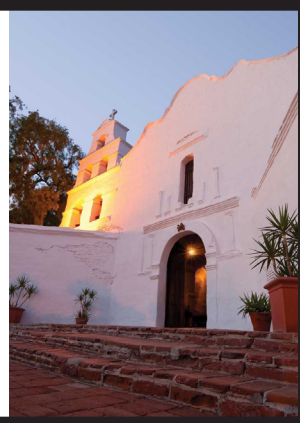




The Old Mission Bell of Old Mission Rotary



Meetings Every Tuesday at noon on Zoom
Post Pandemic at the Legacy Resort Hotel and Spa
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April 2021- Edition Two

Pacific Arts Movement



Kent Lee is a father, husband, and first-generation Asian American immigrant.

Our speaker on Tuesday, April 13th was Kent Lee, Executive Director of the Pacific Arts Movement here in San Diego. The Pacific Arts Movement is one of the largest media arts organizations in North America focusing on Asian American and Asian international cinema, Pac Arts is best known for presenting the annual San Diego Asian Film Festival. In addition to be a leading voice on behalf of the expression of Asian culture in our community, The Pacific Arts Movement is taking a stand to denounce xenophobia, racism, and increasing acts of violence targeted towards Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islander communities both locally and nationally. The website for the Asian Film Festival is sdaff.org. The virtual festival will run from April 23rd to May 2nd.

Corona Conversation

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

There was big news with the Johnson & Johnson “one shot” vaccine being linked to blood clots. My answer is simply that it is not known if the six cases of blood clotting were caused by the vaccine but the CDC is taking the right precautionary measures. If there is a relationship, less than one case in a million inoculations means it’s an extremely rare occurrence. Unvaccinated individuals are 2,000 times more likely to die from COVID-19 than they are to experience blood clots from the vaccine. Still the CDC and FDA are doing the right thing pausing use of the J&J vaccine.

Virtual District Training Assembly

The District Training Assembly Zoom training event took place on Saturday, April 10th. Attendees included club officers, directors, committee and program chairs. The training is designed to help club leaders prepare for the upcoming Rotary year. Topics included club management tips and best practices from knowledgeable and experienced Rotarians. Our club was represented by Michelle Malin, Bob Chalfa, Charlotte Cofield and Matt Risi.

Project Mercy Rotarians at Work Day

Gary Stemple announced that Project Mercy has scheduled a special spring construction event on a three acre site in Chula Vista. They are planning to ship pre-assembled housing components to Tijuana for final assembly into single family homes. The date for the project is Saturday, April 24th and Old Mission Rotarians are asked to participate and contribute money to the effort. The cost of a house is \$6000 and a latrine is an additional \$1000. The cost to ship the house from Chula Vista to Tijuana is \$500 for a total of \$7500 per house. *Contact Gary Stemple to volunteer for the work project.*
cell: 858-869-7540
e-mail: gary.stemple@lfg.com

Paul Harris Fellow Blue Light Special

Rotary District 5340 announced an April “Blue Light Special” to become a Paul Harris Fellow with a pin and certificate! Through the generous donation of one of our District Rotarians, we are able to match your \$500 contributions with \$500 for the \$1000 cost. To take advantage of this offer, contact our Executive Club Secretary Stan Vogelsang.

STAR/PAL Appreciation Luncheon

The mission of STAR/PAL is to engage under served youth with law enforcement and develop trusting and long term relationships. STAR/PAL offers free programs for undeserved and at-risk youth in San Diego that are led by law enforcement officers. These programs focus on violence prevention, mentoring, leadership, civic engagement, outdoor enrichment, and physical fitness.

Charlotte Cofield is our club's Community Service chair and she was so impressed by STAR/PAL that she reached out to them last summer. We assisted them with a school back pack give away in the fall and with distributing Thanksgiving dinners in November. All Old Mission Rotary members are welcome to attend the Appreciation Luncheon.

The taco luncheon is free but please RSVP with Mayra at mnunez@starpal.org.



Program Calendar

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

- Tuesday, April 20th **Lt. Colonel Lee Lescano of the Salvation Army**

District 5340 Funds Support Old Mission Rotary Youth Projects!

The Old Mission Rotary Club foundation allocated \$1,500 for Model UN, and \$5,200 for RYLA from the District 5340 Grant money.

Both youth programs have been made virtual with no expense and so Old Mission Rotary will then re-allocate these funds:

- Copley-Price YMCA (\$3,650) for Scholarships so disadvantaged children may participate in YMCA events.
- Boys & Girls Clubs of San Diego County (\$3,500) for Scholarships so disadvantaged children may participate in Boys & Girls Club events.
- San Diego Convention Center Shelter for unaccompanied migrant girls (\$500). The funds will be used for books for the school for the Spanish speaking girls.

Rotary Calendar

- Thursday, April 15th-Sunday, April 18th- **Virtual RYLA**
- Thursday, April 22nd- **STAR/PAL Taco Truck Appreciation Luncheon**
- Saturday, April 24th- **Project Mercy Home Building in Chula Vista**
- Tuesday, April 27th- **Art Pratt Foundation ZOOM Board of Directors Meeting**
- Friday, May 7th-Saturday May 8th- **Thousand Smiles Clinic in Ensenada**
- Tuesday, May 11th,- **Old Mission Rotary ZOOM Board of Directors Meeting.**
- Tuesday, May 25th- **Art Pratt Foundation ZOOM Board of Directors Meeting**
- Saturday, June 12th-Wednesday, June 16th **Rotary International Virtual Convention**

What is RYLA Anyway?

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a leadership program coordinated by Rotary Clubs around the globe. Each year, thousands of young people participate in this program. Young people are sponsored by Rotary Clubs to attend RYLA events run by the each of the Rotary Districts.

In our District 5340, RYLA is a leadership conference for approximately 280 high school juniors. The venue in normal times is Idyllwild Pines Camp. Youth Protection certified club members can volunteer to serve as facilitators for the RYLA weekend.

The primary intent is to encourage students to become more effective community leaders. Students emerge from the training confident, enthusiastic and empowered. The program includes exceptional speakers, small group discussions and fellowship activities all within an atmosphere of trust and respect. Thanks to our club's RYLA Chair, Tom Sandler, Old Mission Rotary traditionally sponsors more than a dozen students each year from high schools such as Crawford, Madison, Francis Parker, Saint Augustine and Our Lady of Peace. Students typically attend an Old Mission Rotary meeting after the event and are always thrilled by their experiences.

RYLA was cancelled last year and will be a virtual event this week from April 15th- 18th.

The love of one's country is a splendid thing. But why should love stop at the border?
-Pablo Casals, cellist, conductor, and composer (1876-1973)