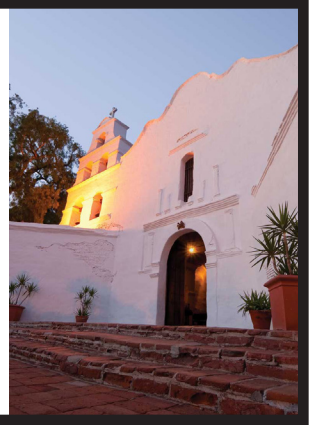




# The Old Mission Bell of Old Mission Rotary



Meetings Every Tuesday at noon on Zoom  
Post Pandemic at the Legacy Resort Hotel and Spa  
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## The District Governor Cometh!



*Steve Weitzen is our District Governor and has been a member of Solana Beach Rotary since 2006.*

Our District Governor, Steven Weitzen, and his wife Ava are residents of La Jolla. Steven is a native San Diegan and is a licensed attorney. He opened his law practice in 1990 in the area of civil litigation.

Steven has been a member of the Del Mar-Solana Beach Rotary Club since 2006.

Steve joined us on Zoom at our January 12th meeting.

Steve's daughter Shana Gold joined our Zoom meeting from Scottsdale with her daughter (Steve's grand daughter).

Steve described himself as a

most unlikely Rotarian. He was invited to attend the Del-Mar Solana Beach Rotary Club by a woman he met in passing and was so impressed by the friendly welcome at the breakfast meeting that he joined. He never again saw the woman who had invited him but considers her his "Rotary Angel." Steve stays committed to Rotary by asking himself the question "Why?" His answer is that we are *people of action who change the world for the better.*

An early Rotary moment for Steve was a trip to a farm school in rural El Salvador.

On the spot, the seven member Rotary team funded surgery for a little girl with a tumor on her face. Steve is passionate about international service and he noted that our district has many connections and projects in Mexico and praised Old Mission Rotary for our partici-

pation in the Thousand Smiles Foundation.

A major theme of Steve's Rotary Year is driven by a passion to stop human trafficking. Sex trafficking is a new illegal gang activity for San Diego with high profits and low risk. Our District Human Trafficking Committee has created three training videos and the District has applied for a \$70,000 "Reverse" Global Grant for funds to use in San Diego to educate the general public and school teachers about human trafficking and spotting victims.

Steve recognized Charlotte Cofield for making an immediate impact in Rotary since she joined Old Mission Rotary one year ago. Charlotte volunteered as Community Service Chair and created a relationship with STAR/Pal which connects police officers and inner city kids. Steve noted that the pandemic has really affected Rotary worldwide and that Zoom may lead to future hybrid meetings. Steve concluded with a quote from Aristotle that sums up Rotary *The essence of life is to do good and help others.*

Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little.  
-Edmund Burke, statesman and writer (12 Jan 1729-1797)