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CHERYL COX
Chula Vista Animal Care Facility
Friday, March 15 2024 - Noon



Former Mayor Cheryl Cox is passionate about the Chula Vista Animal Care Facility. She will share all that is new and how the community—include our Rotary Club - have lent support over the years.

The City of Chula Vista has been involved in animal control since 1923. Over these years the role of animal control in the city has changed greatly. As the city has grown, additional animal services have been provided to keep pace with a growing population and an increasing number of owned animals. The shelter has played a pivotal role in the community over the years. In 2022 took in over 3300 animals (with nearly 3100 being dogs and cats) . They also house and contract animal services for the City of Lemon Grove and National City. Starting July 1, 2023 they began servicing Imperial Beach.

The current shelter opened on October 19, 2001, it was designed to house up to 342 animals, although that number has reached as high as 592 at any one time. On any given day they welcome more than 200 guests who come to look for lost pets, adopt a new pet, buy a license, attend a low cost spay/neuter clinic, or simply come to look at the animals and learn more about our services. Animals housed at the shelter receive personalized care and comprehensive medical treatment to keep them safe and healthy.

BRING A FRIEND!



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS— MARCH 8, 2024

President Mora de Murguia called the meeting to order. Betty Waznis gave the invocation and led the pledge. Songmaster Chuck Bevan led us in song. President-elect Jesse Fernandez introduced the guest.

The regular club meeting was adjourned, then re-adjourned to the Annual Meeting. Nominations Committee Chair, David Hoffman, presented the slate for Rotary year 2024-2025:

Directors: Kathleen Carroll, Bernard Hernandez, Max Scrivens,
Rick Richardson, Laura Humphreys, Lane Pearson.

Officers: President—Jesse Fernandez
President-elect—Ben Koala
Treasurer—Rasha Roshdy
Secretary—Risa Baron

Motion by Mike Green/second by Mark Scott: To approve the slate as presented.
Passed unanimously.

This concluded the Annual meeting. The regular Club meeting was called to order.

Legacy Endowment Chair Mark Scott provided an update and presented a check for the Chula Vista Rotary Foundation (see p.4).

Mark also invited members to join the August 8 fishing trip.

Our Club is assembling dog beds on Sunday, March 17—10-12. See signup sheet.

There was a strong consensus to have a Roundtable on March 29.

Donations for the Animal Care Facility are welcome!

President Mora encouraged members to read the weekly Newsbits from District 5340.

Mary's Guesthouse sent a beautiful thank you letter for the items collected for their shelter.

Michael Monaco fined Lisa Johnson for her world travels and answering calls and texts on the road.
Risa Baron introduced the speaker, Cierra Johnson with Circulate San Diego.

INVOCATION BY BETTY WAZNIS

A wise man once said, You can judge a person by his checkbook stubs. As Rotarians, we are blessed with lives of relative comfort, and opportunities unknown to many millions in the world.

Dear heavenly father, help us to review our checkbooks, and the registers of our lives with honesty as we consider our priorities, and our opportunity to help others. Open our hearts, and our accounts, to those in need.

Help us to share not only our tangible wealth, but also our intangible riches of knowledge, leadership, and creativity to make our community, our nation, and our world a better place.



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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 was brought to you by Jan Mellinger. The monster blizzard that closed freeways, blasted California's Sierra Nevada with gusts of up to 190 mph, and dumped more than 10 feet of snow over the weekend shattered the state's "snow drought" and significantly boosted vital snowpack levels to 104% of normal for the date. The weekend storm left some impressive totals at Sierra ski resorts. Sugar Bowl, 10.5 feet; Palisades Tahoe, more than 8 feet; Heavenly Mountain Resort nearly 5 feet; Mammoth Mountain 4 feet. And it's not over – more snow expected in the coming week.

Target, looking for ways to reverse a sales slowdown, is moving into Amazon territory: paid membership. The new program, announced Tuesday and called Target Circle 360, will offer unlimited free same-day delivery in as little as an hour for orders over \$35 and free two-day shipping. It will launch with a special offer for new members for \$49 per year from April 7 through May 18. After that, it will cost \$99 per year. The launch of a new paid membership program was one of several key moves announced at Target's annual investors' meeting Tuesday that aim to rejuvenate sales and traffic. The discounter also said it will refresh its stores, expand its highly successful house brands, including Dealworthy which features nearly 400 everyday basics from 1 to 10 dollars, and will build more than 300 new stores over the next decade.

The Del Mar City Council approved a negotiating agreement this week with the 22nd District Agricultural Association to advance construction of affordable housing on the Del Mar fairgrounds. The agreement authorizes the City Manager to negotiate with the fair board over a three-year period, for the lease of 1 to 2 acres on the state-owned fairgrounds, within the Del Mar city limits, for the construction of at least 61 units of affordable housing. Areas being considered for the housing are near the fire station just off Jimmy Durante Boulevard. The initiative helps satisfy the state Department of Housing and Community Development's mandate that Del Mar has a plan to provide homes for lower-income residents. Del Mar has little to no affordable housing, its recent median listing at \$4.4 million.

At 2 a.m. this Sunday, clocks in California will spring ahead an hour, as we make the switch to daylight saving time. Each year, the U.S. springs forward in March, and then falls back to standard time in November. The idea is to shift an hour of sunlight from the early morning to the evening when more people can make use of it. Many Californians would prefer to stop the time switch. In 2018, our state overwhelmingly approved a ballot measure to allow the Legislature to change to daylight saving time year round.

But federal law does not currently allow for such a thing. In the last five years, 19 other states have enacted legislation or passed resolutions to move to daylight saving time but they're all waiting for congressional action. California lawmakers are now taking a different approach. State legislators have introduced bills in the Assembly and Senate to make standard time, the winter-time, permanent, which would not need federal approval. Their proposals are part of a plan with Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Utah, where legislators have proposed similar changes, with the aim of keeping much of the West on the same time zone.

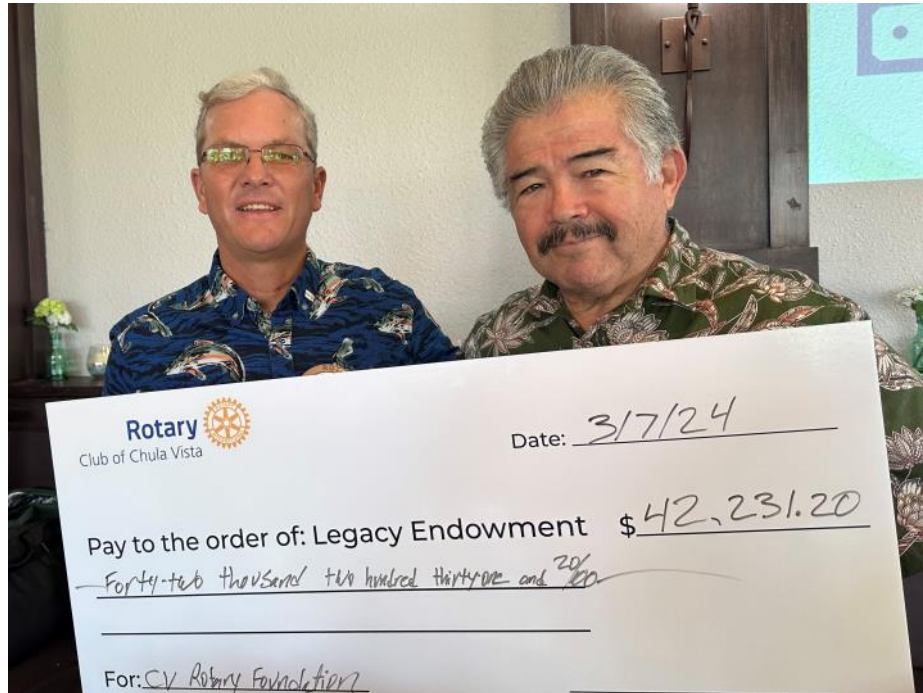
Jan Mellinger is a licensed marriage and family therapist who recently retired very happily after 23 years at Scripps Health. She now provides therapy to many clients part-time from her home. Some pretty interesting hobbies in her past – she raced Porsches and is a certified Porsche driving instructor. Jan's been a Rotarian for 33 years. was Chula Vista Rotary's second woman president and comes from a Rotary family. Her grandfather, Reg Seabrook, was an active Chula Vista Rotarian from the mid 1950's to his death in 1974 and served as club president. This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today brought to you by Jan Mellinger.





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MORE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS— MARCH 8, 2024



Past President and Chair of the Legacy Endowment Committee, Mark Scott, reported our fund has grown from \$355,500 to \$402,789—amazing! We are thankful for the generosity of former members and current members who have contributed—most recently the estate of Jim Algert. Mark presented the first check to the Chula Vista Rotary Foundation Chair, Jesse Fernandez.



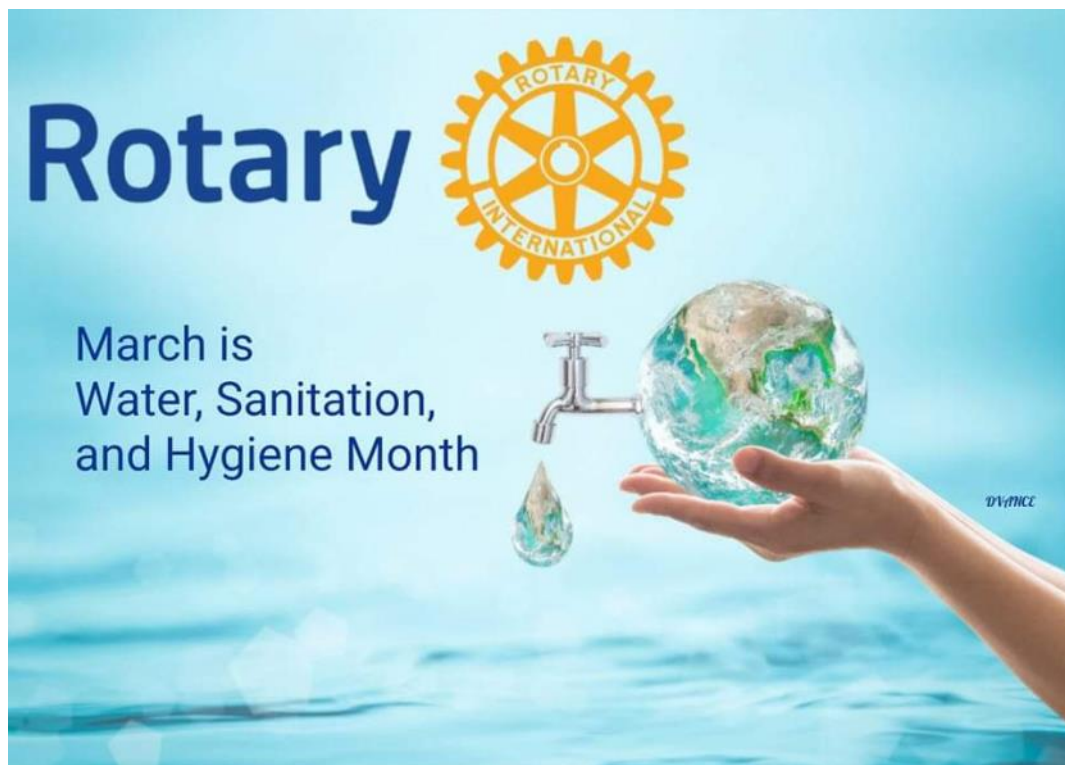
Jan Mellinger was the sponsor for the Jim Biddle News at Noon. She was feeling a bit of a cold coming on—so she was keeping a distance from the lucky drawing winners this week: Duane Buckingham, Gary Bryant and President Mora. Jan also presented her with a bouquet of gavels she seemed to have “found.”



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President Mora presents Cierra Johnson with Circulate San Diego our mug in appreciation of her very interesting presentation on walkability issues in the region and how we can help impact them.





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THANKS ROTARY**



CALENDAR—UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

March 22-24—MODEL UNITED NATIONS YOUTH EVENT

March 29—ROUNDTABLE

MARCH 17—Chula Vista Animal Care Facility—Assemble Dog Beds

APRIL 12-14—Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) - Volunteers Needed

May 22—RED SHOE DAY—For Ronald McDonald House

Saturday, April 20— Tijuana Home Build

SAVE THE DATE - June 24—District Governor's Dinner—Del Mar Hilton

SAVE THE DATE—Friday, June 28—Installation/Outstallation