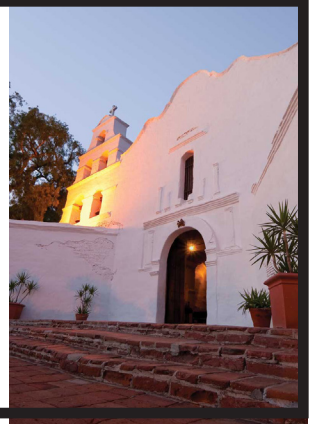




The Old Mission Bell of Old Mission Rotary

Meetings Every Tuesday at noon on Zoom
Post Pandemic at the Legacy Resort Hotel and Spa
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The Salvation Army



Lt. Colonel Lee Lescano is currently serving in the San Diego Regional Office of the California South Division and is the Divisional Secretary for San Diego County.

Since 1865, the Salvation Army has been serving people in need all over the world. It currently operates in 130 nations and assists some 23 million Americans annually.

During our program on April 20th, Lt. Colonel Lee Lescano shared news about the good work of the Salvation Army here in our own San Diego community. The Salvation Army helps to serve the most vulnerable members of our community.

Help Programs Include:

- Ministry
- The Arts
- Food Pantry

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Art Pratt Foundation Grant to Youth Assistance Coalition



Heather Leazon is the Executive Director of YAC- The Youth Assistance Coalition.

The Youth Assistance Coalition was founded in 2017 by a group of motivated volunteers who saw the pattern of youth homelessness in San Diego and wanted to break it. From the beginning, YAC has focused on a community approach to breaking this pattern, and has built up powerful partnerships with many other organizations in San Diego who are also committed to helping these youth get off the streets in a lasting way. So far this year, they have provided 110 youth with stable housing.

Their mission is to positively impact the lives of youth, ages 12 to 24, experiencing homelessness through empowerment, mentorship, and community collaboration in order to provide transformative opportunities.

Most of the homeless youth are local and have grown up in shelters or in the Foster care system.

They are a volunteer-run organization, and rely on the support and kindness of our community to be able to provide much-needed services to San Diego's homeless youth population..

The Art Pratt Foundation presented Heather with a grant of \$5000 during our April 20th Zoom Meeting. The funds will be used to furnish a day center in their new facility in East Village. The day centers offer safe space and an opportunity to work on their education.

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.

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Corona Conversation

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

Coronavirus vaccines are on everybody's minds as the race is on to out-run virus and prevent another deadly surge of infections.

Here in San Diego over 822,000 individuals are now fully vaccinated reaching 41% of San Diego County's vaccination goal.

This is really a hopeful sign, particularly because the County is currently meeting all but one of its public health objectives with respect to the virus. However, one recent setback has been the pause on deploying the Johnson & Johnson vaccine as it has been associated with an exceedingly rare occurrence of a serious blood clotting issue. This association is not apparent with either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, which, as mRNA vaccines, are entirely different than the Johnson & Johnson adenovirus vaccine.

An adenovirus vaccine essentially uses a known harmless virus to act as kind of a Trojan Horse to deliver DNA into your cells that converts to mRNA to provide instructions to your cells to manufacture the protein that mimics the coronavirus and generates antibodies.

Medical scientists are not sure there is a causal relationship between the J&J vaccine and blood clots.

Part of the challenge is that the clotting issue is so rare – less than one in a million – its frequency of occurrence may be little different than the normal rate of severe blood clotting in the general population.

But what causes a pause for concern is the fact the 6 cases in question uniquely occurred in otherwise healthy women between 18 and 48 years in age.

The other red flag is that the blood clotting resembles a similar issue for another adenovirus vaccine, AstraZeneca being delivered in Europe.

While causality remains a question,

those facts are sufficient reason to pause the delivery of the J&J vaccine and figure out what's going on. But it's a dilemma given the risk of severe blood clots from a COVID-19 infection is significantly greater than the apparent risk from the J&J vaccine. We can expect to hear from the CDC this Friday what the best available science tells them about the situation.

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- Utility Assistance
- Rapid-Rehousing
- Case Management/Referral Services
- Summer Camp
- Sports

Healing Programs Include:

- Emergency Shelters
- Psychological Counseling
- Bridge Housing
- Medical Services
- Transitional Housing
- Human-Trafficking Safe House
- Permanent Housing Placement
- Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation
- Job Training and Placement
- vShower and Laundry Services
- Hot Meals
- Case Management
- Shelter Placement

Hope Programs Include:

- Spiritual Care
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Meals on Wheels
- Holiday Assistance
- Job Search Assistance
- In-Home Case Management
- Veterans Employment Placement!

Rotary Calendar

- 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**

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 27th **Laura Leonard with the San Diego Humane Society.**