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SANDEEP VARMA
CHARITABLE TRUSTS
Friday, November 15, 2024 - Noon



Sandeep Varma is the creative mind and backbone of ATS Advanced Trustee Strategies and ATS Wealth Management, where he has served as a financial advisor for over 35 years. Based in Southern California, he is dedicated to helping families plan for their futures, leveraging his comprehensive knowledge of diverse and sophisticated investment vehicles. Sandeep specializes in collaborating with clients and a team of advisors to implement advanced financial strategies.

In 1995, he developed the signature seminar, "The 7 Biggest Mistakes Trustees Often Make," drawing from his firsthand experiences with clients. Witnessing how miscommunication, greed, and inadequate legal and financial advice disrupted estate plans, he created this seminar to help others avoid similar pitfalls.

Sandeep was involved with his first Charitable Remainder Trust over 30 years ago and has helped numerous families establish Charitable Trusts and wealth replacement trusts. His strategies have not only enabled clients to work toward their goals but have also facilitated nearly \$500 million in planned gifts to organizations such as the American Red Cross, Feeding San Diego, SHARP HealthCare Foundation, Make A Wish Foundation, St. Vincent de Paul, and many other local and national charities.

Most recently, Sandeep served as the executive producer of "Don't Panic...We've Been Here Before," showcasing his commitment to impactful storytelling and community engagement.

Sandeep resides in Encinitas, California, with his wife, Nisha, who is his partner at ATS, and their three children: Ashni, Smita, and Sanjeev.



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—November 8, 2024

President **Jesse Fernandez**, finally back in the saddle after two weeks of Vote Center work, called the meeting to order. **Carmen Sandoval** gave the invocation. President Jesse put Pancho the Polio Pig into circulation. Pancho was sporting his new QR code on one side for those of us who do not carry cash much of the time.

President-elect **Ben Koala** introduced guests. Club announcements: A longtime former member, **Chuck Peters** passed away. He and his wife had relocated to Arizona many years ago. Happy news: **Chris Lewis** is doing much better!

President Jesse recognized member anniversaries—**Peter Rullan hit 40 years** this month. Congratulations Peter!

Michael Oliveri was welcomed into our Club. He is in Development and Fundraising with the San Diego Foundation and is transferring from the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Club. Welcome Michael! Be sure to say hello and introduce yourselves over the next few months.

The Elder Fraud workshop is next week—sign-up if you want to attend.

President Jesse reviewed upcoming events and programs. The **Holiday Program is December 13** and we will be busy! Holiday singing, a bake sale, cookie competition (everyone is out to beat Mary Johnson this year!) and a (lap) blanket drive for patients undergoing chemo at the Sharp Chula Vista Cancer Center. Save the date!

Holiday singers wanted! **Joe DeMers** and **Neisha Hernandez** are putting an awesome program together. The first rehearsal is Tuesday, November 12, 5:30-6:30 pm at Congregational Community Church on F, near 3rd. Enter at gate near the church sign. Every Tuesday through December 10th.

Betty Waznis provided us with another informative update on the news of the day. **Duane Buckingham** was the sponsor. Lucky winners were **Aer Koala** (no wine for him), **Kimberley Marshall** and **Sofia Salgado-Robitaille**.

Members participated in a Free-Thinking activity with specific topics to discuss in a small group. A survey was also part of the exercise. Thanks everyone for your time and help on this. More to follow on the feedback received.

Push My Buttons Prayer

Lord, it's likely that sometime today someone will push my buttons,
challenge my good will, misread my intentions, tick me off,
try my patience, rattle my cage, judge me in haste,
test my kindness, or do all of the above...

Give me the grace I'll need at such times
to respond with patience
to trust and accept
to listen carefully
to reach out in peace
to be fair and just
to anticipate goodness
in all my words and deeds...

I know this is a lot to ask, Lord,
but I need your help
to do for others
as I'd have them do for me...



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 Duane Buckingham.

A lot of exciting things to votes for on Tuesday's ballot. One was Proposition 36. You may remember Chula Vista Police Chief Roxana Kennedy and also County D.A. Summer Stephen addressing us here at Rotary meetings this past year to inform us of details about this ballot measure, which is intended to correct some elements of a 10-year-old law that downgraded several nonviolent crimes to misdemeanors. Voters approved the initiative, making shoplifting a felony for repeat offenders again and increasing penalties for some drug charges. It also gives judges the authority to order people with multiple drug charges to get treatment.

An opening date for Chula Vista's Harborside Park, closed for nearly two years, has been set for December 16. In Phase 1 of reopening, families will have access to a walking trail, a multi-purpose grass area, a skate park, and resurfaced basketball courts. The park's bathrooms have also been renovated.

The city will offer recreational programming for families, including sports, dance, and science and art activities. To maximize safety, the park will have a park ranger station, and enhanced fencing and lighting. The park will not be open 24 hours a day. An added surprise amenity for park goers is a soccer mini-pitch. The U.S. Soccer Foundation is set to install the compact playing court with goals and lighting, worth about \$100,000, as part of a donation from hometown professional soccer player Paul Arriola. Arriola was born in Chula Vista, attended Mater Dei Catholic High School and currently plays for the Major League Soccer club FC Dallas.

For the first time in three years, San Diego Gas & Electric on Wednesday cut off power in selected backcountry areas including Campo, Jacumba, Boulevard and Live Oak Springs. SDG&E estimated the four de-energized circuits won't be restored until 5 p.m. today as a precautionary measure to help avoid the risk of wildfire, as we are seeing right now raging in Ventura County. A red flag warning of elevated fire danger for mountain areas is still in effect this morning. Santa Ana winds have gusted 30 to 40 mph in local mountains and valleys along with a drop in humidity, rural communities in the High Fire Threat District are particularly affected by power shutoffs because many homes rely on water from wells powered by electricity for their homes, horses and livestock.

A new version of the San Diego Clippers is coming back to the county. Forty years after the NBA franchise departed for Los Angeles, the organization will bring its G League team to Oceanside.

They will make their debut at 7 tonight at Frontwave Arena in Oceanside, the new 7500-seat stadium that's home of the San Diego Sockers. To kick off its inaugural 24-25 season, a fan festival before the game will honor Bill Walton and will give away his favorite tied dye t-shirts to the first 3000 fans. San Diego was the Clippers' NBA home for six seasons, from 1978-1984. Bill Walton played for his hometown team during three of those seasons.

Today's sponsor, Duane Buckingham, is a dedicated Rotarian with 26 years of membership. He served as club President in 2008-2009, Assistant District Governor from 2010 to 2014 and is a Paul Harris Major Donor. He recommends Rotary networking; it's worked well for him, both as a business owner and a customer. He is going to tell us a little something about Escondido Rotary's recent 100th anniversary celebration which he attended.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today sponsored by Duane Buckingham.



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—NOVEMBER 8, 2024



WELCOME to Michael Olivieri, our new member, who is transferring from the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Club. Michael is in Development and Fundraising with the San Diego Foundation. Be sure to introduce yourselves soon!



L-R: The drawing winners this week were Aer Koala, Kimberley Marshall and Sofia Salgado-Robitaille. Congrats and thanks to all who support the CVR Foundation through the weekly drawing.



HOLIDAY REHEARSALS BEGIN!



L-R: President Jesse, Chuck Bevans and Bill Torre on the men's side. Jan Mellinger, Betty Waznis, Neisha Hernandez and Karen Torre getting ready! (Not pictured: Carmen Sandoval).

Former long-time member Chuck Peters passed away in mid-October at age 95 from complications of Covid and respiratory issues.

He was part-owner of Cornell's Stationers on E Street for many years.

Chuck and his wife, Janet, lived in Prescott Arizona for the past several years. Our sympathy to family and friends.



Our sympathy to Jerry and Judy May on the passing of their beloved Groot.

He was a big dog with quite a large loving presence.

Many of you may recall that Jerry "met" Groot at a club meeting years ago and that was it for him.



CLUB CALENDAR

Saturday, November 16—Chula Vista-Eastlake Rotary Club Hikeathon

Monday, November 18, noon—International Projects Committee—ZOOM

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**

Friday, December 13—Holiday Program, Bake Sale, Cookie Contest!

SAVE THE DATE—Friday, March 14—TRIVIA EVENT (see below)



GIVING TUESDAY
3 DECEMBER 2024

The Rotary Foundation



November is Rotary Foundation Month

The Rotary Foundation

14 Years in a Row
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CHULA VISTA SUNRISE ROTARY TEAM TRIVIA CHALLENGE XIV

Come & support Chula Vista Sunrise Rotary's largest fundraiser of the year!
All proceeds directly fund local charities and community organizations in Chula Vista.

Save the Date!

Friday, March 14, 2025

Doors open at 6pm
The Venue at Eastlake
871 Showroom Place #104
Chula Vista, CA 91914



\$320 per team (Early Bird Registration Jan 13-27)
\$360 per team (Registration Jan 28-March 7)

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