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**BONITA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL
MUSIC MACHINE**
Friday, November 1, 2024 - Noon



The Bonita Vista High School Music Machine will share their amazing musical talents with us this week.

Come enjoy a program of uplifting song and enjoy some of the most talented young people in our community!

See you on Friday—bring a friend!

GOOD-BYE POLIO
THANKS ROTARY 



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—OCTOBER 25, 2024

Treasurer Rasha Roshdy called the meeting to order in the absence of President Jesse Fernandez and President-Elect Ben Koala. Past President Mora de Murguia gave the invocation.

Gary Bryant gave an update on Community Services. There were 8 members and 8 members from the Chula Vista-Eastlake Rotary club at the Beautify Chula Vista clean up on Saturday, October 26. The decorating of the Chula Vista Veterans' Home is confirmed for Saturday, December 7 at 8:30 a.m.

World Kindness Week is coming in November. We are supporting the Altrusa club with collecting games. See Betty for more information.

President-Elect Rasha reviewed upcoming programs.

Lisa Johnson and Mora de Murguia provided an overview of the Christmas Bake Sale and Cookie Contest. We will also be collecting lap blankets, scarves, and beanies for patients at the Cancer Center. All of this fun will be on Friday, December 13. Mark your calendars!

Betty Waznis gave us the Jim Biddle News at Noon, sponsored by the soon to be retired (March 2025) Dan Dredla. The drawing winners were Betty Waznis, speaker and Escondido Sunrise Rotarian Dave Jones, and Eric Rimmele.

Dave Jones gave a compelling presentation on suicide prevention.

CLUB CALENDAR

Mini Food Drive to Support Just In Time former foster youth—see page 6

Friday, November 8, 8:30 am—St. Mark's Food Distribution (Hilltop & I)

SAVE THE DATES:

Saturday, December 7, 8:00 a.m.—Chula Vista Veterans' Home Decorating

**Wednesday, December 11—Ronald McDonald House Christmas Dinner
Various shifts starting at 4:00 pm—more info to come**



JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON by Betty Waznis

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THIS WEEK'S
SPONSOR

With Betty Waznis

Hello, everyone, Welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today sponsored by Dan Dredla and Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center.

If you happen to have been surfing, shopping, fishing, walking or anything else near South County shorelines in the last month, officials want to hear from you. On Monday, a division of the US Dept of Health and Human Services that evaluates possible toxic risks in the environment launched an online survey in cooperation with San Diego County to identify how many people have been exposed to contaminants due to Tijuana River Valley wastewater and what symptoms they may be experiencing.

It's meant to capture individuals who live, work or frequent beaches in Imperial Beach and Coronado and around the Tijuana River Valley, in addition to the area household survey conducted door to door last week. The survey will be open through Nov. 22. To take the survey, available in English and Spanish, visit redcap.link/tjrv2024. The sewage crisis primarily caused by outdated and underfunded infrastructure has resulted in more than 30 billion gallons of polluted water and trash making their way into South County this past year alone.

This effort is taking place as the San Diego County Board of Supervisors agreed this week to explore legal action against those responsible for worsening the cross-border sewage crisis. The motion specifically names Veolia Water North America as a possible defendant because of its direct role in managing the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant. Veolia is the same company held partially responsible for the pollution crisis of lead in the municipal water of Flint, Michigan.

This Wednesday, the FAA gave a strong push to electric-powered air taxis by issuing final rules for operating the aircraft and training their pilots. The agency said the rule recognizes air taxis as an entirely new type of aircraft that will soon join airplanes and helicopters in the sky. They're the first new category of aircraft in nearly 80 years. These aircraft take off and land vertically, like helicopters, but fly like fixed-wing planes. Many companies are working to get them on the market, and airlines have invested heavily in technology but have been waiting for clarity over regulations to govern their use. The FAA is stressing safety as it works to fold the new electric aircraft into the nation's airspace. So far, current technology limits their size and likely means that they will be used most often in urban areas for people and cargo.

Chef Priscilla Curiel has opened [Tuetano Taqueria](#) on Third Avenue. Honored by the Michelin Guide in 2020, the taqueria became a sensation when her first mall shop in San Ysidro helped kickstart the birria boom that's swept across San Diego. It's opening next to the second location of Mujer Divina, Curiel's National City coffee shop specializing in churro lattes and Mexican mochas along with burritos made from a long-held family recipe. This is a third family business on Third Avenue: Curiel's father Enrique Curiel opened Talavera Azul, a nearby favorite for [Mexican breakfast](#), back in 2008.

Today's sponsor, Dan Dredla, is Vice President of Clinical Services at Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center. His career has spanned four hospitals over more than 35 years, almost as long he says as it takes most people to get an appointment with their doctor. He started off in marketing, but became an operations executive when he discovered it was easier than actually working. His favorite phrase is "I'm going to empower you to solve that problem yourself." At home, he and his wife, Lori, enjoy the occasional trip to Europe and spending weekend afternoons lingering in quirky coffee shops around San Diego. Their three children have all fled the nest, leaving Dan plenty of time to read histories of World War II and track down relatives on [ancestry.com](#) – including a distant connection to someone in this very club. Bill Padelford, a 10th cousin five times removed. Dan's big news – he's retiring on March 1.

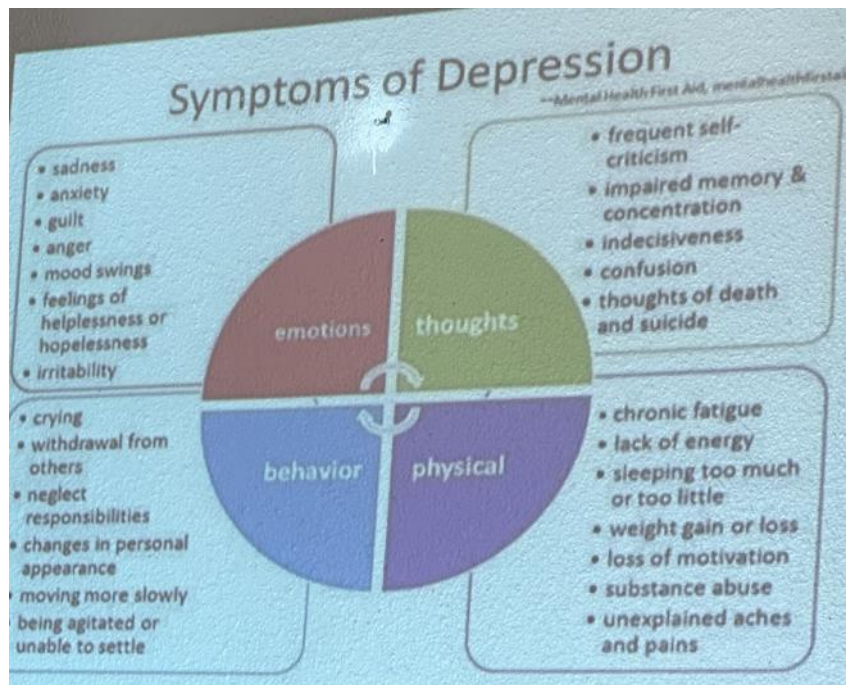
This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today brought to you by Dan Dredla and Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center.



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Speaker Dave Jones was a lucky winner—with sponsor Dan Dredla. Betty Waznis and Eric Rimmele won as well. Thanks Dan!



Dave Jones gave a very powerful presentation on suicide prevention. He is a member of the San Diego Suicide Prevention Council, Rotary District 5340 Mental Health Initiative group and Escondido Sunrise Rotary.



GREAT FUN AT THE THREE ROTARY CLUB EVENT



ELDER FRAUD: BE AWARE & REPORT SCAMS



Free information session with an FBI Intelligence Analyst for seniors, caregivers, and neighbors

**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 13
AT 11:30 A.M.**

**Norman Park Senior Center
270 F St, Chula Vista, CA 91910**



Seniors are increasingly targeted by scammers looking for financial gain. Learn about common elder fraud schemes, the signs and symptoms of elder fraud, and what law enforcement is doing to protect seniors and prosecute scammers. Find out what you can do to prevent falling victim to these scams and report instances of fraud to local law enforcement.

REGISTER FOR FREE
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This presentation is made possible by the FBI San Diego Elder Justice Task Force in partnership with the FBI San Diego Citizens Academy Alumni Association, AARP California, and the San Diego Seniors Community Foundation's Senior Center Coalition.



Sweet Kya Koala enjoying grapes at the Three Rotary Club event.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR ROTARIANS!



BILL TORRE— NOVEMBER 2

BEN KOALA—NOVEMBER 6

AUTUMN REID—NOVEMBER 20

DARREL JOHNSTON—NOVEMBER 19

CHERYL SHIELDS—NOVEMBER 25

JESSE FERNANDEZ—NOVEMBER 29

SUPPORT JUST IN TIME FORMER FOSTER YOUTH

Our Club is supporting a Mini-Food Drive to support Just In Time (JIT) (former foster youth) participants with food insecurity and/or experiencing homelessness.

We will be collecting food donations for the next two Fridays, with a specific focus on ready-to-make meals. This is a great opportunity to support youth and families served by JIT! Bob Silvas is lead.

Items needed:

- Ready-To-Eat Items (Protein Bars, Applesauce, Nut Butters, Jerky)
- Canned Goods (Vegetables, Soups, Pastas, Beans)
- Dry Goods (Rice, Pasta, Instant Noodles, Cereal)
- Cooking Essentials (Seasonings, Cooking Oils, Flour)



SCENES FROM THE THREE ROTARY CLUB EVENT



See how many Rotarians you can spot in this photo. It includes one Tijuana Club Rotarian, an almost 3 year old, three significant others, one Rotaractor and one honorary Rotary who is also Mayor John McCann. A fun night!



L-R: Peter Rullan catching up with Mayor McCann. It was a magical night with a beautiful view at Lourdes and Saul Valdez' home. Having fun at the party. We DID visit with the other Club members and guests.