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Dr. MARK SANCHEZ
President, Southwestern College
Friday, September 22, 2023 - Noon



Dr. Mark Sanchez' experience includes over twenty years in community college leadership, teaching and instruction and workforce development.

Prior to beginning his Presidency at Southwestern College, Dr. Sanchez was the Assistant Superintendent/Vice-President of Student Success and Support Programs at Cuesta College.

Prior to beginning his profession in postsecondary leadership, Dr. Sanchez worked in developing educational and career programs at the Fresno County Workforce Development Board and career training programs funded by the San Diego Workforce Partnership.

Dr. Sanchez began his college career as a student at Southwestern College and upon graduating with an Associate's Degree in General Studies, he went on to complete his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology at Point Loma Nazarene University, Master of Arts in Education Administration with Distinction and Doctorate in Educational Leadership both from California State University, Fresno. Dr. Sanchez knows San Diego and the South Bay well and is proud of his roots growing up in the region.



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - SEPT 15, 2023

President Mora de Murguia called the meeting to order. Cheryl Shields gave the invocation. The song of the day was “Try to Remember.” President Mora announced October 24 is World Polio Day.

Bob Silvas is chair of our Rotary Youth Service committee and he updated us on progress towards a young adult group possibly forming in Chula Vista (vs at Southwestern College). Rotaract targets 18-39 year old professionals. He encouraged us to send suggestions for groups or people to reach out to who may be a good fit for Rotaract. There is also strong interest at two high schools for Interact clubs (high school).

Foundation Chair Lane Pearson shared a beautiful video highlighting the seven areas of focus of Rotary International. He encouraged members to consider signing up for monthly contributions to RI and to become Paul Harris Fellows. Lane invited Rick Richardson up to share his path to becoming a monthly donor. Giving was instilled in him by his mother, who although she was a single mother, always gave to others.

President Mora gave a SHOUT OUT to Jesse Fernandez, President-elect and Fundraising Chair. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 14, 5:00 pm at Mark & Stacy Scott’s home. A golf tournament is in the works for spring which will help fund our work in the community this Rotary year.

The Community Projects Committee had 15 members attend the meeting this past Wednesday—great turnout! Jan Mellinger announced the Quilt exhibit at the Bonita Museum and she is presenting tomorrow at 1:00.

Chula Vista Rotary Foundation Chair Jesse Fernandez reviewed the Club budget for this year and said we will have a few fundraisers.

Drawing winners were Bob Bliss—ending his losing streak—Lisa Johnson and Mark Scott. Thanks to Rick Richardson for providing the gifts. Rick introduced his daughter Mckenzie who shared about the work of ReadyNation.

INVOCATION—Given by Cheryl Shields

God,
Thank you for today. Thank you for this group of people – not only here but people who meet all over the world – that you brought together to be Rotarians.

Today I pray for those that are sick, that you would heal them. I pray for those that are traveling, that you would watch over and protect them.

And I pray for those who are struggling in an areas of their life, that you would help us see each others needs and come alongside to encourage and help each other.

As the Bible says in Galatians 6:9 “Let’s not get tired of doing what is good”
Help us live out the *4-Way Test* in the things we think, say or do.

Thank you for the food we are about to eat, bless it to our bodies. Amen

JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON by Betty Waznis



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With Betty Waznis

Hello, everyone. Welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News brought to you by Rick Richardson and Child Development Associates.

Most fast-food workers in California would be paid at least \$20 per hour next year under a new bill in the state Legislature aimed at ending a standoff between the industry and labor unions over wages and working conditions. California's minimum wage is already among the highest in the country at \$15.50 per hour. The bill, filed Monday with the blessing of both labor unions and the fast-food industry, would increase the minimum wage to \$20 per hour for the approximately half million workers at restaurants in California that have at least 60 locations nationwide, with a few exceptions.

California is experimenting with digital driver's licenses. Residents can download the CA DMV Wallet app on their smartphone and follow the instructions to scan their driver's license, or ID. The mobile driver's license program, known as mDL, is in a pilot phase, limiting participation to 1.5 million people. Several airports, including Los Angeles International Airport, accept mobile licenses as a form of identification. But users will still need to carry their physical driver's license — law enforcement, state government agencies and businesses are not yet accepting the mobile licenses.

SDSU is in the midst of the biggest research boom in school history, an entrepreneurial-driven endeavor that's expected to grow further as it expands from its home on Montezuma Mesa to branch campuses in Mission Valley, Brawley and Calexico. The university obtained a record \$192 million for research over the past year — twice as much as it brought in a decade ago, making it a big-time player in San Diego County, one of the largest science meccas in the country. The current boom is being propelled by many things, including the brisk development of the new Mission Valley campus, which when completed, will include a science innovation park like one at UC Irvine. SDSU is also planning a research and education center in Brawley starting in January. The project has received state funding in part so that the university can train students, especially those in Imperial County, to extract lithium near the Salton Sea for electric car batteries, along with developing new techniques for expediting mining in a region coming to be called Lithium Valley.

After last year's success, the Downtown Chula Vista Association is proud to announce the return of Annual Amps & Ales tomorrow. Memorial Park will be filled with a total of 38 breweries, a stage for local live entertainment, and amazing food. General Admission tickets are \$35 and include entry into the event from 1pm-4pm, while VIP tickets are \$45 and include entry into the event an hour before general admission, from Noon-4pm.

Today's sponsor is Rick Richardson. Rick's passion to create positive change in the community is reflected in his lifetime of service. Rick served over 23 years in the U.S. Army, retiring as Colonel. Rick served his country as a combat arms officer, base commander, and strategic planner including two tours in Iraq and 9 years of service in Europe. He was also trained to parachute from perfectly functional airplanes!

Rick is the CEO at Child Development Associates (CDA), one of the county's ten largest non-profit organizations. CDA provides affordable childcare and supportive services to over 7,000 families and assists the important work of over 3,000 childcare providers through nutrition education, business reimbursement and resources. Rick is also a San Diego County Commissioner for the First Five Commission. Rick served eight years as a nationally licensed head coach for the Eastlake High School Mountain Bike Team, and founded the South Bay Composite Team. He is currently a performance driving instructor with Porsche Club San Diego. He is married to Carmen Richardson, with two daughters McKenzie and Cameryn. In his free time Rick can be found with his family and dog, helping in the community, exploring the desert, or driving anything that blows his hair back! This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today sponsored by Rick Richardson and CDA.



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - SEPT 25, 2023



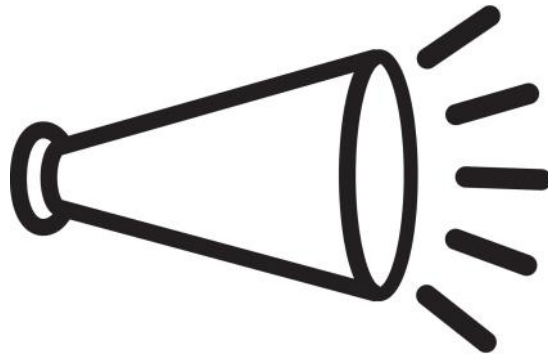
L-R: Bob Bliss resumes his winning ways. Mark Scott receives his prize from Rick Richardson. Lisa Johnson wins again!



President Mora de Murguia thanks our guest speaker, McKenzie Richardson.



MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



L: **Jan Mellinger** shared some of her quilt work during a presentation at the Bonita Museum on Sept 16.



Mauricio Lutteroth was in Mexico City recently to celebrate 90 years of Lucha Libre, which his grandfather helped to start in Mexico.



The Voice premieres September 25. **Sophia Hoffman**, daughter of **Hilda and David**, has been invited to return (!).


Tune in to see when she is on—no one knows...



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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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TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved



GOOD-BYE POLIO 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

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
Address provided upon confirmation

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