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**SAN DIEGO FOUNDATION**  
**Friday, March 22 2024 - Noon**

The mission of the San Diego Foundation is to inspire enduring philanthropy and enable community solutions to improve the quality of life in our region.

This Friday, we will hear about their most recent initiatives and how philanthropy is doing in a post-pandemic county.

## **CALENDAR—UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

**March 22-24—MODEL UNITED NATIONS YOUTH EVENT**

**March 29—ROUNDTABLE—Noon**

**To be Determined—Chula Vista Animal Care Facility—Assemble Dog Beds**

**April 12-14—Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)**

**Saturday, April 20— Tijuana Home Build**

**May 22—RED SHOE DAY—For Ronald McDonald House**

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

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



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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS— MARCH 15, 2024

President Mora de Murguia called the meeting to order. Carmen Sandoval gave the invocation and led the pledge. President-elect Jesse Fernandez introduced the guests.

Neisha Hernandez gave a shout-out to the Rotarian of the Week—Risa Baron. No one knew she was born in New York.

President-elect Jesse inducted our newest member Monica Griego, who some of you may remember won the Salsa contest last fall at our Fiesta at Mark Scott's home. Monica comes from a military family and when her family moved to San Diego years ago, she was on her way to Georgetown University. She was previously a Rotarian in Los Altos, CA. WELCOME MONICA!

President Mora said we are 2-3 members shy of our goal of ten new members for the year. Keep them coming!

Bob Silvas introduced Andres Alvarez and Sibylla Pawlowski who our Club is sponsoring in the upcoming Model UN. They are students at Chula Vista High and representing Mozambique. They gave their opening remarks as practice in front of a large group of people. Chuck Bevan and Jim Biddle previously coordinated this program and now, Bob Silvas is doing an excellent job—thanks Bob!

Bob Silvas announced the official formation of the new South Bay Rotaract Club! It's birthday is March 14, 2024. Very exciting news! A member, AJ Hernandez was present today and is a colleague of Max Scrivens. AJ is the Club Secretary. Etienne Rimmele is the Club President. Leah Gamboa who many of us met at the Ronald McDonald House holiday event, where she was doing caricatures, is the Club Treasurer. We wish them all the best and look forward to working with them.

Carmen Sandoval introduced the Club to the family (via picture) we will be building a home for in Tijuana on April 20. Clipboards to participate and/or donate household items were circulated.

President Mora reviewed the calendar of events and reminded us there WILL BE a Roundtable meeting on March 29.

Lisa Johnson gave an update on the Bikes Project. Mark Scott secured a grant from Huffu to buy bikes at a big discount. We are estimating we will do 70-100 this fall and perhaps host a Bike Safety Rodeo, with bells and helmets through a possible partnership with Circulate San Diego (last week's guest speaker).

Laura Humphreys introduced us to her beautiful Golden Doodle. Our event to help assemble dog beds will be rescheduled to another date. Cheryl Cox discussed the many ways the community can support the CV Animal Care Facility. She shared that Greg is in the hospital and having an operation re-done on a torn quad muscle. There was mention of cataracts and a possible blood clot (scary!) but she assured us he is on the mend! Volunteer Cara Ramey and Deputy Director Ashley Milo shared wonderful information.

### INVOCATION BY CARMEN SANDOVAL

May those assembled here today enjoy the many offerings of Rotary. May we abide by the rules we have established, those of trust, fellowship and ethics, and may we place Service above Self, in our daily endeavors.

And may we always test ourselves and our efforts to be sure they are the truth, good for all concerned, of benefit to mankind, and provide peace and understanding. Amen.



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## JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON by Betty Waznis

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Hello, everyone. Welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today brought to you by Mary Johnson and St Paul's Senior Services.

Scripps Health notified workers last week that it plans to cease labor and delivery operations at Scripps Mercy Hospital Chula Vista and instead refer deliveries to its sister facility in Hillcrest to free up resources and space for Chula Vista's overburdened emergency department. The change won't take place for at least 90 days and affects the jobs of 135 Chula Vista staff members who will have the opportunity for jobs at other Scripps hospitals and clinics.

The hospital's 30-bed labor and delivery unit has been underused, as has Scripps Hillcrest, making consolidation practical. Meanwhile, demand has been stronger in Chula Vista for emergency, mid-surgical, and cardiac services, operating at full or above licensed capacity in both emergency and medical-surgical beds every day. Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center is a convenient option for those who want to give birth in South Bay; they've recently increased the size of its maternity unit.

Chula Vista Elementary School District's new teacher residency program is ready to graduate its first cohort. The program is designed to create quality K-12 teachers within a year and a half. By the end, enrollees get a teaching credential, a master's degree, and at least one school year's worth of classroom teaching experience alongside a mentor teacher, plus 25% discounted tuition and a \$40,000 stipend.

CVESD started its residency program last year with National University, because it has struggled to recruit enough special education and bilingual teachers. It is now recruiting up to 20 teachers for its second cohort, which will start this summer. In the program, residents take teaching courses through National University while teaching four days a week alongside a district mentor teacher. Most residents who complete the program successfully are offered a four-year teaching contract.

Last week the Pentagon announced it found no evidence of extraterrestrial spacecraft, in a new report reviewing nearly eight decades of UFO sightings. The 63-page, unclassified document published last Friday is the most comprehensive report the Pentagon has produced on the topic, and yet another instance in which it has batted down claims of alien space-ships. The Pentagon's All-Domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO) issued [the report](#), which covers claims of UFOs dating from 1945 through October 2023. AARO has found no evidence that any U.S. government investigation, academic-sponsored research, or official review panel has confirmed that any sighting of a UFO represents extraterrestrial technology.

They concluded that most sightings were ordinary objects and the result of misidentification. Many of the sightings turned out to be drones, weather balloons, spy planes, satellites, rockets and planets. The report debunks some of the most explosive claims made in a July congressional hearing, in which former military officials claimed the government is concealing what it knows about UFOs. AARO found no evidence for such claims, or claims that aliens have visited earth or crashed landed or, or that alien bodies are stacked in secret underground bunkers, or any other conspiracy theory.

Our sponsor today, Mary Johnson, is Community Outreach Educator for St. Paul Senior Services. She is a native San Diegan living in Bonita and married to a local boy since 1983. She and Robert have two daughters: Lauren, 36 and Elise, 32, a favorite Son in Law, Blair (married to Lauren) and the LOVES of their lives, 3 and a half year old Lawrence and their newest additions, identical ONE year old Twin Girls, Morgan Elizabeth and Marlowe Leigh! When Mary is not sharing resources with the community, seniors, and their families, she enjoys hiking, biking and MOST of all spending time with her three grand babes! This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, sponsored by Mary Johnson and St Paul's Senior services.





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**MORE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS— MARCH 15, 2024**



L-R: WELCOME to new member Monica Griego! She was a Rotarian in Northern California and recently moved to Chula Vista last summer. She works in event planning/promotions, is the mom of teen sons and Lisa Johnson is her sponsor. Risa Baron was the Rotarian of the week! Mary Johnson LOVES St. Patrick's Day!



L-R: AJ Hernandez with Max Scrivens. AJ is the new Secretary of the NEW ROTARACT Club in South County. The first donations for the CV Animal Facility. Bob Silvas with Andres Alvarez and Sibylla Pawlowski of CV High who will be representing Mozambique in the Model UN March 22-23. Our Club has long supported this Peacebuilding/Conflict Resolution activity.



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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS— EVEN MORE!



The Chula Vista Animal Care Facility was well represented at our meeting.

Cara Ramey shared her experiences as a dog walker at the shelter and encourages us to help.

Deputy Director Ashley Milo shared information about the Center and the three cute kittens she brought along. There is an array of ways to help—donating supplies & funds, fostering, walking, socializing and adopting!



Above: This little kitten enjoyed itself with our historic Club bell.

Right: Jan Mellinger LOVES cats! She gave one guest a good long cuddle.

Our Club presented a check.

We will be gathering supply donations throughout April.



L-R: Bob Silvas, Tina Matthias and guest (and Lisa Johnson's sister) Cara Ramey were the lucky drawing winners, claiming some fun Irish goodies. Thanks Mary Johnson!