

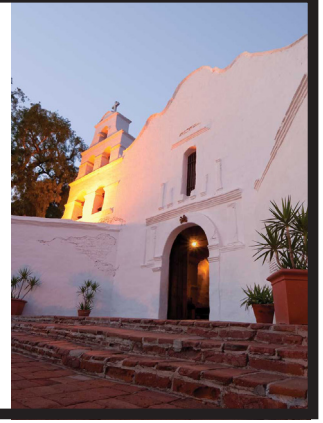
# Rotary



## The Old Mission Bell of Old Mission Rotary

Meetings Every Tuesday at noon  
at the Legacy Resort Hotel and Spa  
[oldmissionrotary.org](http://oldmissionrotary.org)

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### Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary Grant to St. Madeleine Sophie's Center



*(L-R Joe Perruca is the Development Director and Laura Purdom is the Director of Operations at St. Madeleine Sophie's Center. Art Pratt Foundation Board Member, Stan Vogelsang, presented their organization with a grant check for \$10,000 to upgrade their ancient security camera system.*

St. Madeleine Sophie's Center is located in El Cajon on an idyllic six acre campus of gardens, school buildings and a pool. St. Madeleine Sophie's Center provides programs to adults who have developmental disabilities, such as autism, Down syndrome, and cerebral palsy. While there are no cures for developmental disabilities, people with these cognitive disorders can still achieve personal and professional fulfillment. The staff combines a culture of care and creativity within quality programs to provide liberal arts educa-

tion, practical skills development, employment and dignity for a lifetime. Innovative programs include living skills, vocational training such as culinary arts and computers, linguistics, aquatics, gardening and performing arts. Their artwork program is so successful that now students showcase their talents at *Sophie's Art Gallery* in a separate storefront in downtown El Cajon! Members of Old Mission Rotary were very impressed by the passion of our speakers: Joe Perruca and Laura Purdom and were thrilled to support St. Madeleine Sophie's Center with an Art Pratt grant.

### Evening Social at the Mission Bay Resort

On Tuesday, January 24th, members of Old Mission Rotary met at the San Diego Mission Bay Resort for our monthly evening social. The weather was chilly but the heat lamps kept us warm and we were treated to a magnificent sunset over Mission Bay.



*The evening socials give members an opportunity to get to know each other better. Shari Stauder led an impromptu discussion about everybody's first job and Bob Chalfa told us that he was a tow truck driver in high school and missed three days of school every week!*

#### Program Calendar

*Why not invite a friend to an Old Mission Rotary meeting?*

- Tuesday, February 7th- San Diego Museum of Art with Zach Roberts & Lani Curtis

## Dr. Stephan Waterman Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever



Dr. Steve Waterman spoke briefly to the club about his work to combat Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. He is a Medical Epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and has recently been posted to Southern California. He is also a member of the Downtown San Diego Rotary Club.

Rocky Mountain spotted fever is a potentially fatal disease caused by the bite of a tick infected with rickettsia group bacteria. The ticks live on dogs and the problem has become extremely serious in northern Baja including the San Quentin community that our VIIDAI public health program serves. Dr. Waterman has proposed supplying and putting on specially treated collars on all dogs in northern Baja to include strays. The pesticides on the collar will kill the ticks.

Old Mission Rotary is planning to participate in a Rotary Global Grant to fund this effort.

## Club Host- January 31st Bob Chalfa



Bob Chalfa served as club host on January 31st.

Bob told us how his mother always wanted her children to be dancers. Unfortunately, Bob was kicked out of dance class during his first lesson and ordered never to return! The good news is that Bob's sister, Nancy, was a natural talent and became the Assistant Dean of Fine Arts at UC Irvine.

### Rotary Calendar

- Friday-Saturday on February 3rd and 4th- **Thousand Smiles Clinic** Ensenada Baja.
- Monday, February 6th- **Talent Show Planning Meeting** at the Clairemont Boy's & Girls Club at 5:30pm.

We are not the same persons this year as last; nor are those we love. It is a happy chance if we, changing, continue to love a changed person.

-William Somerset Maugham, writer (25 Jan 1874-1965)

## So You Think You've Got Talent San Diego!

All club members are asked to promote our 10th Annual *So You Think You've Got Talent San Diego* fund raiser. The date is set for the evening of Saturday, May 13th at Francis Parker School.

Members are asked to contribute by:

- **Buying and Selling Tickets to the Show.** We need people in the seats!
- **Buying and Selling Raffle Tickets**
- **Soliciting Talent** to Compete in the show
- **Soliciting or donating prizes** to our Silent Auction
- **Making a Gift Basket** for our Silent Auction
- **Volunteering to help Staff the Event**
- **Sponsor or solicit sponsorships.** Businesses as well as individuals can sponsor the show at several different levels.
- **Promote the event** with a PDF that you can send by e-mail or post in social media.
- **Serve on our planning committee-** the next meeting will take place on Monday, February 7th at the Clairemont Boys and Girls Club and on ZOOM at 5:30pm.

Participation by all club members is critical as the net profits are divided between Thousand Smiles (70%) and the Old Mission Rotary Foundation (30%).

The funds we raise typically provide 30% of the annual operating budget for the Thousand Smiles Foundation to support their free cleft palate surgeries and dental treatments in Baja. Club Executive Secretary, Stan Vogelsang, will soon issue envelopes to every club member with four event tickets and seven raffle tickets to sell as a minimum for participation.

The best part is that the event is a blast! Attendees enjoy a wonderful dinner, an open bar with beer and wine and an amazing variety show!