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EMIL WOHL
WOHL PROPERTY GROUP
Friday, October 11, 2024 - Noon



Wohl Property Group owned and entitled the industrial property that is now home to the Cross Border Xpress (CBX) and was selected by Rohr to purchase 51 acres of its former manufacturing facility.

As Principal, Emil is responsible for management and oversight of all company operations. He manages the various phases of capital raising, property acquisition, project development, asset management, and dispositions, with direct responsibility for investor relations, procuring entitlements, development project management, and negotiating joint venture agreements, purchase and sale contracts, leases, development agreements and construction contracts.

Emil joined Wohl Property Group in 1997 after practicing real estate law in Los Angeles, where he specialized in land use, eminent domain and inverse condemnation litigation. He first learned the construction side of the business during several summers in college while working on tilt-up building projects throughout Los Angeles County as a member of the Laborers International Union of North America. Emil earned a J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law and a B.A. in English from the University of Southern California. He is a member of the State Bar of California, holds a California Real Estate Broker's license and is a Certified Commercial Investment Member of the CCIM Institute.

Since 2002, Emil has served as President of the Grace Lutheran Developments, one of San Diego's largest non-profit providers of affordable senior housing. He served four terms as an elected member of the Otay Mesa Planning Group. (See p5 for more info).



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—OCTOBER 4, 2024

President Jesse Fernandez called the meeting to order.

Visiting Rotarians

Brijesh Mathur, New Delhi, India. He is visiting the US with the Indian Army Polo Team, to play in Lakeside this weekend

Lourdes Valdez announced a “Three Club Mixer” October 26 5-9pm for the Eastlake Evening Club, CV Noon club, and CV Morning Club

Other news

Mora gave a “polio update.” There are 46 new cases this year. Club members were encouraged to give more to the piggy bank. Rotary’s “Polio Walk” will be on 10/26/24 in Balboa Park.

“Beautify Chula Vista”: Sweetwater River Channel Clean-up is on Saturday Oct 19, 8:30—noon.

Member spotlight: Bill Torre

News @ Noon: Betty Waznis, sponsored by Rick Richardson

Raffle prizes went to Bob Silvas, Kathleen Carroll, and Jesse Fernandez

Member Hugo Tomas is battling a rare form of cancer and responding well to chemotherapy. Radiation is next. Get well card was circulated for members to sign.

Speaker

Brian Millican, from The Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center.

Brian showed a very nice video of the Center. It is located on 155 acres in east Chula Vista. It opened in 1995, and later became the property of the City of Chula Vista. It hosts Olympic athletes from all over the world, and 2-3 major sports tournaments per year. It has a Boat House on Otay Lake. The Center is now raising \$50 million in funds to build a pool.

US athletes from the Center won 150 medals at the Paris Olympics this year, including 86 for Para-Olympic athletes who trained here.

In 2026, The Center will host the Rugby World Cup.

“Our vision is to provide the world’s best training center for the world’s best athletes. We help athletes achieve their dreams.”

The Center has 300 beds, a modern sports medicine clinic, a 24 hour cafeteria, 7 grass fields, and is home to the U.S. Rugby and Archery Teams

This is one of three such centers in the US. Other two are in Lake Placid, NY, and Colorado.

The Center’s “Vision 2028” is to win 50 Gold Medals at the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles.

Visitors are welcome and can call the center to arrange a tour.—Notes by Kathleen Carroll

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JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON by Betty Waznis

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With Betty Waznis

Hello, everyone. Welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News brought to you by Rick Richardson and Child Development Associates.

Good news from the DMV! On Monday they announced a major change for older drivers: those who are age 70 and beyond with good driving records will no longer be required to take a knowledge test to renew their licenses. An office visit is still required for a vision exam and an updated photo for those 70 and older who are renewing a driver's license. First-time drivers must still take a knowledge test, also known as the written test, as will newcomers to California who want a license.

Last week, San Diego State University got environmental approval to build a \$53 million bridge in Mission Valley, southwest of Snapdragon Stadium, that offers a much-needed north-south connection across the San Diego River. The Fenton Parkway Bridge project is a condition of the school's purchase of the former Qualcomm stadium site, now known as SDSU Mission Valley. The bridge will extend Fenton Parkway south over the San Diego River to Camino Del Rio North for cars, bikes and pedestrians. This will create a north-south connection over the river not subject to flooding, that relieve traffic congestion, available for biking and walking, giving access to the trolley stations just west of the SDSU Mission Valley campus. Construction is expected to start in 2026.

The International Longshoremen's Association agreed yesterday to suspend a strike begun Tuesday, that closed down major ports on the East and Gulf Coasts, following an improved wage offer from port employers. In a statement, the union said that it had reached "a tentative agreement on wages" and that its 45,000 members would go back to work, with the current contract extended until Jan. 15. The union said it was returning to the bargaining table to negotiate all other outstanding issues, including how much automation can occur at the ports.

Our San Diego Padres dispatched the Atlanta Braves with a 5-4 win on Wednesday to follow their 4-0 victory on Tuesday, completing a two-game sweep in the NL Wild Card Series. Wednesday's sold-out crowd of 47,705 was the largest in Petco Park history. For the third time in five years, the Padres will play the Dodgers in the best of five National League Division Series. Games One and Two will be played Saturday and Sunday at Dodger Stadium. Game Three and, if necessary, Game 4 will be back here at Petco Park on Tuesday and Wednesday. If Game 5 is needed, teams will return to LA on Friday.

Today's sponsor is Rick Richardson, whose passion to create positive change in the community is reflected in his lifetime of service. Rick served over 23 years in the U.S. Army, retiring as Colonel. He served his country as a combat arms officer, base commander, and strategic planner including two tours in Iraq and 9 years of service in Europe. He was also trained to parachute from perfectly functional airplanes!

Rick is the CEO at Child Development Associates (CDA), one of the county's ten largest non-profit organizations. CDA provides affordable childcare and supportive services to over 7,000 families and assists the important work of over 3,000 childcare providers through nutrition education, business reimbursement, and resources. Rick is also a San Diego County Commissioner for the First Five Commission. Rick served eight years as a nationally-licensed head coach for the Eastlake High School Mountain Bike Team, and founded the South Bay Composite Team.

He is currently a performance driving instructor with Porsche Club San Diego. He is married to Carmen Richardson, with two daughters McKenzie and Cameryn. In his free time Rick can be found with his family and dog, helping out in the community, exploring the desert, or driving anything that blows his hair back!

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today brought to you by Rick Richardson and Child Development Associates.





MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—OCTOBER 11, 2024



Rick Richardson was this week's sponsor for the Jim Biddle News at Noon. L-R: Lucky winners were Bob Silvas, Kathleen Carroll and President Jesse. Thanks Rick!





Wohl Property Group

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San Diego-based private real estate investment firm founded in 1946

- Constructed nearly 100 buildings
- Developed 5 million+ square feet of industrial, office, flex, and retail in Southern California

In 2019, Rohr selected Wohl to purchase 51 acres of its former manufacturing facility

Rohr and Wohl have partnered to remediate soil and ground water under the guidance of the California State Water Resources Control Board ("SWRCB")

Volunteers Needed!



October 8th - October 21st

SCHOLARSHIP REVIEWERS NEEDED

Review scholarship applications for Southwestern College students from the comfort of your home or office!

Contact Amy Bosler at abosler@swccd.edu to volunteer!



2024

Beautify CHULA VISTA

Join us!

Saturday, Oct. 19

8:30 am - 12 pm (Check-in begins at 8 am)

Rotarians In Action

Sweetwater River Channel
North 2nd Ave, next to the SD KOA. Look for our Staging Canopy under the 54 overpass

Remove Trash from River Channel and Bike Path
Clean or paint over graffiti
Have fun!

VOLUNTEERS:

- Meet at your designated location (provide your own transportation)
- Wear appropriate clothing/shoes, bring work gloves and buckets for litter (if available)
- Bring snacks or lunch and reusable/refillable water bottles
- Community service hours forms will be provided upon request
- Visit www.beautifychulavista.org - print, sign and bring your participation waiver

Good neighbors building strong neighborhoods

RSVP: Sign-up sheet will be passed around at the meetings, or contact Gary Bryant: (619) 778-3264



Member Spotlight



Bill Torre

Bill's favorite thing about being a Rotarian is taking part in the community service projects - Service above Self!

Bill has been a resident of Chula Vista for over 40 years. He is married to his lovely wife Karen and has one daughter and granddaughter. Bill was born and raised in the Midwest, mainly Illinois and Indiana.

Bill came to Northern California in 1976 after graduating from the University of Missouri with a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering, and then came to San Diego in 1979 after completing a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering at Cal Poly University - San Luis Obispo. He worked as an engineer and in management at San Diego Gas and Electric Co. for 30 years. He also worked at UCSD as director of research at the Center for Energy Research for 5 years and then retired.

He is currently retired and helping out in community volunteer work for various organizations including the Red Cross, Engineers Without Borders, and other professional organizations. He has an engineering consulting company and another company focused on aerospace and electrical engineering. Bill was a member of the Rotary Club in Big Bear for 7 years. He looks forward to helping support the great work that Chula Vista Rotary club is doing for our community.

THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

Rotary

OCTOBER IS COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONTH

A HEALTHY ECONOMY LEADS TO A STABLE AND PEACEFUL COMMUNITY. SUPPORT LOCAL SHOPS AND BUSINESSES. THEY ARE THE BEATING HEART OF THE COMMUNITY.

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Brian Millican with the Elite Athlete Training Center provided extensive information on their activities coming up and invited our Club to use the facility for events.



President Jesse with Brijesh Mathur, Lourdes Valdez and Maria with the Chula Vista—Eastlake Rotary Club. Lourdes is a long-time Rotarian who first joined Rotary with our Club many years ago. She is hosting the Three Club Friendship Night Oct 26 at her home.

Rtn Brijesh Mathur from India, member of Rotary Club of Capital City New Delhi District 3012, visited our Club and presented his Club banner to President Jesse. He was Club President in 2016-2017. He was Assistant Governor in 2018-2019 and is currently the Fellowship Chair of his District.

He runs a charitable library and education center and by profession is a corporate law consultant in India, and owns BMC Advisors, a legal firm with offices in the U.S., UK, Qatar and UAE.

Brijesh was in town as the “chef de mission” of the Indian team playing in a polo tournament throughout Southern California.



Hello Fall!

you are invited to a



Rotary Friendship & Fellowship Evening

Join us to celebrate and meet Rotarians from our three Rotary clubs!
Enjoy delicious Italian food, appetizers, desserts, wine, beer and champagne!

Saturday, October 26th from 5:00PM to 9:30PM
2017 Chardonnay Terrace
Chula Vista, CA 91913

Come ready to mingle and experience the magic of Rotary friendships!

There will be a people scavenger hunt game from 6:00PM to 7:00PM
with a bottle of Austin Hope Wine as the prize!

Please RSVP via text to Carmen Sandoval at (619) 948 1703
or Lourdes Valdez at (619) 850 9871

We look forward to seeing you!



*This is going to be great fun.
Sign up this Friday!*