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CHULA VISTA ELITE ATHLETE TRAINING CENTER
Friday, October 4, 2024 - Noon



The Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center rests on a 155-acre complex adjacent to Lower Otay Reservoir. The Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center has sport venues and support facilities for more than a dozen summer Olympic and Paralympic sports, and cross-training abilities for various winter sports.

The CVEATC offers support to athletes including housing, dining, training facilities, local transportation, recreational facilities, athlete services and professional development programs. Typically, elite athletes are selected to train here by their respective sport federation or National Governing Body.

Come this Friday, to learn what is happening there post-Olympics.



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

President Jesse Fernandez called the meeting to order. Carmen Sandoval gave the invocation. In honor of the Padres entry into the wild card playoffs, Chuck Bevan selected “Take Me Out to the Ballgame.”

Rotary International Chair Lane Pearson presented Mauricio Lutteroth with his second Paul Harris pin as a recognition of his ongoing contributions to RI. Thank you Mauricio!

President Jesse reviewed upcoming Club programs and activities. Gary Bryant passed around a sign-up sheet for the annual Beautify Chula Vista clean up event on Saturday, October 19. (see info on page 5). The Chula Vista Christmas in October work event will be held Sunday, October 27 (new date) and will be a smaller event than before; may not need as many volunteers. Gary will monitor and advise.

Gary presented a check for the Just in Time Foster Youth program to Bob Silvas who is our liaison to the District Anti-Human Trafficking Committee. Foster youth are at very high risk to be trafficked. Bob gave a brief overview of the local committee’s ongoing work in this area. There will be an opportunity to connect with this group in the near future by donating household items they will need.

President Jesse passed Pancho the Polio Pig around. Today is the last meeting in September and we will be sending in our quarterly contribution to Polio Plus. Ramon Moncada, an infectious disease expert shared about some of the early polio vaccine concerns and setbacks. Jerry May recommended reading articles in our current Rotary magazine about polio.

Sofia Salgado-Robitaille and Lori Torio provided the member spotlight on Dan Dredla. No one knew who the member born in Nebraska was. Other hints did not help either—a real stumper and great fun getting to know each other a little better. (See page 6 if you missed it). Thanks for all your work on our website Dan!

Finemaster Michael Monaco fined Bernard and Neisha Hernandez for winning a trip to Kauai at a recent Rotary event. Michael shared a stunning photo of downtown LA with the mountain towering behind on fire. Ben Koala was promptly fined for helping to extinguish the fire with his Air National Guard unit recently.

Please consider becoming youth certified. It is very important if we are to have Interact students in Clubs our Club helped establish work with us on hands on projects. See Jerry May for details.

Betty Waznis provided the Jim Biddle News at Noon.

Chris Lewis put on his hat as the Chair of St. Mark’s who are in process to build a new Child Development Center on their site. They are seeking letters of support from local groups and organizations as they move into the grant, sponsorship and fund raising phase of the much needed project. Please see Chris.

GOOD-BYE POLIO
THANKS ROTARY





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 Chris Lewis and The Lewis Group.

Paper or plastic" will no longer be a choice at grocery store checkout lines in California under a new law signed Sunday that bans all plastic shopping bags. The law, approved by state legislators last month and signed by the governor, on Sunday, bans all plastic shopping bags starting in 2026. Consumers bring their own bags or take a paper bag. California had already banned thin plastic shopping bags at supermarkets and other stores in 2016, but shoppers could purchase bags made with a thicker plastic that purportedly made them reusable and recyclable. However, it turned out that few bags were recycled. Twelve states, including California, as well as hundreds of cities in other state, already have some type of plastic bag ban in place

On Sunday, the county environmental health department reopened nearly a half mile of the Imperial Beach shoreline due to lower ocean water bacteria levels, lifting water-contact closures at Cortez Avenue and South Seacrest Drive. The move came just one day after similar closures were lifted Saturday at the Imperial Beach Pier and Carnation Avenue. However, ongoing discharge from the Tijuana River has kept contact closure orders in place south of Seacoast Drive all the way to the border. This roughly 2-mile section has now been under closure for more than 1,000 consecutive days.

A favorite local restaurant is celebrating its 40th anniversary. Dolores "Lolita" Farfan and her husband Joaquin opened the first Lolita's restaurant on Telegraph Canyon Road in Chula Vista in 1984, and now they have five locations: four in in South County and one in Kearny Mesa. To celebrate the big 4-0, now through Oct. 6 Lolita's Mexican Food is selling its coffee for 40 cents. Breakfast foods are \$2 off and customers will be surprised with giveaways. At one time all 6 of the children worked in the family business. Daughter Dolores Jackson, third oldest, only daughter, and now the company's president, credits the company's longevity to authenticity and community connection, and adds that the keys to a successful family business are: build a culture of open communication, define roles clearly, keep family and business matters separate, and stay true to values.

The Padres clinched a place in the National League playoffs in Tuesday night's victory over the LA Dodgers. If they win two of their last three games, an away series against the Diamondbacks, they will host a best of three playoff series in Petco Park starting Tuesday.

Today's sponsor, Chris Lewis is the owner/broker of the Lewis Group established in 2013 to offer a wide range of residential and commercial, sales, leasing and property management services. Chris began his real estate career in 1989 and in 1993 joined McMillin Realty where he became one of the top producers, with sales topping 10 million dollars when the average sales price was \$189,000! In addition, Chris is a designated member of the Certified Commercial Investment Institute. The Lewis Group continues to offer top commercial, residential and property management services throughout San Diego County. He looks forward to assisting anyone seriously considering the purchase, lease, or management of real property. Chris has been a member of the Chula Vista Rotary Club since 1989 and served as President in 2001-2002. He lives in Bonita with Jean, his lovely wife of 61 years. This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today brought to you by Chris Lewis and the Lewis Group.



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Rotarians showing their fan spirits as we cheer on the Padres! L-R: Troy Ray, President Jesse, Bob Silvas, Ramon Moncada, Cheryl Shields, Autumn Reid, Sofia Salgado-Robitaille, Carmen Sandoval, Neisha Hernandez and Lori Torio.



L-R: Mauricio Lutteroth receiving his Paul Harris pin x2, Bob Silvas accepting a check for the Just in Time Foster Youth program that helps participants transition to living on their own successfully. News sponsor Chris Lewis, Padres hat winner compliments of Community Power, Rasha Roshdy and President Jesse.

President Jesse and guest speaker Ashley Rodriguez with Community Power, who helped us understand local utilities a little better and told us about a solar battery program currently underway.





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Drawing winners were Michael, our guest this week, Betty Waznis and Tom Davies who received a nice gift from sponsor Chris Lewis.



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



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



Member Spotlight



Dan Dredla
VP Clinical Services, Sharp Chula Vista

Dan's favorite part of being a Rotarian is Christmas in October and getting to know so many good people in the club!

Dan Dredla was born the youngest of five children in Omaha, Nebraska, but grew up in Southern California. Studious as a youngster, he developed a love for reading that continues to this day. He was editor of his college newspaper while working through college driving for a courier service. He got his BA in public relations from Cal State Fullerton when tuition was only \$400 a semester. He worked in marketing at hospitals in Riverside, Corona and Murrieta while gradually taking on more administrative roles.

Along the way, he earned a master's degree in healthcare administration from the University of La Verne. He moved to Sharp Chula Vista in 2001, where he is the Vice President of Clinical Services. In early 2025, he will retire after a 36-year career in healthcare.

He and his wife, Lori, live in Scripps Ranch and share three adult children, Jennifer, April and Eric, and two cats, Phoebe and Dash. In retirement, he and Lori plan on traveling locally and in Europe. Aside from reading, Dan's hobbies include genealogy and building scale models of airplanes.



Rotarian of the Week & Member Spotlight—Dan Dredla! Did you know Dan is a twin? AND a descendant of Daniel Boone? Gary Bryant is also a descendant of Daniel Boone—perhaps they are related? President Jesse was President of the Student Body at Daniel Boone School—related also?



HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR ROTARIANS!



Lori Torio - October 7

Nancy Kerwin - October 8

Dan Dredla - October 12

Jan Mellinger - October 12

Bart Miesfeld - October 16

Beta Dinsmore - October 18

Bob Silvas - October 28

CLUB CALENDAR

Friday, October 11, 8:00—St. Mark's Food Distribution

Saturday, October 19—8:30—Noon—Beautify Chula Vista

**Saturday, October 26, 5–9:30 pm—Hello Fall! Three Rotary Clubs
Friendship & Fellowship Evening**