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The Sweetwater Valley has a rich history and the Sweetwater Valley Civic Association (SVCA) has worked for years to preserve many elements of the area that make it such a special place.

The mission of the SVCA is to foster and promote community spirit and civic pride through proactive engagement with the County, local elected and appointed officials, law enforcement, emergency first responders, and community groups/organizations with a goal of improving the quality of life within the Sweetwater Valley community.

SVCA values civic engagement and cooperative efforts with all stakeholders to promote innovations in democracy to make decision-making more participatory, equitable and effective in community civic, social and cultural development.

Mr. Felix serves as the President of the SVCA.

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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2025

President-elect Rasha Roshdy called the meeting to order in the absence of President Ben Koala who was out of state. Kimberley Marshall provided the invocation and led the pledge. Jerry May helped everyone sing the song of the day.

Club Treasurer Risa Baron introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

David Hoffman was FINED for his business' SUBSTANTIAL sponsorship of the recent Y golf tournament—in the big bucks zone.

The November birthdays were celebrated: Leon Redondo, President Ben, Darrel Johnston, Cheryl Shields and Past President Jesse Fernandez. Members celebrating club anniversaries were cheered.

President-elect Rasha reviewed the upcoming events and meeting programs. Thank you to everyone to donated to the food drive.

Reminder to bring your prescription eye glasses and put in the collection box on the welcome table.

Betty Waznis gave us the Jim Biddle News at Noon, sponsored this week by Neisha Hernandez. The drawing winners were:

Jan Mellinger provided insight into the impacts social media is having on all of us. Thank you Jan!

### INVOCATION GIVEN BY KIMBERLEY MARSHALL

Since we cannot do the work of God without the presence of God,  
may we invite Him in now.

Lord, as we gather in service and fellowship, we seek Your wisdom.  
Bless our hearts with clarity, our minds with creativity, and our hands with purpose.

May our plans reflect Your will, our actions uplift our community,  
and our decisions honor both You and those we serve.

Guide us to lead with integrity, collaborate with compassion,  
and build a future rooted in hope, unity, and love.

I ask that you bless the  
hands that serve us today and may we go into our weekend with gratitude for our many  
blessings. I pray all these things in your name.

Amen.

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## 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 brought to you by Neisha Hernandez and Neisha's Dance and Music Academy.

Waymo has announced plans to bring fully autonomous driver-less rideshare car service to San Diego in 2026. As early as next week, we may see a test fleet of all-electric minivans traveling down streets primarily downtown and Pacific Beach. The cars will have humans behind the wheel, but the vehicles will be in autonomous mode. Waymo has already logged hundreds of thousands of fully autonomous trips in five cities. A survey released by AAA in February said 6 in 10 drivers in the U.S. are afraid to ride in self-driving vehicles and only 13% are okay with the idea. Company research claims that, compared to a human driver, Waymo vehicles reported 79% fewer airbag deployments and 80% fewer injury-causing collisions.

Among the 20,000 items Dr Seuss archives stored in UCSD's Geisel Library, researchers recently found an unfinished manuscript by Theodore Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, to teach readers how to learn all 50 state names. His original work included a cover sketch featuring the Cat in the Hat and ideas for draft verses and songs. Next summer, to tie in with America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday, "Sing the 50 United States!" will be released, with a first printing of 500,000 copies. The book will include additional illustrations "in the style of Dr. Seuss," as well as notes explaining how the book came to be. A singalong music video will be released at the same time.

Travelers enrolled in SENTRI and Global Entry who cross the U.S.-Mexico border through the San Ysidro Port of Entry will soon have a second option to get in line. U.S. Customs and Border Protection announced a plan on Friday in collaboration with Mexico to provide an additional access point for northbound vehicles at the busy port of entry to ease the border traffic that is congesting Tijuana city streets. The change, part of a four-month pilot program should be completed this month. The general all-traffic crossing lane on Calle Segunda (also known as Benito Juárez) in Tijuana will be converted into an exclusive lane for SENTRI and Global Entry cardholders on the western side of the port. The existing trusted-traveler access through Boulevard Padre Kino on the eastern side will continue to operate as usual.

Those with the required Ready Lane documents will continue to line up on Tijuana's Vía Rápida Oriente. Paseo de los Héroes will now be the sole access point for all-traffic lanes for those with other travel documents that are not chipped, as well as the medical lane. As more people have enrolled in SENTRI, traffic can stretch back 2.5 miles through one of the city's busiest areas. The new route through Avenida Segunda will be more convenient for drivers coming from Playas de Tijuana, Rosarito and Ensenada.

King tides these past few days gave us some spectacular waves, like this at La Jolla Cove. King tides happen during the highest tides of the year, when the gravitational pull of the moon and sun align. Great weekend for San Diego sports coming. Aztec football hopes to extend its 6-victory rivalry with the University of Hawaii Rainbow Warriors to 7 in Honolulu tomorrow night. San Diego State men's basketball opened the season last week with a 77-45 victory over Long Beach State and meets Idaho State Sunday at 2 here at Viejas Arena.

Finally, the San Diego FC finishes the best of 3 series to break the 1-1 tie in Round One of the MLS playoffs against the Portland Timbers, Sunday at 6 at Snapdragon Stadium.

Bernard and Neisha both grew up in Chula Vista (off Orange Avenue) in the 1970's and 80's. They attended Rohr Elementary School together. In high school, Neisha transferred to the Chula Vista School for the Creative and Performing Arts, while Bernard continued on to Castle Park. The two still saw each other, though, as Neisha drove Bernard to karate lessons on Saturdays. As lifelong family friends, their lives weaved in and out of one another's until they were tricked by Neisha's brother into a date. And, the rest is history! Now they have 4 kids (ages 13-25) and run their dance and music school together.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today brought to you by Neisha Hernandez and Neisha's Dance and Music Academy.

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L-R: News at Noon sponsor Neisha Hernandez with drawing winners Jan Mellinger, Nancy Kerwin and Rasha Roshdy. Congratulations and thank you for your support of the CV Rotary Foundation. A clean sweep by women—again!

**NOVEMBER IS**



**ROTARY  
FOUNDATION  
MONTH**

*"Much of the trouble in the world today is not so much the noise of the bad as it is the silence of the good."*  
Past RI President W. Jack Davis 1977-78

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## ROTARIANS DOING GOOD WORK IN THE COMMUNITY



L-R: **Bill Torre, Michael Oliveri, Cheryl Shields and Bob Silvas** lent a hand for a former foster youth moving into their own place, assisted by Just In Time. They helped move furniture from the warehouse, assemble some items and set up their new home. Only a few volunteers were needed for this effort due to limited space. No photos of person due to privacy.



Veterans' Day was observed at the Chula Vista Veterans' Home and 23 local high school students from Mater Dei Catholic, Hilltop, Bonita Vista and Olympian High Schools—all Interact students from clubs our Club sponsors—came out to spend quality time with the Veterans. Chik fil-A provided a wonderful lunch. Members in attendance (not pictured) were: **Nancy Kerwin, Jeanette Badal, Bill Torre, Cheryl Shields, Rick Richardson, Carmen Richardson, and Gina Woodard**. No photos of Vets due to privacy considerations.

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**THANKS ROTARY**



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Friday, November 14—**Food Distribution at St. Mark's—8:30 am**

Friday, November 28—**DARK—No Meeting—Thanksgiving**

Wednesday, December 10 - **Ronald McDonald House Dinner**

Friday, December 19 — **Holiday Program & Bake Sale!**

**CHULA VISTA ROTARY 100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**  
February TBD, 2026

**TRIVIA NIGHT**— Friday, March 13, 2026, 5:30 pm