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**LEANN MARCHESE**  
**Girl Scouts of San Diego**  
**Friday, October 24, 2025, Noon**



Girl Scouts of San Diego is evolving to meet the needs of today's girls and tomorrow's changemakers. In this presentation, we'll explore how the organization is innovating its programs to reflect the diverse interests and challenges of a new generation.

From outdoor exploration to career connections and entrepreneurship to mental wellness and civic engagement, discover how Girl Scouts is preparing young women to lead with courage, confidence, and character.

GSSD currently serves 8,234 adult volunteer members and 15,096 youth members in San Diego and Imperial Counties, offering a wide range of programming. One of the most impactful opportunities we provide is camping in one of our four properties, where girls engage in outdoor experiences that strengthen independence and leadership skills, foster teamwork and inspire a lifelong connection to nature.

Leane Marchese is the Chief Advancement Officer for Girl Scouts San Diego, the council where she grew up as a Girl Scout from first grade through high school. Having spent her childhood in the movement and later working at Girl Scout camps, Leane now leads fund development, marketing, and communications strategies to expand the organization's impact on girls and families across the region.

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR OCT 17, 2025



It was a very busy day for Mora as she was also the sponsor of the news! L-R: Darrel Johnson, Betty Waznis and Tom Davies all took home the gift certificate prizes. Congratulations!



President Ben presenting the guest speaker Daniel Dennert with the San Diego International Airport Art Program. Great presentation Dan! District Governor Luis Carranza and Immediate Past DG Dianne Crawford telling us about the process to select the DG Nominee Designate and all the good work Mora has already accomplished. Way to go Mora!

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## 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 brought to you by Mora De Murguia and Baldwin and Sons.

Under a [bill](#) signed into law this week, a new California task force is going to explore what it would take to build an innovative public university campus in Chula Vista. The task force will be made up of representatives from UC San Diego, San Diego State University, Southwestern College, the Sweetwater Union High School District, and the city of Chula Vista. Instead of the conventional single-university campus, the idea is for a regional university hub for degree programs from UCSD, SDSU and CSU San Marcos, building on initiatives already begun by Southwestern College. Those schools have already announced plans to offer various bachelors' degrees in Chula Vista at Southwestern College and the city's new [Millenia Library](#) building.

In other university news, San Diego State University has achieved two significant records, surpassing the \$500 million mark in its endowment fund for the first time, after bringing in a record \$142.2 million in private donations during the last fiscal year. This donation figure is roughly \$12 million higher than the previous year and includes \$30 million for its KPBS public broadcasting stations. While cuts to federal science funding cost SDSU \$29 million, University officials called the endowment milestone a "historic" step toward solidifying SDSU's "long-term, sustainable future." The university also set a new enrollment record this fall, surpassing 40,000 students, drawn from an unprecedented applicant pool of 130,000.

The 2025 Nobel Prize winners were announced last week. In Medicine, Brunkow, Ramsdell, and Sakaguchi discovered how the body stops the immune system from attacking itself, and found special "peacekeeping" cells that prevent autoimmune diseases. The Physics prize went to Clarke, Devoret, and Martinis for showing how strange quantum behaviors — like particles tunneling through barriers — can happen in real-world electrical circuits.

Chemistry winners Kitagawa, Robson, and Yaghi created materials with tiny empty spaces that can trap gases, clean airborne pollution, or pull water from dry air. Hungarian author László Krasznahorkai won the Literature prize for his deep, sometimes dark writing about human struggles and art. The Peace Prize was awarded to Venezuelan opposition leader María Corina Machado, currently living in hiding, for her fight for democracy under a harsh regime. In Economics, Mokyr, Aghion, and Howitt were honored for explaining how innovation, even with creative destruction, drives long-term economic growth.

Padres manager Mike Shildt announced his retirement on Monday after two seasons, citing stress-related health issues. This surprise leaves Padres president A.J. Preller searching for his sixth manager in 11 years.

Today's News at Noon sponsor is Mora Keller de Murguia, Past Club President 2023-2024, District 5340 Interact Chair, Assistant Governor for Area 6 in District 5340 for year 2024-2025 and District 5340 Governor Nominee Designate for 2028-2029. She is married to Valdemar who is in the consulting business. They have a 27-year-old daughter, Bella, who is an IT consultant for entertainment and media companies in Manhattan.

Mora has worked for the developer, Baldwin & Sons, for the last 33 years and is actively involved in the Chula Vista community, serving on the Southwestern College Foundation Board, Chula Vista Community Foundation Board and Sharp Hospital Governing Board. Mora, Valdemar, Bella and Matt (Bella's boyfriend) love to take family trips together. Thanksgiving has become a favorite travel time for them — this year the Murguia family is headed to New York and Boston.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today brought to you by Mora De Murguia and Baldwin and Sons.

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## MORA DE MURGUIA NOMINATED TO BE DISTRICT GOVERNOR!



Much of our Rotary District 5340 leadership was present for the official notification of the home Club of District Governor Designate (28-29) Mora de Murguia—very exciting news! Great congratulations Mora! L-R: Immediate Past DG Dianne Crawford, Past DG Steve Weitzen (20-21), Marge Cole Past DG, District Governor Luis Carranza, Mora, Jeb Bakke DG-Elect (26-27), Mel Gallegos, Past DG (18-19), Michael Brunker DG Nominee (27-28).



L-R: Several Rotarians helped out at the Beautify Chula Vista event on Oct. 11. John and Tana Lorah are pictured with Duane Buckingham. Gary Bryant on the job with a bucket and bag. Jan Mellinger and a new friend.

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**SAVE CALENDARS & PUZZLE BOOKS  
TAKING TO VETERANS HOME DECEMBER 6**



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THANKS ROTARY**



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**EYEGASSES YOU NO  
LONGER NEED**

PUT IN THE BIN  
AT THE CHECK-IN  
TABLE—**Thanks!**

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Saturday, October 25—**Christmas in October**

**GOLF TOURNAMENT POSTPONED—FEBRUARY TBD**

Wednesday, November 5—**JUST IN TIME FOSTER YOUTH—First Home**

Tuesday, November 11—**Chula Vista Veterans' Home Lunch**

Friday, November 14—**Food Distribution at St. Mark's**

**CHULA VISTA ROTARY 100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Sunday, February 15, 2026

**TRIVIA NIGHT— Friday, March 13, 2026**