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## KATHLEEN CARROLL POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER Friday, September 6, 2024 - Noon



Kathleen is a native Californian and daughter of a Marine Officer who lived in several states. In 1976 Kathleen left San Diego to attend Smith College School for Social Work for two years.

She later moved to New York City where she lived for 11 years, working at Bellevue Psychiatric Hospital on the children's unit, then Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, where she worked with terminally ill children and their parents. Her last job in NYC was as the Group Program Manager for the National Leukemia Society.

Happily for her, she returned to San Diego in 1989 to be with her family. Here she was hired as a bilingual therapist in Kaiser Permanente's Department of Psychiatry, where she worked for the next 26 years.

Kathleen retired from Kaiser in 2015 to care for her mother who passed away at home 2 years later. She and her husband Joe live in Chula Vista and have 32 year old identical twin daughters, each having baby boys last year.



## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

President Jesse Fernandez called the meeting to order. Duane Buckingham provided a thought for the day about Rotary. Chuck Bevan led us in song.

When the meeting readjourned Gary Bryant said the Community Service Committee is meeting on September 11 at Chil fil-A.

He also reminded us of the food distribution at St. Mark's on September 13.

Lisa Johnson introduced the Above & Beyond honoree for this quarter, Rick Soto with the Chula Vista Fire Department. Several members of the department, Assistant Chief and his immediate family joined the club in congratulating him for his stellar service.

Lisa invited the Club to the Summer Social to be held at her home on September 13.

Betty Waznis provided the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Bill Torre was the sponsor for this week.

President Jesse introduced the guest speaker from the Registrar of Voters office, Rebeca Lee. She was assisted by David Diaz and provided the latest information on voting in our County, addressing several questions.



L-R: Bill Torre brought the gifts. The lucky winners were: Bob Bliss, Carmen Sandoval and Diane Flint-Wages.



## JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON by Betty Waznis

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Hello, everyone and welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at noon. Today brought to you by Bill Torre.

Our most intense heat wave so far this year started Wednesday and gave us the hottest day recorded in the last four years yesterday. Escondido hit 104 and Ramona 111. The dangerously hot conditions can affect health and significantly increase the risk of wildfires, according to the National Weather Service.

East County's Grossmont Unified High School district is considering whether to delay or possibly even cancel high school football games tonight due to new rules governing the conditions under which athletes can practice and play. An excessive heat warning remains in effect for all areas of the county except the coast until 8 p.m. tonight.

A state of emergency was declared for the city of Rancho Palos Verdes Tuesday after the risk of ongoing landslides recently forced authorities to shut off power for more than 200 homes in two of the city's neighborhoods, with some facing indefinite power outages. The shutoffs are designed to reduce the risk that the shifting earth could spark a wildfire if power lines remained electrified, officials said.

Land movement under the city on the Palos Verdes Peninsula has accelerated significantly following severe storms in 2023 and 2024 and is now sliding at an average of 9 to 12 inches per week. The ongoing land movement has made it impossible for utility crews to keep up with the damage to electric and gas lines. Shifting earth compounded by the area's rough terrain is also complicating the crews' ability to inspect areas fast enough to find problems before they happen. Increasingly, the local infrastructure is not accessible by trucks or cranes because of the road and terrain conditions.

The largest diamond found in more than a century has been unearthed at a mine in Botswana. The fist-sized stone was shown off to the world last week. The high quality 2,492-carat stone is the second-biggest ever discovered in a mine, weighing about 18 ounces. and is the biggest diamond found since 1905. It was located using X-ray technology designed to find large diamonds.

Our Padres, with 20 games remaining, finished a three game home series against the Tigers winning two of three, including a thrilling 10<sup>th</sup> inning walk off single by Fernando Tatis Jr on Wednesday night for a 6 to 5 victory. Because the Diamondbacks and Braves also lost, the Padres remain atop the National League wild-card standings. Next up – a three-game series against the Giants at Petco Park with Game 1 starting tonight at 6:40.

Today's sponsor, Bill Torre, has been a resident of Chula Vista for over 44 years and has one daughter, son in-law and granddaughter in Seattle.

Bill is currently retired and helping out in community volunteer work for various organizations including the Red Cross, Engineers Without Borders, and other organizations. His background is in engineering and research. He worked in the engineering department at SDG&E for 30 years, led research and development at UCSD, and taught engineering at SDSU. He has an engineering consulting company and another company focused on aerospace and electrical engineering. He looks forward to helping support the great work that Chula Vista Rotary Club is doing for our community.

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



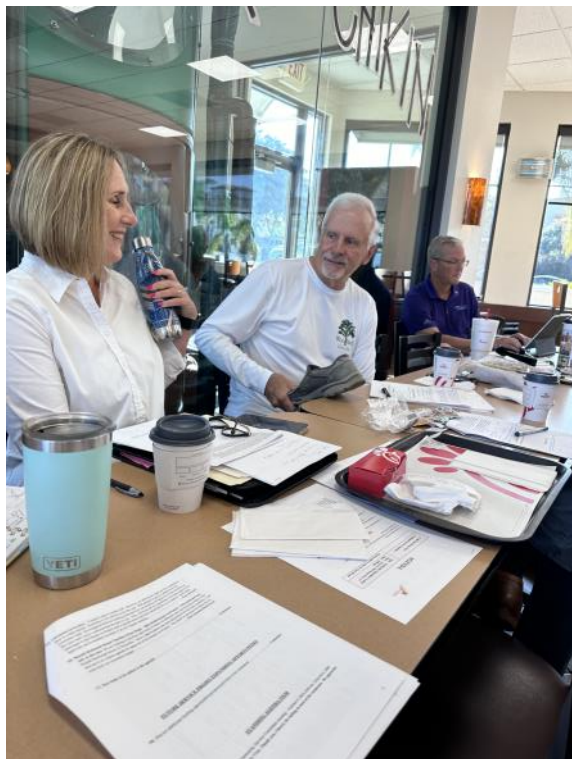
**FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT ST MARK'S—SEPTEMBER 13, 2024**



L-R: President Jesse with Chris Lewis packing boxes with fish, pork chops, cheese and frozen strawberries & more!  
Chris, Autumn Reid, Carmen Sandoval, Cheryl Shields, Geovani and friend, Nancy Kerwin and President Jesse.



President Jesse presents Chula Vista Fire Department's Rick Soto the Above & Beyond Award.  
Gary Bryant presents Diane Wage a check for the Bonita Museum & Cultural Center.



L-R: Gary Bryant resorts to using his shoe as a gavel to regain order—all in stride, nothing too contentious. CVFD came out to support one of their own—Rick Soto. His daughter, to his left and his son, to his right next to his wife, were also able to attend.

## CLUB CALENDAR

**Friday, September 27, Community Power Speakers—Club Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 2, 8:00—Community Service Meeting**

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

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

**Saturday, October 26, 5–10 pm—Three Rotary Clubs Mixer**



Rotary Club of Escondido



# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

**WELCOMING ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT STEPHANIE A. URCHICK**



Stephanie A. Urchick  
Rotary International President, 2024-25

California Center for the Arts Escondido  
340 N. Escondido Blvd.  
Escondido, CA 92025

Sunday, October 20, 2024  
4:30PM Reception  
5:30PM Dinner  
7:00PM RI President Speaks

Join us as we celebrate 100 years of service to the community of Escondido and the spirit of Rotary. Rotary International President Stephanie A. Urchick will be making a special visit to Southern California in honor of this event. Business attire -- black tie optional.



Reception proudly sponsored by:



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## Coffee with the Boss



Monday · October 21, 2024

7:00 AM Socializing  
7:30 AM Dialog and Q & A with  
President Stephanie Urchick

Coffee and Pastries



Registration and Prepayment  
Required  
Cost: \$25/person



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Register as Guests & Pay

Onsite Convenient Parking  
\$8 via Credit Card

RI PRESIDENT  
STEPHANIE URCHICK

The La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club is honored to host International President Stephanie Urchick for an informal, yet dynamic, dialogue and Q&A at the UCSD Faculty Club.

She will field questions from District Governor Dianne Crawford, La Jolla Golden Triangle President Luke Ervin and Rotaractors from UCSD, USD and SDSU.

