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Meets Weekly, Noon, 4475 Bonita Road, Bonita (Chula Vista Golf Course)

JEN NATION
OLIVEWOOD GARDENS & LEARNING CENTER
Friday, May 10, 2024 - Noon



Jen Nation is the executive director of Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center in National City. Olivewood has a 7.85-acre property where they grow organic food and provide environmental science and nutrition education for youth and adults.

Olivewood's purpose is to build healthy families and a healthy environment. We provide hands-on classes in the garden and kitchen and center our work around healthy food access, education and advocacy on food and environmental justice issues.



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR May 3, 2024

President Mora de Murguia called the meeting to order. Suzanne Catanzaro gave the invocation and led the pledge.

President Mora saluted members with May birthdays and club anniversaries.

Gary Bryant reminded everyone about assembling food packages for local distribution with the Chula Vista Sunrise Club this Saturday, May 4. Gary reviewed the many other upcoming activities (see calendar below). (See photos from event on page 4).

President Mora reviewed programs for the remainder of the Rotary year and highlighted District 5340 events.

Betty Waznis provided the news of the day, with Michael Monaco as the sponsor for this week.

The guest speaker was Mark Frank with Wyerd Fiber. They assist with password protection, provide lifelock for security and are competition to other local internet providers.

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CALENDAR—UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Friday, May 10, FOOD DISTRIBUTION—St. Mark's Lutheran, 8-11 am

Sunday, May 19, 9-Noon—CV Animal Care Facility

Wednesday, May 22—RED SHOE DAY—For Ronald McDonald House

June 8—BIKE PROJECT EVENT

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

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

JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON by Betty Waznis



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With Betty Waznis

Hello, everyone and welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today sponsored by Michael Monaco and SB Elevate, a high impact business education, advocacy, and networking organization.

In a historic shift, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration is moving to reclassify marijuana. The DEA's proposal would move cannabis from a Schedule I drug, defined as drugs with no currently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse, to a Schedule III drug, defined as drugs with certain safe and accepted medical uses, and a moderate to low potential for abuse. The proposal would not necessarily legalize marijuana outright. The DEA will hold a public comment period, then publish the final rule.

A recent Gallup poll last fall found 70% of adults support legalization, the highest level yet recorded by the polling firm and more than double the roughly 30% who backed it in 2000. In recent years, 38 states legalized medical marijuana and 24 have legalized its recreational use. That's helped fuel fast growth in the marijuana industry, with an estimated worth of nearly \$30 billion. Easing federal regulations could reduce marijuana business's heavy tax burden, and make research on cannabis easier.

San Diego Zoo officials announced Monday that they've met the two giant pandas in China that will arrive here this summer. 5 years old male Yun Chuan and 4-year-old female Xin Bao will be the first pandas in residence here since 2019. Yun Chuan — described by zoo officials as mild-mannered, gentle and lovable, already has links to San Diego. He is the offspring of Zhen Zhen, a panda born at the San Diego Zoo in 2007. This will be the third time China has lent giant pandas to the San Diego Zoo — first in 1987 for six months, then in 1996 as part of a breeding research program. The decades long conservation partnerships between China and our zoo have resulted in panda health improvements that have increased survival rates for nursery-reared cubs from 5 percent to 95 percent.

San Diego's new soccer team, San Diego FC, is scheduled to enter Major League Soccer as an expansion team in 2025. The club will play home matches at SDSU's new Snapdragon Stadium. The team is already reaching out to build community support via the Chrome Ball Tour, a one-day festival that will visit all 18 cities in San Diego County. It's coming to Chula Vista tomorrow. The event is free to the public and will run from noon to 10 pm at Memorial Park. Festivities will kick off with a Chula Vista first responders soccer match, pitting the Chula Vista Police Department against the Chula Vista Fire Department. The day will also feature 3v3 street soccer tournaments for youth and adults, a local car show, a Lucha Libre performance, fashion show showing off team colors, music by popular Chula Vista and South Bay artists, a beer garden and kids area with face painting, bounce houses and more.

Today's sponsor, Michael Monaco, joined the Rotary Club of Chula Vista in 2005 sponsored by Lourdes Valdez. He has held every position in this club from Committee Chair to Past President. He is now an Assistant District Governor for our Rotary District 5340. Michael has been very involved in the community. He had been a popular emcee for the Las Primeras and Altrusa Galas, for the Starlight Parade, and the Chula Vista Police Activities League PINGO.

He's also the creator and event coordinator for the South Bay Pumpkin Smash – Game of Throws, a collaboration of local businesses, Sweetwater Union High School District STEAM program, and The STEAM Ahead Foundation, where he serves as President. This past April, Michael, in partnership with Kevin Marshall (Kimberley's husband) launched SB Elevate, a high impact business education, advocacy, and networking organization. See April's issue of Our Hometown Newsprint.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today sponsored by Michael Monaco and SB Elevate.





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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—MAY 3, 2024



L-R: Pictured with this week's sponsor Michael Monaco are lucky winners Diane Flint Wages, Tom Davies and Bob Bliss (again!).



L-R: President Mora and Kathleen Carroll rocked the hairnets at the Rotarians at Work event packing food at Allen School with Chula Vista Sunrise Rotary and friends.

In addition to President Mora and Kathleen, Max Scrivens, David Hoffman, Sofia Salgado Robitaille, Gary Bryant, Hilda Hoffman, Austin Hoffman, Haruto Nakata, our Rotary Youth Exchange student, were on hand to help out. The volunteers filled 15,552 bags (!). Everyone got the job done by 9:45 a.m. and after cleanup, were out by 11:00. The food goes to the San Diego Food Bank for local distribution. Great work Rotarians, family & friends!



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR ROTARIANS!



Zaneta Encarnacion - May 9

Carmen Richardson - May 10

Mauricio Lutteroth - May 13

Neisha Hernandez - May 19

Bud Wilson - May 22

Lane Pearson - May 22

Laura Humphreys - May 23

Rick Richardson - May 25

Kathi Mits - May 30

Jon Miller - May 31



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PetSafe Martingale dog collars (medium)



Miracle nipples for kittens, puppies, bunnies & other small animals



Beggin' Strips dog treats



XXL Kongs for dogs



Cat toys wand charmer and tower of tracks



Nutri-Cal for puppies, dogs and cats



Laundry detergent - liquid or pods



New or gently-used animal crates, small & medium size



Cat toys wand charmer and tower of tracks




Laundry detergent - liquid or pods



Hip and Joint Supplement for dogs (Glucosamine Chondroitin)

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