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**CHULA VISTA ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP
PRESENTATIONS**
Friday, May 17, 2024 - Noon



This week, we will meet the students who will receive the Bill Padelford Academic Scholarship and the Joseph Rindone Service Scholarship. This year we will also award the Veenstra Family Art Scholarship in honor of Paul Veenstra, a longtime member and Past President of our Club.

It is an arduous task that the Scholarship Committee has undertaken to narrow down the pool of applicants and make the final selections from so many talented students.

Come and meet the scholarship recipients and their proud parents.

CALENDAR—UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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—Friday, June 28—Installation/Outstallation



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR May 10, 2024

President-elect Jesse Fernandez called the meeting to order. Chuck Bevan gave the invocation, led the pledge, and as Songmaster, shared an old time song for mothers in honor of Mothers' Day. Jan Mellinger introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

Gary Bryant shared a video from the Ronald McDonald House and encouraged members to participate in Red Shoe Day. He said our Club provided 12 volunteers to the St. Mark's Food Distribution and it was a huge help to them, as they were short staffed.

Lisa Johnson gave an update on the Bike Project which has evolved into a major community event which will include multiple partners including Circulate San Diego, the Y, SBCS, CV Fire Department, Chik Fil-A Leadership Academy and Kiwanis! It will serve as a Kickoff to Summer Safety. We will donate 107 bikes to local kids. Mark Scott named tools to bring to help assemble the bikes and outlined some of the volunteer jobs to be filled. We need to do a good job in sorting boxes from plastics—recycling team— quality control— assemblers and more!

Cheryl Shield told us about the Chik Fil-A leadership academy that she helps run at Eastlake High School and meets with once a month. She introduced Geo who volunteers with the Make A Wish Foundation and shared his journey with a brain tumor he has had since he was very young and it is currently stable. To date, he has raised more than \$128,000 for Make A Wish.

Chuck Bevan sponsored the News. Winners were Reed Dinsmore, Mark Scott and Ken Weimer.

The guest speaker, Jen Nation with Olivewood Garden & Education Center, shared the evolution of the organization over the years. They have met community and students' interests and fanned out into multiple areas of nutrition, gardening and more. Their facility is on 8 acres in National City donated by the Walton Family to the International Community Foundation in 2008.



The Rotary 5340 District Military Coordinating Committee (DMCC) is proud to sponsor the inaugural "Operation Flags for Vets" at Miramar National Cemetery this Memorial Day weekend.

In cooperation with the cemetery administration, members of Rotary District 5340 will be placing a small American flag at every gravesite to honor our fallen heroes. This effort is one that the cemetery has no funding or personnel to complete so they are excited to welcome Rotary to what will be a long-term commitment.

To volunteer go to our new website rotarydistrict5340dmcc.com/volunteer.





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JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON by Betty Waznis

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Hello, everyone and welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today sponsored by Chuck Bevan.

The go-broke dates for Medicare and Social Security have been pushed back according to their annual trustees' report issued Monday. Medicare's go-broke date for its hospital insurance trust fund was pushed back five years to 2036, thanks to forecasts showing more covered workers and higher average wages.

Meanwhile, Social Security's trust funds will be able to pay full benefits until 2035, instead of last year's estimate of 2034. Officials called the report "a measure of good news," but stated that Congress still needs to act to avoid what is now forecast to be a 17 percent cut to Social Security recipients, currently about 71 million people.

Hikers from all over the world are converging on San Diego County, hoping to complete the Pacific Crest Trail, a 2,650-mile route connecting the northern and southern borders of the U.S. These last few weeks mark the most popular starting period for those aiming to complete the trek from south to north. Through-hikers start here in the town of Campo, 50 miles west of here on the 94. Approximately 4000 people pull permits to hike, with only about 700 completing the 4-to-6-month trek, averaging 15 to 30 miles a day.

They'll walk 133 miles in San Diego County, taking several days to get to the first milestone in Julian, then up through CA, OR and WA, along the crest of the Sierra Nevada and the Cascade Range to the Canadian border. Every year, a dedicated network of "trail angels" San Diegans, run the Campo official campground, and offer support and resources to the hikers as they make their way north. A retired park ranger offers an orientation and prep lecture, asking the hikers, "What's the Number 1 rule of thru hiking?" The answer: Don't die.

The hikers starting this week should have nice weather. "May gray" clouds will keep temperatures slightly below average at the coast. Things turn slightly warmer this weekend and will be quite pleasant for moms this Mother's Day weekend! The mountains and deserts will see the biggest jump in temperatures this weekend when we warm into the low-70s in the mountains and near 100 in the deserts, while the coast will see low-70s and mid to upper 70s inland.

If skies remain clear, it will be possible to watch the International Space Station fly overhead for five minutes tomorrow night, starting at 9:28 p.m., first appearing 10 degrees above the western horizon. Here's one of the beautiful views of the south bay and our town that it sends back to earth.

Today's sponsor, and our song master, Chuck Bevan has been a Chula Vista Rotarian for 38 years, since January 1986, becoming President for the 96-97 Rotary Year. Here he is at high school graduation with his pride and joy, a 1968 Mustang with he still owns. He has enjoyed the many friends he has made in Rotary and the menu of projects the club presents. Chuck lives on Presidents Circle in Chula Vista with his wife of 48 years, sweet Marilyn.

His son Jimmy and his family live in Colorado Springs, and states that there is no way he will move back to California. Jimmy, an Army Captain at the time, spoke to the club about his experiences while deployed to Iraq in 2003 and 2004. Daughter Carolyn is a neurologist and lives with her husband in Chicago. Chuck can't get her back to California either but she spoils her Mom and Dad rotten so all is forgiven. Chuck says he is even bored by this, so let's get to the drawing. This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today sponsored by Chuck Bevan.



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—MAY 10, 2024



Betty Waznis delivering an informative Jim Biddle News at Noon. Thanks for your work on this Betty! This week's sponsor for the news was Chuck Bevan, picture above with Mark Scott and Reed Dinsmore (who wins again!).



L-R: Chuck Bevan with Ken Weimer, Autumn Reed and Cheryl Shields with an amazing young man, Geo, who is a Make A Wish Ambassador, and our guest speaker, Jen Nation telling us about the Olivewood Garden & Education Center.





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FOOD DISTRIBUTION HIGHLIGHTS



Rotarians at the St. Mark's food day, clockwise from top left: Bob Silvas, Chris Lewis, Bill Torre, Gary Bryant, Troy Ray, Reed Dinsmore, Beta Dinsmore, the group with a new friend; Autumn Reid, Chik Fil-A leadership students, Beta and Cheryl Shields. Our large turnout was very helpful. THANK YOU!



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Thank you for contributing to the Friends of the CVACF with an item or two from the wish list below.

All items are available to purchase locally and online.

If you prefer, contributions can be made online at www.sdfoundation.org/cv-friends-animal-care or by mail payable to:
The San Diego Foundation, Fund 7211
2508 Historic Decatur Rd., #200
San Diego, CA 92106

Friends
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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

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