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**TINA MATTHIAS**  
**SOUTH BAY SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES**  
Friday, July 11, 2025, Noon



In July of 2020, Tina created the nonprofit, South Bay Sustainable Communities Network (SBSC) where she engages with her South Bay community and youth on how to lead a sustainable lifestyle through neighborhood composting, organized community clean-ups, guided nature hikes, sustainable urban farming, and by hosting gardening and zero waste workshops.

Tina Matthias began her career in a nonprofit setting at the Living Coast Discovery Center for over 32 years as the Volunteer and Programs Manager. She also served as the chair for the Sustainability Commission for Chula Vista until late 2022. She served on the City of Chula Vista's Zero Waste & Single-use Plastic Ban Committee and is currently on the Port of San Diego's Bayfront Cultural Design Committee.

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New President Ben Koala is ready to kick off the New Rotary Year with new ideas and enthusiasm—fresh from his first Rotary International Convention in Calgary.

He will share his vision for our upcoming year and also seek your ideas and welcome your suggestions.

Be sure to bring your pledge letters with you or simply email him back with your commitment for the year. Thank you!

### Rotary Club of Chula Vista Summer Kick-off & Welcome Party

**Day/Date:** Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup> **Time:** 5:30-9PM

**Location:** Eric and Lisa Johnson's backyard [2808 Via Del Caballo Blanco, Bonita]

**Food/beverages:** Club will provide burgers, dogs, sides, beer, wine, water  
**Please bring:** a dessert to share, anything else you want to drink, and possibly a lawn chair

**\*\*Significant others and prospective members welcome!**

**Please RSVP:** [ljohnson@artsdistrictlibertystation.org](mailto:ljohnson@artsdistrictlibertystation.org) BY THURS @ 5:00 pm





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## MORE INSTALLATION/OUTSTALLATION HIGHLIGHTS



Past President Mora de Murguia gave outgoing President Jesse Fernandez a special plaque with a new #10 wrench attached with magnets (she lost HIS at the dog bed build at the Animal Care Facility) - very clever!

President Jesse presented "The Magic of Rotary" recognition to Kimberley Marshall for her outstanding leadership of the Scholarship Committee.

He heard through the grapevine that Mark Scott hates plaques, so with great appreciation of his tireless work on the Legacy Fund, President Jesse presented him Rotary gear.



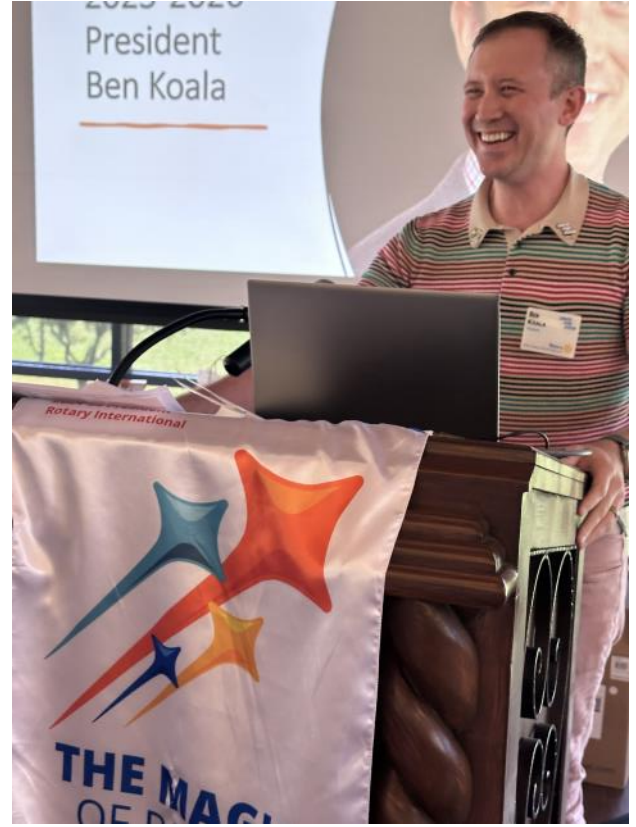
L-R: President Jesse also presented TINY bikes to Mora de Murguia, Lisa Johnson and Mark Scott for their hard work in re-viving, funding and expanding our Bike program, which this year included a community resource fair.

President Jesse announced the Club has named the Bike Program after founders MANNY ADLER and JON MILLER. Jon was very happy and about to kiss him.



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## FINAL IN/OUT HIGHLIGHTS



L-R: Past President Jesse presents new President Ben Koala with the club gavel. President Ben introduced his family and made some brief remarks. He is looking forward to an excellent year. Below L-R: President Ben, Assistant District Governor Mora de Murguia, Past District Governor Dianne Crawford and Past President Jesse Fernandez.





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President Jesse presents the Service Above Self award to our super Rotarian Gary Bryant. He has provided amazing leadership to the Community Programs Committee. Bill Torre was honored as the Volunteer of the Year for his many varied avenues of service. PP Mora presented new Past President Jesse with his gavel plaque and thanks from the Club. Rotarian of the Year Bernard Hernandez was out of town and will receive his plaque very soon.



Chula Vista Mayor John McCann was on hand to salute the outgoing Board and Foundation directors and to install the new Board of Directors.

He acknowledged the many contributions of the Chula Vista Rotary to our community and also gave a very nice shout out to Songmaster Chuck Bevan for his rendition of ChulaVistaVille.



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## A FUN 4TH OF JULY BBQ AT THE CHULA VISTA VETERANS' HOME

Some of the volunteers that helped out—  
NOT everyone made it into the photo below. Thanks everyone!





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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR ROTARIANS!**



**Ramon Moncada - July 10**

**Dave Corbin - July 20**

**JULY IS**

**NEW  
LEADERSHIP  
MONTH**

*True leaders don't create followers, they create new leaders.*

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