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## SHIELDS FAMILY VISIT TO AFRICA Friday, July 26, 2024 - Noon



Cheryl Shields and members of her family will share about their most recent visit to Zambia.

Two of the triplets—Zach and Caroline are there for several weeks, working with the children and providing valuable services.

The rest of the family and some friends came for a week packed with joy and activities.

Come hear more detailed information about this beautiful program and the school the children attend— or hope to one day attend.



## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR JULY 12, 2024

President Jesse Fernandez called the meeting to order. Duane Buckingham gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance. Chuck Bevan led us in song with the song “Summertime.”

Lisa Johnson gave an update on this year’s Bike Project. Current plans are to hold a similar event on May 17th and distribute 200+ bikes, including larger beach cruiser type bikes for older students. In addition , we plan to donate 25-30 bikes to the Ronald McDonald House during the holiday season. We will partner with the school district to identify recipients. Lisa brought checks from the Bonita Kiwanis for the bike project. A wonderful partnership!

Pancho the Polio Pig had the day off but there was some discussion about re-naming him. Already? No one was ready to give up the big bucks to top Jerry May’s \$100.

Lisa Johnson provided a very informative News at Noon—filling in for the fun-loving Betty Waznis. Lori Torio was this week’s sponsor and brought fun items from the Living Coast Center and more. Jan Mellinger, Diane Flint -Wages and Past President Mora de Murguia were the lucky winners.

Finemaster Michael Monaco reminded us about the need to sign-in when we arrive to ensure an accurate lunch count. It was suggested that a small fine be assigned to this oversight. As it turns out, President Jesse was the one Rotarian who did NOT sign in today. There was some discussion on whether Michael has the authority to fine the President. In the end, President Jesse pardoned himself.

Jan Mellinger gave us an excellent insight into Personality Disorders. There are three clusters or groupings of various disorders. It was very interesting and there were many questions. Thank you Jan!



Lisa Johnson finding time in her busy schedule to pinch hit for Betty Waznis on the News at Noon this week. President Jesse presenting Jan Mellinger with the prized speaker mug.



## JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON by Betty Waznis

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### ***GUEST EDITOR LISA JOHNSON - BETTY WAZNIS IS ON VACATION***

Good afternoon, Rotarians, visiting Rotarians, and guests. Today's Jim Biddle News at Noon is sponsored by Lori Torio and the Living Coast Discovery Center.

An update by cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike led to a major IT outage on Friday, impacting businesses around the world. CrowdStrike told NBC that it is in the process of rolling back the update that caused the issue, and later said a fix for the defect had been deployed. CrowdStrike CEO George Kurtz said, "CrowdStrike is actively working with customers impacted by a defect found in a single content update for Windows hosts. Mac and Linux hosts are not impacted." This is not a security incident or cyberattack. The issue has been identified, isolated and a fix has been deployed." Kinda scary when the cyber security folks are the ones who deploy the bug.

On Monday, former President Donald Trump chose Sen. JD Vance of Ohio as his running mate. A one-time critic turned ally is now the first millennial to join a major-party ticket. The 39-year-old Vance, whose wife, Usha is from San Diego, rose to national fame with the 2016 publication of his memoir, "Hillbilly Elegy." He was elected to the Senate in 2022.

We lost several high-profile people this week. Legendry comedian Bob Newhart, well known for his deadpan unflappability, passed away this week at the age of 94 after a series of brief illnesses. Born George Robert Newhart in Oak Park, Illinois on September 5, 1929, Newhart was originally an accountant and advertising copywriter. Famous for movies like "Catch-22," "Cold Turkey," and "Elf," he warmed our hearts as the star of two sitcoms – The Bob Newhart Show and Newhart. Rest in Peace, Bob.

We also lost Karola Ruth Westheimer better known as Dr. Ruth, a sex therapist and talk show host. Westheimer was born in Germany to a Jewish family. As the Nazis came to power, her parents sent her to a school in Switzerland for safety while they remained behind. After World War II, Ruth did a stint in the military as a sniper before moving to Paris to study, and eventually emigrated to America. As the NY Times said, Dr. Ruth rose from near obscurity to instant fame, starting with a radio talk show called Sexually Speaking. She was famous for her tag line, "Get Some." Dr. Ruth was 96 years young. Other famous names we lost this week include Shannon Dougherty, Jacoby Jones, and Richard Simmons. We lost a local this week too. Rebecca Taylor, the chair for the San Diego County Democratic Party, died in a motorcycle crash in Utah. Rebecca's father confirmed her fatal injury happened when she was rear ended returning from a cross-country road trip to South Dakota on her beloved Harley.

And I must mention the sad loss of hero and retired volunteer fire chief, Corey Compertore who was gunned down attending the Trump rally in Butler, Pennsylvania. A husband and father of two young girls, Corey died protecting his family from the sniper's bullets.

In more hopeful news, a 16-year-old girl was rescued after becoming trapped in the sand at a popular beach in San Diego, earlier this week. The San Diego Fire-Rescue Department said a group of children were digging a "very deep" hole at Mission Beach on Tuesday. A woman noticed the girl, in the hole and the other children trying to get her out. She notified the lifeguards, who contacted local authorities for further assistance in getting the girl out of the hole, which was approximately eight to ten feet deep. Digging in sand might seem innocent, but if the hole is deep enough and collapses on a person, it is extremely difficult to escape. Research suggests more people die from sand burial suffocation than shark attacks. (continue on page 5).






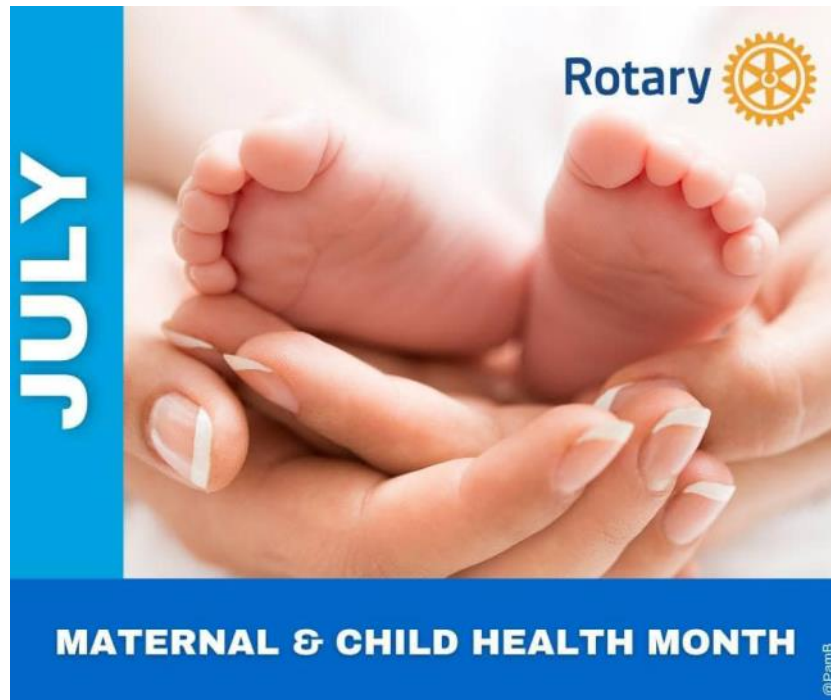
**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—JULY 19, 2024**



L-R This week's lucky winners: Diane Flint-Wages (also known as the FIRST woman President of our Club), Jan Mellinger (the second woman President of our Club), PP Mora de Murguia.

**Rotary**  *In a few words:*

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Expertise **Integrity** Action Fair Respectful Ethical  
Accountability Honor  
Understanding International  
**Diversity** Youth  
Membership Commitments United  
Community Education Health  
Vocational **Service**  
Economy Club Scholarship Friendship  
Relationships Development  
**Leadership**  
Sincere Responsible Professional



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Today's sponsor, Lori Torio, was born/raised in Chula Vista - Go Spartans! And graduated from SDSU - go Aztecs! with a degree in Economics and minor in Japanese language - no, she doesn't speak it! It was a minor, not a major. Lori has worked at the Living Coast Discovery Center for more than 10 years and sits on the boards of Las Primeras, a volunteer women's group that supports south bay nonprofits, and Association of Fundraising Professionals SD Chapter.

The Living Coast Discovery Center is hosting its 15th annual Farm to Bay fundraiser on Saturday, August 3rd and you are all invited to join in on the fun at this 21+ food and beverage tasting event with silent and live auction, live music, and wildlife encounters. Here is a picture from a past Farm to Bay with Ben and another great, late community legend and supporter, Bill Walton. All proceeds benefit the education, wildlife, and sustainability programs at the Living Coast Discovery Center. Want to get involved? Invest as a sponsor, donate a basket for the auction, buy a ticket to attend - bring your friends, and/or volunteer! We need volunteers for the event to check in folks at registration, pour beverages (no drinking though), hand out sustainable glass and utensils, or wayfinding in the parking lot. See Lori to help out!

A fire broke out Thursday at an egg ranch located east of Ramona. The fire occurred near the 25000 block of state Route 78 in the community of Witch Creek. Cal Fire reported a 25,000 square-foot building was fully involved. Firefighters worked in a defensive mode and were successful in containing the fire to the building where it started so it did not spread to surrounding brush. Well done, Cal Fire San Diego...keeping the community safe during this high fire season.

Zoo Global is in the news again this week with the loss of Winston, one of the oldest gorillas in the world and a popular fixture at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park. Winston has died after experiencing multiple health problems. He was 52. The western lowland silverback was euthanized Saturday after experiencing several age-related conditions, including heart, kidney and joint diseases. Visitors to the Safari Park adored him for his quirky but gentle temperament, and scientists treasured him for his contributions to a critically endangered species, including fathering nine offspring. This gentle giant will be remembered for his quiet strength, easygoing nature and heart of gold. Safari Park officials said, "Winston served as the protector of his family."

The Padres are in Cleveland this weekend. Next home action will see the Padres face the Dodgers on July 30<sup>th</sup>. And finally, the weather. Oh heck, the sun's out and will be out this weekend. But, for some exciting weather action, head to the theater for the long-awaited sequel to the 1996 film "Twisters." The 2024 version, opening today throughout the U.S., is an American disaster film directed by Lee Isaac Chung and stars Glen Powell, Daisy Edgar-Jones, Anthony Ramos, and Maura Tierney, along with many other familiar faces. The film has received good reviews and tells the story of risk-taking storm chasers in Oklahoma. And that concludes this edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's news was brought to you by Lori Torio and the Living Coast Discovery Center.