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SUMMER STEPHAN
DISTRICT ATTORNEY, SAN DIEGO COUNTY
Friday, October 13, 2023 - Noon



District Attorney Summer Stephan has devoted her life to protecting children and families, providing justice to the most vulnerable, and is a national leader in the fight against human trafficking and sexual exploitation. Summer rose through the ranks fighting for justice in the trenches before San Diego County voters overwhelmingly elected Summer as District Attorney in 2018 and again in 2022. As District Attorney, she leads the second-largest DA's Office in California, managing a professional staff of 1,000 employees, serving as the People's Prosecutor for San Diego County and its more than three million residents.

Summer leverages her extensive courtroom, management, and leadership experience to set clear public safety priorities in collaboration with law enforcement and the community, keeping San Diego County one of the safest urban regions in the United States. In 2022, Summer was named one of "The Five Best Prosecutors in America," utilizing evaluation factors of integrity, fidelity to the rule of law, responsible innovations, and community relations.

As a trial prosecutor, she tried more than 100 jury trials, including cases of complex homicides, sexually violent predators, child molestation, sexual assaults, school shooting, and human trafficking-related cases. She served as Chief of the DA's North County Branch and Chief of the Sex Crimes and Human Trafficking Division, a special victims unit she pioneered.

Summer received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Davis and her Juris Doctor from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - October 6, 2023

President Mora de Murguía called the meeting to order. Jesse Fernandez gave the invocation. Songmaster Chuck Bevan gave it one more try—a special adaption of an old favorite “Country Roads”—and it turned out really well! (see page 5 for the lyrics).

President-elect Jesse introduced the guests and visiting Rotarians. President Mora made several announcements. She is participating in the Walk to End Polio, Sunday October 22, 8:00 a.m. Pledges and co-walkers are very welcome to help meet our District goal.

The local Latino Chamber gave recognition to two of our members—Sofia Salgado Robitaille (Southwestern College Foundation) and Tiago Carniero (Novo Brazil). President Mora took the opportunity to give them a shout out as well and also thanked Chulatarian editor Carmen Sandoval Fernandez for her work to keep our members informed.

President Mora highlighted the upcoming Salsa & Margarita fundraiser at Mark & Stacy Scott’s home on Saturday, October 14 at 5:00 p.m. It is going to be a fun time with excellent food and wonderful friends. **The Baldwin & Sons Company will match donations up to \$5000 for this event.** Donations from members not able to attend will also be included and can be made on Club runner or given to Jesse Fernandez. Debit and credit cards can be used to make a contribution to the Chula Vista Rotary Foundation. Thank you!

Gary Bryant gave a brief update on the Christmas in October coming up on Saturday, October 28. More details to follow. There is also the monthly food distribution at St. Mark’s on Fri., October 13, 8:00 a.m.

GOOD-BYE POLIO
THANKS ROTARY



INVOCATION—Given by Jesse Fernandez

As we gather here today as members of Chula Vista Rotary, we pray that we are ever mindful of opportunities to render our service to fellow citizens and to our community.

Always keeping in mind the enduring values of life, exerting our efforts in those values upon which future generations can build with confidence. Let us continue to strive to make a better world. 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's News brought to you by Jesse Fernandez and the Fundraising Committee.

San Diego Gas & Electric customers will get a \$60.70 break on their electric bills in October. The statewide discounts are funded by the California Climate Credit Program. It requires large industries that emit greenhouse gases to financially compensate for the pollution they produce. Each year, two credits are applied to electric bills and one to natural gas bills, amounts that vary year to year. There is no action required to receive the credit — it is automatically deducted from your bill, whether you're a customer of SDGE or a community choice plan.

The end of an era came last Friday when Netflix officially stopped mailing out its trademark red envelopes. When Netflix began mailing DVDs in 1998 — the first movie shipped was “Beetlejuice” — no one in Hollywood expected the company to eventually upend the entire entertainment industry. With its change from traditional movie rental stores - no due dates, no late fees, no monthly rental limits - it destroyed competitors such as Blockbuster and altered the viewing habits of the public. At its height, Netflix was the Postal Service's fifth-largest customer, operating 58 shipping facilities and 128 shuttle locations that allowed Netflix to serve 98.5 percent of its customer base with one-day delivery.

It's the end of an era for another more recent and once-critical pandemic document. The white COVID-19 vaccination cards are being phased out. Now that COVID-19 vaccines are not being distributed by the federal government, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has stopped printing new cards. If you've held on to your card, it's still valid as proof of vaccination. Otherwise, people who need their COVID-19 immunization records will need to request them just like any other vaccine.

After a summer that saw many of California's top home insurers pull back from the state market, insurers have just agreed to return to high-risk fire zones in the state in exchange for several concessions from the State Insurance Commission. The changes are slated to go into effect by the end of 2024, but the hope is that insurers will return to writing new homeowners policies in California sooner. Leading insurers such as State Farm, USAA and Allstate all have requests for rate increases pending with the state insurance department, and are requesting hikes of 28.1 percent, 30.6 percent, and 39.6 percent, respectively. If approved, each company would be allowed to raise its total premiums in the state by that amount, but the rate increase could differ by individual homeowners and locations. This reflects new regulations that allow insurers to use catastrophe rather than historic models that take into account the projected impacts of climate change.

The Padres finished the season 82 and 80, only two games out of the National League's final postseason spot and good for third place in the NL West behind the playoff-bound Dodgers and Diamondbacks. Their season was done in by, among other factors, their performance in 25 close losses.

Jesse Fernandez is a native San Diegan and proud Padres fan through thick and thin. He is one of 7 brothers and sisters raised in the Skyline area, went to Morse High School, and played quite a bit of baseball along the way even through college. He believes in paying it forward through volunteer work in various groups and now with Rotary.

Jesse was with ATT for 40 plus years in various positions. After 31 years in Eastlake, he and Carmen now live in Bonita and keep super busy. Jesse is President-elect and chairs the Fundraising committee. His favorite new job title is TATA, which is what granddaughter Maricela Kaiyumali Fernandez calls him.

According to “Tata” she is amazing!

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today brought to you by Jesse Fernandez and the Fundraising Committee.



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This week's drawing winners pictured with News at Noon sponsor Jesse Fernandez (l-r): Ken Weimer, Mike Green and Diane Flint Wages. Congratulations!



L: President Mora with Ken Franke, Sports Fishing Association of California, who gave a very interesting talk on collaborations with various interest groups, use of new technology to help prevent overfishing and more!

R: Rotarians brought donations for the San Diego Human Trafficking Task Force—comfort items, totes, blankets, sweats etc.



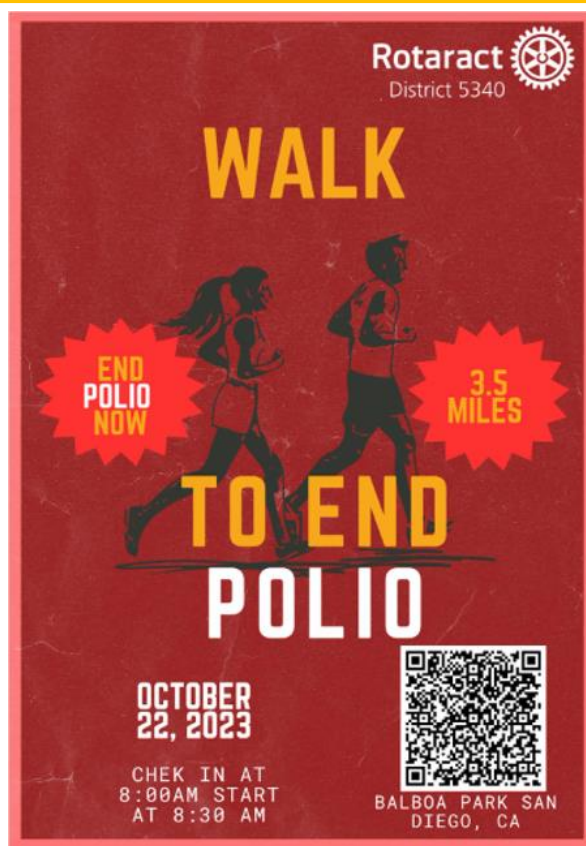
Country Roads - Denver/Bevan

Almost heaven, Chula Vista
Otay Mountains, The Sweetwater River
Life is old here, older than the trees
Younger than the mountains, growing like a breeze

Country roads, take me home to the place I belong
Chula Vista, Otay Mama
Take me home, country roads.

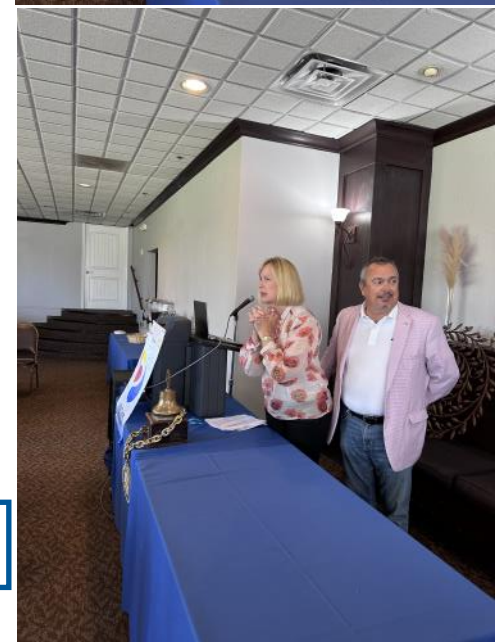
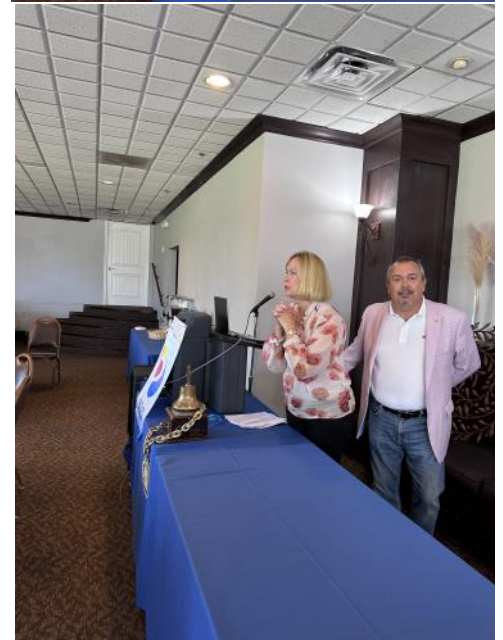
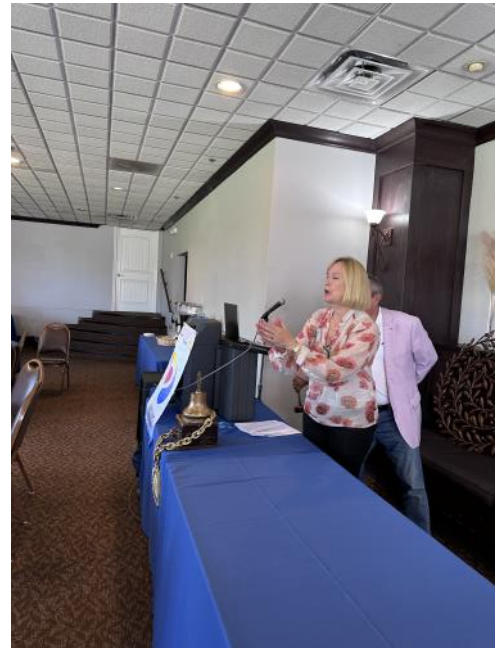
I hear her voice in the morning hour she calls me
The radio reminds me of my home far away
Driving down the road I get a feeling
that I should have been there yesterday, yesterday.

Country roads, take me home to the place I belong
Chula Vista, Otay Mama
Take me home, country roads.





Easy come and easy go. President Mora loses the gavel to Gary Bryant (or was he returning it?). After the meeting Eric Rimmele demonstrates how easy it is to steal the President's gavel as she chats with transferring Rotarian Bill Torre.



News master Betty Waznis does a great job with the Jim Biddle News at Noon most weeks (when she is not globetrotting (Spain)).



SALSA

& margaritas

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 5:00 P.M.
MARK & STACEY SCOTT RESIDENCE
4097 BONITA VIEW DR BONITA, CA 91902

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* **BEST MARGARITA** WINS A \$100 GIFTCARD *



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(CAPACITY IS LIMITED - SIGN UP EARLY)





Community Event

www.beautifychulavista.org

Beautify CHULA VISTA

20TH ANNUAL BEAUTIFY CHULA VISTA DAY
Saturday, October 21
8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

CV Rotary Clean-up

Location:
Sweetwater River Channel
under the HWY 54 overpass
North 2nd Ave, CV
(next to CV KOA)

Please bring attached waiver upon checking in.
RSVP to Gary Bryant (619) 778-3264

CALENDAR—SAVE THE DATES

Food Distribution @ St. Mark's—Friday, October 13, 8:00 am

Salsa & Margaritas Fundraiser—Saturday, October 14, 5:00 pm

Maria Kachadoorian, CV City Manager, Club Meeting—Friday, Oct. 20

20th Annual Beautify Chula Vista Day—Sat. October 21, 8:30 a.m.

Walk to End Polio—Balboa Park—Sunday, October 22, 8:00 a.m.

World Polio Day—October 24

Christmas in October—Saturday, October 28

**Happy Hour with Joe Demers our Piano Player,
Monday, November 6, 6 pm @ The Red Fox**

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