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HILLARY SLOAN
SBCS (formerly South Bay Community Services)
Friday, July 17, 2026, Noon



Hillary Sloan has dedicated more than 27 years of her career to serving foster youth, former foster youth, and LGBTQ+ individuals. Her passion has been helping young people overcome challenges, build resilience, and successfully transition into adulthood by connecting them with the resources, support, and opportunities they need to thrive.

She is the Youth and Transition Director at SBCS, overseeing programs that support transition-age youth and young adults as they work toward independence, education, employment, and long-term success. Education has been an important part of her professional journey. She holds two master's degrees—one in Psychology and one in Forensic Psychology—and is currently completing her dissertation while pursuing a Ph.D. in Forensic Psychology.

Community service is another of Hillary's passions. She has been a member of the Altrusa International Club of Chula Vista for nearly 15 years and currently serving as Governor for Altrusa International District Eleven. Through Altrusa, she has worked alongside dedicated volunteers who are committed to improving local communities through service, leadership, literacy, and fellowship.

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—JULY 10, 2026



L-R: Ramon Moncada very robustly singing “Happy Birthday” to himself (actual day) and the other July birthdays—Gina Woodard and Rowena Bell. Madame President Rasha ready for the new Rotary year. Our trusty Jim Biddle News at Noon correspondent is BACK from knee surgery—welcome Back Betty!



L-R: Jerry May with this week’s lucky drawing winners—Mark Scott, Monica Lehpamer and Ken Weimer (again!).

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JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON

BY
BETTY WAZNIS

Hello, everyone and welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's news is sponsored by Jerry May and the Invocation Committee – a committee of one.

The City of Chula Vista and the Sweetwater Union High School District officially signed a lease agreement to bring the District's Launch Virtual Academy to the new Millenia Library. The Launch Academy is one of the high schools supported by our Scholarship Committee. Beginning this summer, students in grades 7–12 enrolled in Launch Virtual Academy will learn through an online model, with teachers providing remote instruction from 39 new education pods inside the library. This partnership is another step in creating a hub for multiple educational opportunities in Chula Vista, such as San Diego State University's nursing program, which will start at the Millenia Library in the fall.

Summer box office optimism is surging with predictions that movie revenue could finally hit pre-pandemic levels. Opinions are split on to what the summer's top earner will be. Disney/Pixar's **"Toy Story 5"** grossed over \$585 million in its first two weeks. Christopher Nolan's **"The Odyssey,"** opening July 17th, already has sold-out Imax screenings and features a star-studded cast capable of drawing repeat viewers. Marvel's **"Spider-Man: Brand New Day"** is poised for total media saturation with strong presales although the public seems to be suffering from genre fatigue. Summer's wild cards include Angel Studios' biopic **"Young Washington,"** and **"Tony,"** an Anthony Bourdain biopic about the celebrity chef and tv travelog star.

The annual nine-day San Fermín festival—better known as the Running of the Bulls—kicked off Tuesday in Pamplona, Spain. An estimated 2000 to 4000 people will sprint ahead of six fighting bulls and six steers each morning at 8 am local time, cheered on by over a million spectators over the course of the event. The medieval-era festival honors Saint Fermín and coincides with the peak season for cattle markets. It's on thrill seekers bucket list, made famous by Hemingway's novel *The Sun Also Rises*, but can be treacherous. At least 16 people are believed to have died in the festivities over the past century.

As America celebrated its 250th birthday, Kelsey Pflendler celebrated her own milestone—becoming the first American woman to row a boat from California to Hawaii alone. An 8-year Grand Canyon rafting guide and leader of a 4-member female rowing team that made a Monterey-Hawaii trip in 2024, she was alone in the eastern Pacific for over a month. As she pulled into a Honolulu harbor on July 3, she also set records for being the fastest completion to solo row among either men or women, and the youngest woman at 32 to do so, completing the 2400-mile voyage in 43 days.

The World Cup continues in the quarterfinal stage, with all three host countries - Mexico, Canada, and the US – out. Of the eight teams left in this stage, one is already gone, Morocco - play continues today and tomorrow

The MLB All-star break is coming up with the all-star game this Tuesday. Padres are sending only one team member to the National League side - The Reaper, Mason Miller.

Today's sponsor, Jerry May, is happily retired from two careers, aerospace and teaching. Hobbies are string art, building Marble Machines and needlepoint. His children are here in San Diego County, plus three grandsons. Current passion is Percy, a 2-year-old Great Pyrenees and Shepherd mix. Percy is a handful for Judy, so they use dog day care so that Jerry can come to Rotary meetings. Jerry encourages every member to give to Rotary International through the Rotary Foundation. He says, "It's the best value for your charity dollar that will help the world."

This concludes this edition of the Jim Biddle Rotary News at Noon, today sponsored by Jerry May.

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4th Annual Southwestern Summer Shakespeare Festival

AS YOU LIKE IT *Como Gustes*

By William Shakespeare y Mabelle Reynoso
Directed by Tori Rice



ROTARY NIGHT AT THE FESTIVAL

— Friday • July 24 —

Join Rotarians and Rotaractors for a special evening of Shakespeare, fellowship, and a reception following the performance.

As You Like It/Como Gustes is a Shakespeare adaptation with a Rotary flavor.

Director Tori Rice is a member of the La Mesa Sunrise Club, and Bob Silvas of the Chula Vista Club makes his stage debut.



Mauricio Lutteroth (center) visits the cast during rehearsal of the *lucha libre* scene.



JOIN FELLOW ROTARIANS & ROTARACTORS!

After the performance, enjoy a reception hosted by Bob & Patti Silvas.

PLEASE RSVP

bsilvas@silvygroup.com

(to help us plan refreshments)

RSVP HERE



PERFORMANCES

July 22, 24, 27, 30,
Aug 1 – 7:00 PM
July 25 – 2:00 PM



LOCATION

Studio Theatre
SWC Performing
Arts Center



TICKETS & INFO

swctheatre.com
(619) 421-6700



ROTARY NIGHT

Friday
JULY 24TH



ANOTHER ROTARY CONNECTION

Shakespeare's wrestling match becomes a *lucha libre* contest.

Mauricio Lutteroth, whose great-grandfather founded *lucha libre*, attended rehearsal and noticed one scene that seemed unlikely.



THE LUCHA LIBRE CHALLENGE

Can you identify the one thing in the *lucha libre* scene that Mauricio thought was unlikely?

Attend the performance and reception and submit your answer.

In the event of a tie, a drawing will determine the winner.
Cast, crew and Mauricio are ineligible.



POST-SHOW RECEPTION

Hosted by
Bob & Patti Silvas



WANT A PREVIEW?

For those who would like a brief tutorial on the play before you attend, reach out to Bob.

**SCAN FOR
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& MORE INFO**



Read more about the play in the
The San Diego Union-Tribune

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CLUB CALENDAR

**An Evening in Tuscany—Sat. July 18, 5:00 pm—SOLD OUT! -
WAIT LIST ONLY**

Rotary at the Theatre—Fri. July 24, Southwestern College

Food Distribution@ St. Mark's (Hilltop & 1st) - Fri. August 14, 8:30