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**LAURIE ALBRECHT**  
**DIRECTOR, LIBERTY STATION**  
**Friday, September 8, 2023 - Noon**



As director at Liberty Station, Laurie Albrecht oversees all functions of the multi-dimensional community from marketing to events, as well as property management and public relations. Through comprehensive strategies and innovative wit, she plays an integral role in maintaining Liberty Station's position as a sought-after destination in San Diego.

Prior to joining Liberty Station, Albrecht served as owner at Option B, a company which became a leader in corporate private label apparel and one of the premier west coast providers of private school uniforms. Albrecht also spent 16 years with the San Francisco Forty Niners as Director of Marketing where she started and grew the marketing department in the areas of sponsorship sales, marketing and community events.

When she is not juggling the many hats she wears at Liberty Station, Albrecht enjoys putting her nose in a good book, spending time with her husband and two kids, long walks on the beach and creating jewelry.



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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - AUGUST 25, 2023

President Mora de Murguia called the meeting to order. Chris Lewis gave the invocation. Songmaster Chuck Bevan led us in a rousing rendition of our Chula Vista Rotary Fight Song, with a big assist from Joe DeMers, our piano virtuoso.

Gary Bryant announced the first meeting of the year for the Community Projects Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13 at 8:00 at the Chik-Fil-A in Eastlake—thanks to Cheryl Shields.

President Mora said Neisha Hernandez is going to recognized Rotarians throughout the year.

Tuesday, October 24 is WORLD POLIO DAY.

Finemaster Michael Monaco fined Jerry May for his recent overly comprehensive biography that was shared with the Club.

Elizabeth Cox shared a flyer about local workshops to alert the public about the growing issues of Elder Fraud. See [SDElderFraud.com](http://SDElderFraud.com). The workshops are provided by the FBI San Diego Elder Justice Task Force in partnership with the FBI SD Citizens Academy Alumni Association and the SD Seniors Community Foundation's Senior Center Coalition.

David Hoffman's good news of the week is that his very talented daughter, Sophia, has been invited back to season 24 of **The Voice**. Tune in Monday, September 25, 8:00 p.m.

The sponsor of this week's Jim Biddle News at Noon, Laura Humphreys, tested positive for covid. She has no symptoms but thoughtfully stayed home to avoid exposing us. Thank you for sending the fun gifts!

President Mora introduced Eliot Weitz who is coordinating this year's Rotary Youth Exchange program. Our Club is helping to sponsor Harato Nakata from Japan. He is attending Olympian High School. It is a wonderful program and considered a peace building effort by Rotary, helping to develop relationships and understanding across the world. It is re-building momentum, since it was dormant during the pandemic.

### INVOCATION—Given by Chris Lewis

Please join me in reverence as we look to the Throne of Grace.

Eternal and everlasting God, we come to you today in a spirit of gratitude; grateful that you give us the courage to face and deal with life's challenges; grateful that you provide for us that we may assist others, grateful that you guide us to stay focused on the objectives we have for world Peace and good will, freedom from hunger, from oppression, from sickness, and to choose our own destinies.

We reaffirm our commitment to our simple Rotary Four Way Test for all we do and support: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? We reaffirm our commitment to high ethics in all we do and to that end, let us remember the suffering from the devastating fires that have befallen our neighbors in Hawaii and the suffering for those in the paths of devastating weather events. We move forward with optimism, renewed energy, and a commitment to serve you and our fellow men and women. We ask your blessing upon our members and families, our meetings and this meal. Amen.

## 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 Laura Humphreys and the South Bay Family and Border View YMCAs.

Here in San Diego we escaped the worst of Tropical Storm Hilary, although we did see some flooding like this on Hollister Street in the Otay River Valley. Crews in hard hit mountain and desert towns northeast of us have worked hard to clear away mud and debris from the first tropical storm to hit Southern California in 84 years. In one dramatic scene, rescue officials in Cathedral City drove a bulldozer through mud to a swamped care home and rescued 14 residents by scooping them up and carrying them to safety.

And yesterday, San Diego County issued a boil water advisory for the Silver Strand area of Coronado and Imperial Beach, south of Fiddler's Cove, effective immediately, after E. coli was found in the drinking water system in the wake of the storm. Residents in affected areas should boil all water for three minutes, or use bottled water for drinking, brushing teeth and food preparation until further notice.

It may not be the biggest holiday weekend for long-distance getaways, but this Labor Day is shaping up as a high-demand travel period for San Diego and the rest of Southern California — at least compared to last year, according to AAA. Domestic bookings for flights, hotels, and cars are up 4 percent and international bookings are up 44 percent compared to last year's holiday.

Seattle, Orlando, Anchorage, New York and Las Vegas are expected to be the top five U.S. destinations over the holiday period. Top five international destinations over Labor Day weekend are Vancouver, Rome, London, Dublin, and Paris. For Southern California travelers, the most popular destinations are Las Vegas, San Diego, the Central Coast, the Grand Canyon, and Mexico. If you're planning on driving over the holiday weekend, the Auto Club advises that next Thursday, between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. is expected to be the single busiest time on the roads.

Aztec football starts tomorrow when SDSU meets Ohio at 4 pm at Snapdragon Stadium. Let's hope for a great season!

Laura Muñoz Humphreys is currently Regional Executive Director of the South Bay Family and Border View Family YMCAs. Laura was born in Medellin, Colombia, and moved with her family to Miami when she was 3 years old. Before entering high school, she moved to Los Angeles and has been on the west coast ever since. She has been involved with the YMCA for over 30 years, beginning as a teen in the YMCA's youth leadership program. She lives in Chula Vista with her husband David, son Ryan and 2 goldendoodle mixes Fozzie and Marley.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today sponsored by Laura Humphreys and the South Bay Family and Border View Family YMCAs.



## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - AUGUST 25, 2023



News sponsor Laura Humphreys could not attend but she was with us in spirit - see her above Rasha Roshdy. Gus Slovinzky collected his prize and Duane Buckingham will be enjoying a variety of sausage. Thank you Laura and members for your support.



President Mora de Murguia thanks our speaker Eliot Weitz and Rotary Exchange student Harato Nakata.





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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR ROTARIANS!**



**Eric Rimmele** - September 1

**Bob Bliss** - September 4

**Gabriel Ruz** - September 4

**Steve Brodbeck** - September 4

**Gus Slovinsky** - September 22

**GOOD-BYE POLIO**  
**THANKS ROTARY**





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## CLUB FISHING FELLOWSHIP FUN



A large contingent of Rotarians and friends braved the ocean waters for the chance to catch some big fish. See if you can find PP Mark Scott, Michael Monaco, Club 33 friend Diana Marjip-Chuh, Gary Bryant, Troy Ray, Mike Green, Tom Davies, Rasha Roshdy. Others?



L-R: Michael Monaco, Mark Scott and a friend enjoy the ocean views.  
Gary Bryant catches up with Ben Vallejos.





# MORE FISHING FUN!




Enjoying Rotary fellowship are Mike Green, Troy Ray and Rasha Roshdy. Tom Davies has a big smile because he caught the BIG fish. We spared you all the delightful gore.

**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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