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The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista

**Chartered February 16, 1926 - Club Number 908 - District 5340
Meets Weekly, noon, 4475 Bonita Road, Bonita (Chula Vista Golf Course)**

JIM O'CALLAHAN
Young Entrepreneurs Academy
South County Economic Development Council
Friday, November 10, 2023 - Noon



Jim O'Callaghan, the President and CEO of the South County Economic Development Council, will be addressing the Chula Vista Rotary Club. In this engaging presentation, Mr. O'Callaghan will provide valuable insights into the SCEDC's mission, vision, and their impactful program of work that has driven economic growth and development in South County.

A highlight of his presentation will be the unveiling of an exciting new initiative – the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA), set to launch in November. This innovative program aims to empower and inspire the next generation of business leaders by equipping young minds with the knowledge and tools they need to turn their entrepreneurial dreams into reality. Jim O'Callaghan's talk promises to shed light on this remarkable venture, highlighting the transformative potential it holds for the youth in our community.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the SCEDC's dynamic role in shaping the economic landscape of South County and to get a firsthand look at their commitment to nurturing and fostering the entrepreneurial spirit of our young leaders.



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - November 3, 2023

Past President Mark Scott called the meeting to order. Jerry May gave the invocation and led the flag salute. Chuck Bevan led the Club in song.

Past President Neisha Hernandez introduced visiting Rotarians and guests. November Birthdays and Member Anniversaries were saluted.

Gary Bryant provided an update:

- a. Christmas in October a success with Gary, Kathleen, Suzanne, Max and Duane attending.
- b. \$350 to Rosebank Elementary with additional \$350 from Green and Green LLP for PE equipment – Received a very nice Thank you letter from the school principal.
- c. Ronald McDonald House is December 13 – 4-5PM cooking, 5-6 PM Setup, 6-7:30 PM Serving, 7:30PM Cleanup. Volunteers are needed for all shifts. Gary will email members with details. Parking will be across I-805 with shuttle to RMH. Signup sheet will be circulated next week.

Rasha Roshdy will be presenting at the District Foundation Seminar tomorrow. She will discuss assistance to recent refugees.

A reminder about the social next Monday, Nov. 6 – Red Fox Inn – 6:30 pm for dinner on your own and Joe at the piano starting at 7:00 PM.

Our fundraiser at the Nutcracker – Nov. 18 is coming soon. If you cannot attend, please consider a donation or giving tickets to a friend or family members. Thank you!

St. Marks food distribution Nov. 10. Come and help! (note: was moved to Thursday, Nov 9).

Please bring a new unwrapped toy for a 10-12 year old child for the Chula Vista Police Foundation Toy Drive by Nov. 17.

INVOCATION GIVEN BY JERRY MAY

O holy spirit – We are thankful for what has been provided to us: Freedom, Safety, Family and relationships with folks to make this a better world.

However, we are concerned for what is happening in this world – strife and war that go on for years. Instant communication brings the human cost into our homes, we can't be isolated from it.

Help us to recommit to Peace and Freedom – to support our Rotary Peace initiatives and to be effective citizens of the world we live in.

Shalom and Amen



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 sponsored by Gary Bryant.

Evacuation orders are still in effect as the Highland fire in Riverside County continues to burn along Highway 371 near Aguanga. About 4,000 people were under evacuation at the worst point, but some have been allowed to return home. At least seven structures have been destroyed. More than 1200 firefighters are attacking the fire from the air and the ground. Although battling dry conditions and gusting winds, they managed to contain the fire to 50%. The fire is burning in an area that was saturated by Tropical Storm Hilary in August. However, the storm's rainfall contributed to the growth of new grasses, which then dried out and could be feeding the fire.

The next time you park on Third Avenue you won't need to scrounge for change. Chula Vista installed 435 smart parking meters last week. While the meters still accept coins, they now accept credit and debit cards, as well as contactless options such as Apple Pay or a new parking app. The meters are intended to create a more convenient parking experience and help manage parking demand. Customers can use the new IPS Park Smarter mobile payment app to find available parking spaces in the Downtown Parking District, concentrated around Third Avenue, between E and H Streets. Once a vehicle is parked, the app sends real-time alerts when the meter is due to expire, and customers can add more time directly from their phone.

After restoring the Hotel Del Coronado's front porch and lobby, adding a new grand entrance, and expanding the resort by 142 rooms, the resort is saving what may be the best for last — a renovation of all 367 rooms in the original Victorian Building. Starting the first of the year, the hotel will shut down each of the 367 rooms for more than a year as it embarks on the final phase of what is the single largest renovation since the Hotel Del opened in 1888. The hotel has the advantage of 534 newly renovated rooms across the 28-acre property that will still be available for guests during the renovation and will allow all Victorian room upgrades to take place at once. In addition to refurbishing the guestrooms, the hotel will be renovating the historic event spaces, including the 9,300-square-foot Crown Room, well known for its holiday brunches.

Two critically endangered Sumatran tiger cubs born this summer came out from their den last week at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park. The cubs — a female named Puteri, which means "princess" in Malay, and a male named Hutan, which means "forest" — were born July 12. They are the offspring of first-time mother Diana and father Dumai and are the first cubs of their species to be born at the park's tiger habitat in seven years. Considered critically endangered, only an estimated 400 to 600 Sumatran tigers remain on Earth. The Zoo says "These recent births are a significant contribution to the global population of this tiger species."

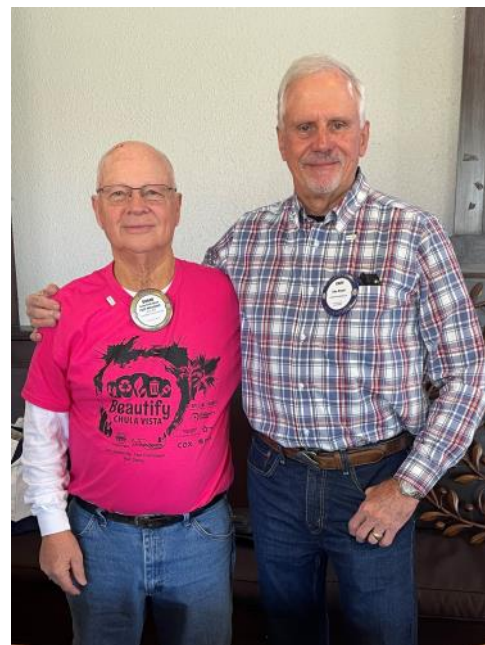
Our sponsor Gary Bryant began community service as a boy when his folks moved to the Mt. Helix area in La Mesa in 1957. He and his twin brother were 8 years. DeMolay, the Masonic sponsored Youth Group for boys 13 to 21, really cemented his initiation into community involvement. We know that he enjoys hunting, fishing, and shooting sports. Here are a few of his latest catches, from Louisiana and from Baja. Somehow, he finds time to lead, support and volunteer for multiple community and charitable organizations. Here's a short list: Chula Vista Charitable Foundation, YMCA Board, Ronald McDonald House, Christmas in October, Chamber of Commerce, plus leading our Community Projects Committee. **Thank you, Gary, for everything you do for our club and our community.**

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today sponsored by Gary Bryant and the Community Projects Committee.



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - OCT. 27, 2023



Gary Bryant brought the prizes, these Rotarians won them in the drawing:
L-R: Rasha Roshdy, Mark Scott and Duane Buckingham—congratulations!
Below: Interesting information from the District Foundation Seminar provided by Duane.

The Rotary Foundation Programs

- Polio Plus - D5340 2022-23 \$395,450 #1 in Zone 26/27
- Global Grants - D5340 Involved 19 pend 60 in progress
- District Grants - 95 grants for \$146,324
- Disaster Response Grants - Ukraine & Morocco
- Rotary Peace Centers - 6 Centers (In US Duke & UNC)
- Programs of Scale - 1st Malaria-Free Zambia





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UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS



A very nice turnout for the Social at The Red Fox last Monday (considering covid, work fatigue and Aztec basketball). Clockwise from lower left: Jan Mellinger, Ruth (friend of Duane), Betty and Tom Waznis, yes that is Brad Wilson (!), Gary Bryant and Duane Buckingham.



MEMBER SHOUT OUT!

Carmen Sandoval and Jesse Fernandez just completed an 11-day assignment working the polls at the VFW in Encanto/Lemon Grove for the 4th District County Supervisor special election. Interesting but oddly very tiring—sitting around all day.



SICK CALL:

Covid is REALLY out there!

Chuck and Marilyn Bevan have it.

Suzanne and Paul Catanzaro have contracted it along the way. Paul also had a fall and was hospitalized.

Mauricio Lutteroth has covid too.
Fernanda did NOT.

Hope everyone is better soon!

NOVEMBER IS

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION MONTH**

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EVERY
YEAR**

The Rotary Foundation transforms more than 90% of its gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR ROTARIANS!



Leon Redondo - November 5

Ben Koala - November 6

Darrel Johnston - November 19

Cheryl Shields - November 25

Jesse Fernandez - November 29

**GOOD-BYE POLIO
THANKS ROTARY**





ROTARY DISTRICT FOUNDATION SEMINAR



These fine gentlemen helped with sign-in at the District Foundation Seminar on November 4.

L-R: Duane Buckingham and Gary Bryant from our Club and Sam Hernandez from the Eastlake/ Chula Vista Rotary Club. Thank you!



Rasha Roshdy gave a presentation on her work and Rotary's help in supporting newly arriving refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine.





SALUTING ALL WHO SERVED



CALENDAR—SAVE THE DATES

**The Nutcracker Fundraising Event—Saturday, Nov. 18, 2:00 pm
@ The Kroc Salvation Army Center**

Bring toys for Chula Vista Police Foundation—NOV 17—NOTE NEW DATE

Chula Vista Veteran's Home—Decorate—(date to be confirmed)

Kettle Bell Ringing—Salvation Army—(date to be confirmed)

Ronald McDonald House—Serve meal—Wed. December 13

CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM & BAKE SALE—Friday, December 15, Noon

