needed.

Betty Waznis provided the News at Noon. Jeanette Badal was the sponsor and lucky drawing winners were: Lane Pearson, Rotaract guest Amber Palancia and Tana Lorah. Thanks everyone for supporting CVR Foundation.

Andrea Caldwell with Feeding San Diego provided in-depth information on their programs, funding and ways to partner with them. We do many already thanks to very active members! Many families are feeling the pinch of much higher prices for everything and sadly, food is often the first area to be reduced.

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JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON by Betty Waznis

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With Betty Waznis

Hello, everyone. Welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today sponsored by Jeanette Badal and Lucid HR Solutions.

Leaders of Balboa Park museums and other organizations are calling on San Diego officials to immediately reconsider and possibly eliminate parking fees because of a sharp decline in park visits since the fees began Jan. 5. Or at least consider maintaining parking fees for tourists and life the burden on city and county visitors. They say declines in park visits, which range from 20% to more than 50% compared to the same weeks last year, could reduce overall museum annual revenue between \$20 million and \$30 million leading to layoffs and reduced exhibitions. City officials say it's too soon to consider eliminating a new program and point out that charging for parking near museums is common practice in other major cities like Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Following the lead of a number of U.S. airports, San Diego has launched SAN Pass. It allows pre-approved people without tickets, 60 each day, to pass through TSA security — whether to say hello or good bye to a friend or family member at their gate, check out the new Tony Hawk restaurant or dine outdoors at the airport's new Terminal 1. To take advantage of the pass program, visitors can apply up to seven days in advance. The sixty daily passes will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Once at the airport with your approved pass, you'll go to the general screening line (no TSA PreCheck available) and walk on through.

The famous tomb of King Tut was reopened a few weeks ago following years of renovations. In a 10 year project, wooden flooring, lighting and ramps inside the tomb were all replaced. The intricate frescoes on the walls and ceiling were restored to the pristine state they were in when British archaeologist Howard Carter first entered the tomb in 1922, revealing the mummified boy-king buried more than 3,000 years ago. A century after the tomb with its wealth of gold and precious artifacts was discovered, it's re-opened, brighter and safer thanks to painstaking work to repair damage caused by dust, damp, scratches, graffiti and water vapor from visitor's breath. The repairs meant the mummy of King Tut himself had to be moved, a process described as terrifying as the mummy and its 550-pound sarcophagus had to be carried by 12 men from the tomb by hand.

San Diego State men's basketball suffered a wrenching 70-69 defeat at Grand Canyon University on Wednesday night that handed the Aztecs their first Mountain West loss of the season. The silver lining: Utah State also lost Tuesday, keeping SDSU alone in first place. Grand Canyon rode the wave of energy from its notorious loud cheering section to a 23-6 run in the second half. But the Aztecs, seemingly left for dead, came roaring back and actually led 69-68 with 7.7 seconds left but could not sustain the lead to the buzzer.

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 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 brought to you by Jeanette Badal.

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MORE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Altrusa donates \$750 to Senior Gift Baskets l-r Carmen Richardson, Iracema Quilantan, Mora de Murguia and President-elect Rasha



Maryzoila Juarez-Urube with District 5340



Lucky drawing winners pictured with this week's sponsor Jeanette Badal: (l-r) Lane Pearson, Rotaractor Amber Palancia and Tana Lorah.

SEND IN YOUR NEWS!
Recent milestone? Big event? Fun Trip? Career change?
Under the weather?
Let Rotary in on your news—share with President Ben or Exec Sec Carmen

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Sending our heartfelt sympathy to Diane Flint Wages on the passing of her husband Brian.



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

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>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**100th CLUB CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION—FEB 27, 2026, 5:00 pm
San Diego Country Club, \$100 per person—UPDATED DATE**

SENIOR GIFT BASKETS ASSEMBLY— FEBRUARY 13—Corrected date

TRIVIA CONTEST—Friday, March 13—Sign Up Open!

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

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ST. PAUL'S SENIORS GIFT BAGS

Our Club, in partnership with Altrusa Chula Vista, will once again be providing 50 Valentine Gift Bags to Seniors.

Please see the list below to get an idea of what is needed or if you prefer, give cash to Lisa and she will buy items for you.

Bring items to this Friday and upcoming meetings.

Bag assembly is Fri. February 13 at 11:00 a.m.



- Canned or non-perishable food items
- Office supplies, pens, envelopes
- 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
- Treats - wrapped mints, chocolates

Thanks everyone!