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ReadyNation

Friday, September 15, 2023 - Noon



McKenzie Richardson is the State Lead for ReadyNation, a non-profit, advocacy organization. ReadyNation leverages the experience, influence, and expertise of more than 2,000 business executives nationwide to promote public policies and programs that build a stronger workforce and economy. Since 2006, ReadyNation members have made a bottom-line case for effective, bipartisan investments in children as the future workforce that will drive success in the global marketplace. ReadyNation California has over 100 members who advocate for a continuum of investments in California's youth spanning from affordable high-quality child-care to postsecondary education pathways.

Prior to joining ReadyNation in 2022, McKenzie worked in higher education and early childhood education in San Diego. She also researched national security and international affairs issues at think tanks in Washington, D.C. including the Center for Strategic and International Studies and the Wilson Center. McKenzie holds a Master of Public Policy, a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Public Policy, and a Minor in Business from the University of California, San Diego.



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - SEPT 8, 2023

President Mora de Murguia called the meeting to order. Rasha Roshdy gave the invocation/thought of the day. Songmaster Chuck Bevan selected the song of the day as a salute to Jimmy Buffet—Margaritaville. President-elect Jesse Fernandez introduced our guests of the day.

President-elect Jesse conducted the induction ceremony for our newest member Jeanette Badal. Jeanette is an Human Resources professional, has two sons, and lives in Chula Vista with her husband. (Pictured below).

President Mora wished a happy Rotary anniversary to members who joined in September. They are: Gus Slovinsky (19+ years), Bill Padelford (54 years), Ken Weimer (30 years), Laura Humphreys (6 years). Celebrating their birthdays in September are: Eric Rimmel (Sept 1), Bob Bliss (Sept 4), Steve Brodbeck (Sept 4), Gabriel Ruz (Sept 4), Jeanette Badal (Sept 20) and Gus Slovinsky (Sept 22).

Past President Neisha Hernandez is assisting with the Rotarian of the Week this year. This week's member is Mauricio Lutteroth. Congratulations Mauricio! (Pictured below).

Finemaster Michael Monaco was on the recent fishing trip and decided a fine on Tom Davies was in order—despite the fact he shared his giant fish with many others.

Risa Baron announced we are having a social to support Joe DeMers, our piano player. He plays at the new Red Fox a few nights a week. Save the date! Monday, November 6, 6:00 pm.

Betty Waznis shared the news of the day.

Lisa Johnson introduced Laurie Albrecht, the Director at Liberty Station. She discussed the history of Liberty Station and its evolution over the years until the present—2023 Liberty Station's 100th birthday! Festivities have been ongoing throughout the year and will continue until December. Be sure to visit soon to join in.





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 Mark Scott and Encore Realty.

A yearlong undercover investigation into auto theft, drug offenses and an array of associated crimes in the San Diego area netted dozens of arrests this week. The multi-agency investigation, dubbed Operation Sunrise, dismantled crime rings throughout the county and resulted in a total of 100 pending prosecutions, according to the San Diego Regional Auto Theft Task Force, which headed the effort. Officers working out of an undercover storefront in El Cajon, and posing as fences, relied on word-of-mouth and let the suspects come to them. Investigators said the suspects ranged in age from their early 20s up to their 50s. The investigation began last September, just as San Diego auto theft rates surged, making San Diego County third in the state for auto theft.

Chula Vista had a royal visitor last week. Prince Harry surprised moviegoers at a screening of his new Netflix docuseries "Heart of Invictus" that premiered Tuesday at the AMC 10 in Chula Vista. The USO hosted the screening for military families and military support volunteers. Just before the start of the first episode, the prince appeared in front of the screen to share how special the series was for him after producing it over the past two years.

Between 2005 and 2015, he served in the British Army, going on two tours of Afghanistan; he now focuses on supporting wounded veterans. In 2014, he launched the Invictus Games, an international athletic competition for injured or ill service members. His five-episode series, now available on Netflix, follows six teams from around the world as they competed in the 2022 games.

More than 70 surf dogs from all around San Diego are getting ready to climb on their surfboards and ride the waves at Del Mar Dog Beach to find out who is the "Top Dog" in Helen Woodward Animal Center's 18th annual Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon this Sunday. Winners are chosen based on how well they ride the waves and stay on their boards, length of their ride, wave technique and enthusiasm. A freestyle contest includes tandem surf riding with pooches or people along with tricks and costumes. Festivities include a free agility course for dogs, a children's activity area with crafts and games and a "BARKet Place" featuring more than 20 vendors. The surf competition, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., is free to attend.

Junior Kaitlin Farley, 15, displays a sign for a \$40,000 college scholarship as the color guard performs behind her at Olympian High School. She was one of only two students in the nation to be surprised with the College Boards Big Future Scholarship last month. Students who complete the College Board college and career planning profiles online are automatically entered into monthly drawings from their junior through their senior year, with two \$40,000 scholarships awarded across the nation every month.

Fourth generation San Diegan and past Chula Vista Rotary President Mark Scott has been married to Stacey for 24 years. Daughter Carly (20) is in her last 3 semesters at Johnson and Wales in Providence, Rhode Island, and son Jacob (18) at LSU Geaux Tigers in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Stacey works with Mark in the family property management business and real estate sales business on Bonita Road. Mark has been on the Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Protection District for the past 16 years and chairs the fire dispatch center at Heartland Communications Fire Authority.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today sponsored by Mark Scott and Encore Realty.



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L-R: This week's Jim Biddle News at Noon sponsor, Mark Scott, presents gifts to Risa Baron, Betty Waznis and Lisa Johnson.



L-R: The scene at St. Mark's for the food distribution last Friday.

Gary Bryant and Chris Lewis lent a hand in the packing and distribution of the food.

Chris is ready to give the food to the next car pulling up.

Next distribution is OCTOBER 13—save the date!





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SEPTEMBER IS


BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

"Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is not a preparation for life; education is life itself."

John Dewey

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THANKS ROTARY 



**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

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