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TINA EROS

SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE JAG KITCHEN & SWC CARES

Friday, September 25, 2026, Noon



Born and raised in San Diego by Filipino immigrant parents, Trina Eros brings a deep understanding of the importance of community, access, and opportunity to her work as a Basic Needs Coordinator at Southwestern College. With a Master's degree in educational psychology and 20 years of experience in education and human services, Trina has dedicated her career to supporting individuals and families through nonprofit community-based organizations, public school districts, and higher education.

Trina is passionate about connecting students and families with essential support through trauma-informed care and wraparound services that address basic needs and promote well-being. She believes that when students have access to the resources they need, they are better equipped to overcome challenges, succeed academically, and build healthier, more resilient futures.

Her commitment to student success and community impact has been recognized through several honors, including the Chula Vista Rotary Above and Beyond Award in 2023 and San Diego Food Bank's Most Innovative Partner Award in 2025.

Outside of work, Trina loves exploring museums with her husband and daughter. Her day always starts with an iced jasmine tea.



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – OCTOBER 2, 2026

President Rasha Roshdy called the meeting to order. Autumn Reid gave the invocation. Songmaster Chuck Bevan led us in song.

Upon reconvening, President-elect Risa Baron introduced guests.

Members highlighted upcoming events and sign-ups circulating for the October 24 volunteer opportunities: Christmas in October yard fix-up and Beautify Chula Vista event. There will also be Halloween Club fun on Friday, October 30 – get ready.

Lane Pearson presented Eric Rimmele with another Paul Harris Award – way to go Eric!

Betty Waznis brought us the News of the day. Nancy Kerwin was the sponsor and presented the drawing winners with prizes: Ken Weimer (wins every week!), Iracema Quilantan (aka IQ) and Jon Miller.

Michael Smith, the new, recently appointed Chief at the Bonita-Sunnyside Fire District, shared their other work – emergency medical services, fire suppression, technical rescue, hazardous materials, wildland firefighting, flooding and much more. Chief Smith answered a number of questions and explained how responses are coordinated with neighboring fire departments. Thank you Chief!



L-R: Members ever-hopeful cheering for the Padres, Lane Pearson presents Eric Rimmele with another Paul Harris. President Rasha with Chief Smith.

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JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON BY BETTY WAZNIS

JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON

Hello, everyone and welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today brought to you by Nancy Kerwin.

We could have this news on repeat, I think. Hot weather is returning. Yesterday the National Weather Service issued an Extreme Heat Warning for San Diego County coastal areas. from 10 am this morning until Thursday night. Dangerously hot conditions with high temperatures ranging from the mid-80s to lower 90s near the coast to the mid-90s to around 100 for the mesas and other higher coastal terrain are expected. Nights will be very warm with low temperatures mostly in the lower to mid-70s. Heat-related illnesses increase significantly under these conditions. Drink plenty of fluids, stay in air-conditioned spaces, stay out of the sun, check up on relatives and neighbors and keep pets off hot pavements.

MIT researchers have created tiny, edible batteries made entirely from materials safe for human consumption to help diagnose and monitor gastric disease. Traditional micro-electronics rely on coin-cell batteries made with metals like lithium or silver oxide. If their coating gets damaged in gut acid, it can pose serious health risks. To fix this, the MIT team built a battery using two metals safe for humans in small amounts and powered by an ionic liquid gel electrolyte, generating 1.84 volts. When exposed to stomach-like acid, the batteries run at full power for about three days before gradually breaking down over a few weeks. The researchers successfully tested these batteries in two high-tech trials, one to prove its value in helping restore appetite in cancer patients by administering tiny electrical charges in the stomach, and another that combined the battery with a RFID tag to transmit data from inside the gut to help monitor medication effectiveness.

San Diego State University officially joined a reconstituted Pac- 12 this past summer, after having decided to leave the Mountain West conference. The Aztecs joined longtime Pac-12 schools Oregon State and Washington State, along with newcomers Boise State, Colorado State, Gonzaga, Fresno State, Texas State and Utah State. The conference thought about changing its name to Pac-9, Pac-10, or "The PAC Conference", but they ultimately decided to keep the original name for brand recognition and to signify their plans for expansion. The Aztecs begin the fall football season as new members in the conference tomorrow at 7:30 as they welcome Texas State to Snapdragon Stadium. Even though our team is dealing with a mumps outbreak with more than 30 players on the injured list and at least 14 confirmed cases, the game is expected to continue.

A thrilling two days of baseball at Petco Park concluded Wednesday night as the Padres eliminated the Cubs from the Wild Card Series in two games.

Now they move on to the National League Division Series to take on the Milwaukee Brewers, ranked the best team in baseball. The best-of-five Division Series starts with Game 1 tomorrow at 5:30 in Milwaukee, and game 2 at 1 pm Sunday, also in Milwaukee. Then we're back at Petco for Game 3 on Tuesday, with Game 4, if needed, still in San Diego and Game 5, if needed, back to Milwaukee.

Today's sponsor, Nancy Kerwin, has been a Rotarian for over thirteen years, most of that time as a member of Chula Vista Sunrise Rotary. She is also on the boards of South Bay Family YMCA and the Chula Vista Welfare Council.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today brought to you by Nancy Kerwin.

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HALLOWEEN FUN!



CV ROTARY CLUB

Costume Fun

Dress in your Halloween best for an
afternoon of Rotary fun and fellowship!

FRIDAY
OCT 30, 2026

Chula Vista Golf Course

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM



WELCOME TO OUR WORLD!

BIG congratulations to Michael & Kaitlin Oliveri as they recently welcomed a new Baby Girl.

This is from Michael:

I wanted to share an exciting life update:

Our newest addition, Emilia Rose Hayden Oliveri, arrived on September 21 at 4:02 p.m. She was born early at 34 weeks and spent 11 days in the NICU before coming home to meet her big brothers. We're all doing well and grateful to all be together as a family of six.

It was a complicated, high-risk pregnancy, hence my sporadic attendance over the last few months. I hope to get back to meetings in the next few weeks, but I wanted to share the good news.



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2026

**Beautify
CHULA VISTA**

Join us!
Saturday, Oct. 24
8 am - NOON

Rotarians in Action

Staging Site:
South Bay Salt Works
1470 Bay Blvd, CV, CA 91911

- Pick up litter and recyclables
- Have fun!

VOLUNTEERS:

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

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For more information & registration visit: www.beautifychulavista.org

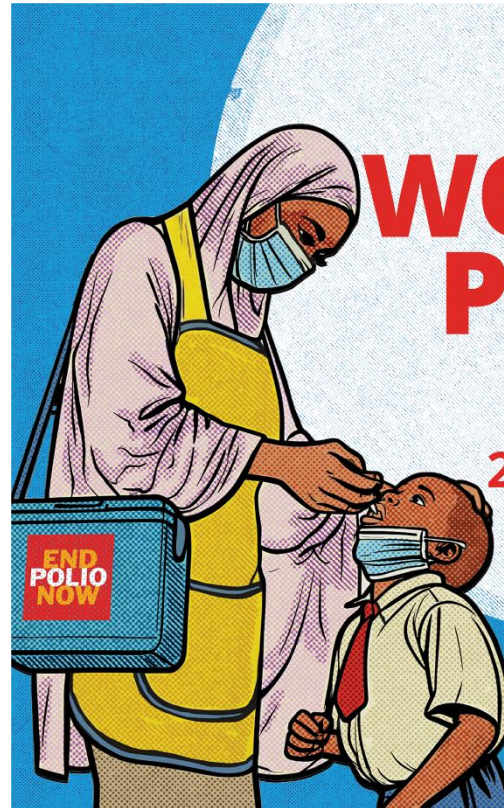



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WORLD POLIO DAY

24 OCTOBER

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District 5340

Oktoberfest

FAMILY FUN FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 17, 2026**
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

RANCHO SAN JERONIMO
2012 A Sunset Avenue
San Diego, CA 92154

ENTRANCE:
\$20 PER PERSON
CHILDREN UNDER 12 ENTER FREE!

With your \$20 entrance donation, you help sponsor Rotary District 5340 youth programs and support opportunities that make a *positive difference* in the lives of local youth.

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

MUSIC GAMES PRETZELS SAUSAGES & HOT DOGS

HAMBURGERS ICE CREAM DRINKS & REFRESHMENTS

★ Food and drinks will be available for purchase at the event.

LOCAL VENDORS & HEALTH FAIR BOOTHS WELCOME!

Want to promote your business, organization, or health-related services? Booth spaces are available for rent!

JEWELRY PURSES CLOTHING LOCAL PRODUCTS & CRAFTS

HEALTH FAIR BOOTHS HEALTH & WELLNESS INFORMATION AND MORE!

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE
YOUTH PROGRAMS
OF ROTARY DISTRICT 5340**

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