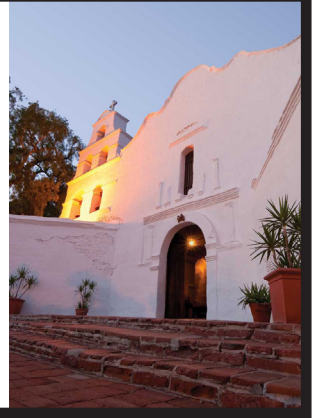




The Old Mission Bell of Old Mission Rotary

Meetings Every Tuesday at noon
at the Legacy Resort Hotel and Spa
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Dalit Solidarity



Father Ben is originally from Southern India where the Apostle Thomas brought Christianity in AD 52.

Reverend Benjamin Chinnappan is a Catholic priest and is originally from Cennai India which was known as Madras under British Colonial Rule. Father Ben left southern India because he was born an “untouchable” and had no future in his native land. In India’s Hindu caste system, the “untouchables” or the Dalit people have lost their rights to education, property ownership and protection. This condemns them to a life of abject poverty, absolute illiteracy and total powerlessness.

Benjamin Chinnappan has devoted his life to serving India’s poor.

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Old Mission Rotary Club April Social San Diego Mission Bay Resort



Members of Old Mission Rotary attended our April 26th Evening Social at the San Diego Mission Bay Resort. Honorary Member Dave Blum (white hat). and will once again be managing the stage during our Talent Show fund raiser on May 14th.

URGENT!

So You Think You’ve Got Talent San Diego!

Please promote our “So You Think You’ve Got Talent” Fund raiser!

The date is set for the evening of Saturday, May 14th 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
- Promote the event with a PDF that you can send by e-mail or post in social media.

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

Club Executive Secretary, Stan Vogelsang, has issued envelopes to every club member with four event tickets and seven raffle tickets to sell as a minimum for participation.

Dalit Solidarity *Continued from Page 1*

He established Dalit Solidarity to promote justice and equality for all Indians, working toward the realization of his dream of a "caste-less" Indian society

The non profit Dalit Solidarity is dedicated to give them hope and create an awareness of their plight and rights. Dalit Solidarity works to provide Dalit people with the tools they need to make better lives for themselves and their families. Today, many Dalits have access to affordable education, quality health care and opportunities for development due to the work of Dalit Solidarity.

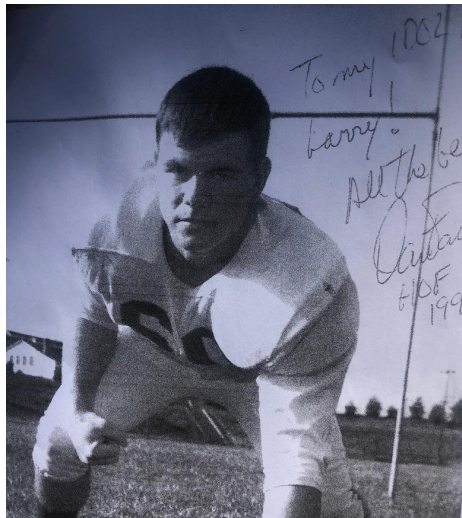
Majorca Bound



Andrea Uribe was selected by Fundacion Casa Serra for a Rotary scholarship trip to Majorca Spain in July. Andrea visited Old Mission Rotary on May 3rd to request help to fund her \$2000 air tickets so she can attend the program.

Andrea is the Peace Chair of Pacific Beach Rotaract. She was wearing her Rotary Youth Exchange jacket from her time abroad in Charleroi Belgium where she stayed with a local family and attended a year of high school where she became fluent in French!

Club Host- May 3rd



Proud Mountaineer Larry Edwards was our club host on May 3rd.

Larry Edwards grew up in a home for 200 boys located on a 1500 acre farm in North Carolina. After high school he attended Appalachian State where he played football. Larry joined the Marine Corps and soon found himself in combat along the notorious DMZ in Vietnam at Fire Base Ross.

After the war, Larry attended Mesa College and San Diego State University and eventually found his calling as a commercial real estate agent. Larry now specializes in industrial sites along the Mexican border in Otay Mesa.

His daughter Amy is a professor at UCSD and his daughter Kelly teaches sixth grade in Chula Vista.

The Art Pratt Foundation Needs You!!

The Art Pratt Foundation Board of Directors will have one opening starting on July 1, 2022 to serve for a three year term.

Please contact Miles Durfee at mdurfee@ccsa.org if you are interested.

The Art Pratt Foundation is staffed by members of Old Mission Rotary but operates independently to award grants to deserving programs and projects in the local community.

Club Host- April 19th



Matt Risi served as club host on April 19th and started his Who Am I? with "Since the dawn of time..."

On April 19th Matt Risi served as club host. He grew up on the south shore of Boston and went to college at Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. He served on warships as a naval officer and opened up Minuteman Press Printing in 1987. Matt and Patty have been married for 39 years and have four adult children.

Matt is very proud to be a member of such a dynamic club that has done so much to impact the lives of people living in our local community and across the border in Baja.

Rotary Calendar

- Friday, May 6th- Saturday, May 7th- **Thousand Smiles Spring Clinic** in Ensenada
- Tuesday, May 10th- **Rotary Night at the Padres vs. Cubs**
- Saturday, May 14th **So You Think You've Got Talent San Diego** at Francis Parker School.
- Tuesday, May 17th **Board of Directors Meeting** immediately following the regular meeting.
- Thursday, May 19th from 6pm-8pm- **District Membership Social -Legacy Resort, Mausoleum & Spa**
- Tuesday, June 7th- **Rotary Night at the Padres vs. Mets**