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**The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Chula Vista**

**Chartered February 16, 1926 - Club Number 908 - District 5340  
Meets Weekly, noon, 4475 Bonita Road, Bonita (Chula Vista Golf Course)**

**KEN FRANKE**

**Sportfishing Association of California  
Friday, October 6, 2023 - Noon**



Ken Franke has been the President of SAC since 2009. Prior to this, he completed a 29-year law enforcement career at the San Diego Harbor Police. Ken has also been a captain for over 35 years, owning several charter vessels.

Ken has participated in extensive cooperative marine research projects focusing on ROV operations, AUV development, multi-beam mapping, water quality studies and fisheries surveys.

He completed six years as an advisor to NOAA Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee. Much of Ken's current work involves developing cross border tourism to benefit the recreational maritime communities both in Mexico and the U.S.

**GOOD-BYE POLIO  
THANKS ROTARY** 



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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - SEPT 29, 2023

President Mora de Murguia called the meeting to order. Dan Dredla gave the invocation. Songmaster Chuck Bevan led members in singing “Country Roads.”

Rasha Roshdy introduced the guests. President Mora gave shout outs to members with October birthdays and Rotary Club anniversaries.

Our Rotary District is hosting a Walk to End Polio on October 20. Sign up!

Donations in our Club Polio Pig - to continue the fight against polio— added up to \$491.53! Thank you everyone! Let’s fill it up again.

Our Margarita & Salsa Fundraiser is happening soon—Saturday, October 14, 5:00 p.m. Please let us know if you can help with setup or clean up.

Tiffany Hecklinski received her Blue badge—congratulations Tiffany!

David Hoffman provided an update on daughter Sofia’s journey on the singing competition show “The Voice.” She has progressed to the next round—hooray!

Door prize winners were Chuck Bevan, Diane Flint Wages and Betty Waznis. Thank you Tiffany Hecklinski for sponsoring this week’s Jim Biddle News at Noon.

The always entertaining Dan McAllister shared that his staff of 125 speak 17 different languages, manage billions in funds for school and fire districts and the Port District (in addition to cities and the county). Did you know 73% of tax bills are now paid online, significantly reducing the cost.

### **INVOCATION—Given by Dan Dredla**

**I have many things to be thankful for and one of them is being a Rotarian. As Rotarians, I ask we all reaffirm our commitment to our Four Way Test for all we do and support:**

**Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned?  
Will it build good will and better friendships?  
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?**

**Let us reaffirm our commitment to high ethics in all we do, and give thanks for all the opportunities and responsibilities that befall us as Rotarians.**

**Yes, we all have many things to be thankful for, and one of them is being a Rotarian**

## 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 Tiffany Hecklinski and Exalt Clinical Research.

Your next Uber call just might hail a taxi. Under a new partnership, Uber will now be able to tap into San Diego's network of local taxi drivers especially when demand is high. The new program starting this week was first launched in New York City and San Francisco last year. Cab drivers who are a part of this voluntary program will cover the entire county, excepts for pickups from Lindbergh Field. Uber app users can request an Uber X ride as they usually do; the app may show that a taxi is on the way. Just like a regular Uber ride, the fare for a partner cab will be an upfront price.

Chula Vista broke ground Monday on a 168,000-square-foot four story complex that will create state-of-the-art Class A office space and the first public library branch in nearly three decades. The \$89 million project on Millenia Avenue in Otay Ranch is 2 miles from the 375-acre, city-owned parcel long intended for higher education. Ideally, the new building, expected to be ready by fall 2025, will attract medical, research, and technology tenants in 108,000 square feet of office space. The 60,000 square foot library will include a passport office, a small business incubator, and community meeting space. The \$89 million needed to develop the building includes \$59M in city funding and \$30M in state funding. Originally SDSU's Cinema Arts Center was planned for the building but hit some space planning snags. The city and SDSU continue negotiations on how to fund and develop a joint facility.

Chula Vista officials are considering policies to address the city's homeless population, but they want residents' feedback first. The public is invited to participate in a workshop at 4 p.m. on October 5 at City Council Chambers, which will also be livestreamed. The workshop follows a recent Council directive to research laws adopted by other cities and recommend ordinances that could work locally. Currently, Chula Vista's municipal code prohibits sleeping or camping on city-owned or leased properties, as well as obstructing the right-of-way. San Diego and Poway have recently enacted policies that allow law enforcement to force people off public land if shelter is available. Chula Vista is looking at those as a guide. A ban on encampments or other policies would be the latest in a series of fixes, including opening a 65-unit bridge shelter and negotiating the purchase and repurpose of a motel into housing and safe parking. In another effort, San Diego County just received a \$5.1 million grant to assist homeless people along the Sweetwater Riverbed between Chula Vista and National City, in an area paralleling I-805 in Chula Vista known as "The Jungle."

Padres season is over. It has not been the season we expected. Yet the Padres never lost the loyalty of their fans. The SDUT Sports section declared fans to be the MVP of this season, and tells us "Not all MVPs wear uniforms." The last Padres home game on Sunday was their 59<sup>th</sup> sellout crowd at Petco. Their total attendance of 3,271,554 will almost certainly finish as second-highest in MLB.

Tiffany Hecklinski is a new Rotarian, a graduate of the University of Illinois with a PhD from Indiana University. She now serves as Vice President for Exalt Clinical Research, which was established to bring high caliber clinical research to the South Bay. Their knowledgeable, trained staff executes safe, effective, and compensated clinical trials. With a patient first mentality, Exalt looks to expand clinical research through diverse enrollment and a commitment to science. They are currently testing a new Cpap machine for those suffering from obstructive sleep apnea and will soon be screening for a study examining those that work the night-shift.

Tiffany herself is a Stage 3 colorectal cancer survivor and considers herself living proof of the importance of clinical research. She and Exalt are so excited to be a part of the Chula Vista community!

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today brought to you by Tiffany Hecklinski and Exalt Clinical Research.





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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR ROTARIANS!**



**Lori Torio - October 7**

**Dan Dredla - October 12**

**Jan Mellinger - October 12**

**Beta Dinsmore - October 18**

**Bob Silvas - October 28**



President Mora and Duane Buckingham present Tiffany Hecklinski with her new Blue Badge. Her sponsor is Michael Monaco, was also present.



# SEEKING *Donations*

## WHAT'S IN YOUR BAG?

Community is collecting donations for the San Diego Human Trafficking Task Force. Support Survivors with some essentials:

- Oversized sweatshirts (Female sizes: M - XL)
- Sweatpants or yoga pants (Female size: M - XL)
- Backpack or tote bag
- Gum
- small blankets
- Makeup remover wipes

Help us reach our goal of 15 Survivor Bags with self-care essentials.



## CONTACT US

SDCommunityInfo@Gmail.com

**Bring items listed above to our meeting next week (10-6).  
Bob Silvas will collect and deliver to the Task Force.**

### CALENDAR—SAVE THE DATES

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

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

**World Polio Day—October 24**

**Happy Hour with Joe 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**



**The Chula Vista Rotary Invites You to Join Us for  
A Salsa & Margarita Fundraiser**

**Saturday, October 14, 5:00 p.m.**

At the home of Mark & Stacy Scott  
Capacity is limited – sign up early

**TAQUERO – MUSIC - FUN!**

Fund-raising opportunities include contest for BEST:  
SALSA and MARGARITAS  
Raffle of Beautiful Gift Baskets

Please reserve your ticket by emailing Jesse: [fernfam@pacbell.net](mailto:fernfam@pacbell.net)  
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