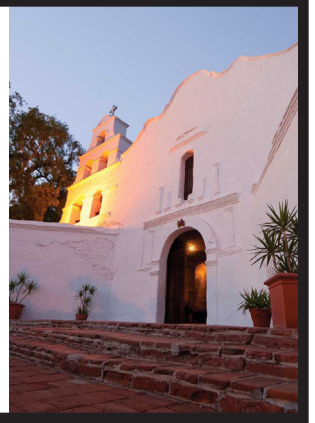




# The Old Mission Bell of Old Mission Rotary



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

March 2021- Edition Four

## Welcome District Governor Steven Weitzen Rotary in the Post-Pandemic World



District Governor Steven Weitzen joined our Zoom meeting on March 23rd. Typically, a District Governor visits each of the clubs in the district once per year but Steve felt compelled to update us about the future of Rotary post pandemic. Steven Weitzen and his wife Ava are residents of La Jolla. Steve is a native San Diegan and has been a licensed attorney since 1987. He opened his law practice in 1990 and today, he is a sole practitioner in the area of civil litigation. He was an Assistant Governor from 2015-18, and was the Chief Assistant Governor from 2019 -2020. He is a Paul Harris Society member and has been a speaker at PETS, District Training, and District Conferences.

Steve has been a member of the Del Mar-Solana Beach Rotary Club since 2006 and served as President in 2013-14. He has been

to El Salvador twice with the club to work on international projects. He also serves at *Stand Down* as a counselor to homeless military veterans.

Steve leads our District 5340 with 60 Rotary Clubs, 2900 Rotarians and 10 Rotaract clubs.

The pandemic has tested Rotary and will forever influence how we operate. Three clubs in our 60 club district have stopped meeting but the rest have been able to meet and function using Zoom conferencing. In Japan, almost all Rotary clubs have stopped meeting but in India, clubs have thrived with Zoom and the remote access it allows.

District events such as the District Training Assembly and the Rotary Foundation Seminar seem to work better on Zoom than with live meetings. Members avoid long drives and the expense of the “rubber chicken” meals.

Steve noted that last year’s Zoom conferencing for the four meetings of the Rotary International Board of Directors saved \$7.5 million dollars in travel, lodging and meeting venue fees!

Steve suggested that our future Rotary meetings will be a mix of live and Zoom. For example, our club may consider two luncheons per month, a zoom meeting and an

evening social.

As always, top priority is focused on new members. Zoom meetings and evening events may attract busy young members who can’t get away from work during the day. Zoom also allows us to get amazing programs from people around the globe.

We are lucky to have a leader like Steve Weitzen to shepherd our Rotary District through such challenging times!!

## Virtual District Training Assembly

The District Training Assembly offers training for ALL Rotarians including club officers, directors, committee & program chairs to help them be effective club leaders. All Club members, especially Red Badgers,- are welcome and encouraged to attend. Come learn more about Rotary, club management tips and best practices from knowledgeable, experienced Rotarians.. This is a great opportunity to learn about Rotary and network with other Rotarians. We expect full attendance for each class so don’t miss out, register today!

**Please support President-Elect Michelle Malin and visit the District website to register and select your classes:**

[www.rotary5340.org](http://www.rotary5340.org)

## Corona Conversation



*The Corona Conversation with Don Krupp is a weekly feature now included in our Old Mission Rotary ZOOM Meetings.*

Club member Don Krupp gave an update on progress being made for coronavirus vaccinations. He noted that nationally over 125 million vaccine doses have been given and some 45 million Americans are now fully vaccinated. Here in San Diego County over half a million people have been fully vaccinated. The vaccines have proven to remarkably safe with serious allergic reactions occurring at a rate of less than 5 per one million inoculations. There have been no deaths in the United States found to be associated with and attributable to any of the three coronavirus vaccines currently in use.

All of this progress is critically important given the virus is evolving. We are essentially in a race to achieve herd immunity to curtail the incidence and reduce the opportunities for new, more resilient virus variants to emerge.

So, as you become eligible for vaccination, schedule your shot. It's the best thing you can do to help the community and country return to normal.

In the meantime, keep wearing your mask, watch your distance, and avoid mingling in large crowds - especially indoors.

## RI Foundation How to Participate

Stan Vogelsang is our club's Rotary Foundation Chair and he urges all members to contribute to the RI Foundation online with the Rotary Direct Program at [my.rotary.org](http://my.rotary.org). Here is a list of important RI Foundation terms:

- **Every Rotarian Every Year-** Donate at least \$100 per year with automatic withdrawal from checking or a credit card (\$10 per month will get you there with \$120 per year).
- **Paul Harris Fellowship-** An award recognizing \$1000 in donations to the RI Foundation. Every additional \$1000 is another level of recognition.
- **Paul Harris Society-** Commit to donating \$1000 per year to the RI foundation.
- **Rotary Legacy-** Include the RI Foundation in your will or estate plan.

### Rotary Calendar

- Friday, March 26th - Saturday, March 27th **Thousand Smiles Surgery only Clinic in Ensenada**
- Saturday-March 27th-Sunday March 28th- **District 5340 Model United Nations**
- Tuesday, March 30th- **Art Pratt Foundation ZOOM Board of Directors Meeting**
- Saturday-April 5th **District 5340 Rotary Golf Round Up**
- Saturday, April 10th- **Virtual District Training Assembly**
- Thursday, April 15th-Sunday, April 18th- **Virtual RYLA**
- Thursday, April 22nd- **STAR/PAL Taco Truck Luncheon**
- Saturday, April 24th- **Project Mercy Home Building in Chula Vista**

## Model UN

One of the popular programs in our District is the Model United Nations which comes under the Pathways to Peace Avenue of Service and Youth Services.

This amazing program is bringing together over 50 high school teams - not just from District 5340, but from high schools in countries outside the United States. It truly is an international program.

Youth advisors from Rotary clubs are preparing these teams to engage in diplomacy and peace building similar to how the United Nations operates. The training and preparation has been conducted by Zoom and Google Classroom. The Model UN will be held on March 27th and 28th by Zoom.

This year's Model UN program presents two timely resolutions that will be debated and caucused for the two-day session: Covid-19 Global Response and Action Program; and An Action Program Dealing with Sea Level Rise Caused by Global Warming. Pauline Lim-Endresen of the Downtown Breakfast club chairs our district's program and we thank her committee for their hard work and dedication.

In the past, club member and Peace Chair Lydia Stewart coordinated Old Mission Rotary sponsorship with several high school teams each year. These teams would later attend an Old Mission Rotary meeting to talk about their experiences which were all amazing!

### Program Calendar

*Why not invite a friend to ZOOM with us?*

- Tuesday, March 30th **Save the Moms Campaign with Fran Ayalasomayajula**