

The Old Mission Bell of Old Mission Rotary

Meetings Every Tuesday at noon at the Legacy Resort Hotel and Spa oldmissionrotary.org

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Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Return to Idyllwild



(L-R) Kenneth Wright (Saint Augustin), Kenny Wright (Saint Augustin), Andrew Bier (Saint Augustin), Sharlena Nguyen (Madison High School), Tom Sandler is the Chairman of the Old Mission Rotary RYLA Committee, Jose Mojarro (Crawford High School), Michael Jackson (Crawford High School), Marge Cole is a Past District Governor and member of the Mission Valley Evening Rotary Club and Timothy Shaw is a school counselor at Crawford High School and supporter of RYLA for many years.

Old Mission Rotary has a proud tradition of sponsoring high school juniors for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). RYLA encourages leadership in youth by recognizing and rewarding deserving 11th grade students who are chosen to attend RYLA as an award for their past and present leadership and service activities. These select young people attend an all-expenses-paid camp in Idyllwild where they are inspired by a diverse group of exceptional speakers, make lifelong friends through fellowship activities, and discuss the ethical and social issues of today. These activities are conducted in an atmosphere of trust and respect. The result is that these students return to their schools and communities motivated to take on additional leadership

roles and to find additional ways to serve.

This year, Old Mission Rotary sponsored 10 students who came from Saint Augustin, Francis Parker and Crawford High School. Tom Sandler organized our club efforts and many members served on interview selection panels. Marge Cole represented the Mission Valley Evening Club that sponsored two students from Madison High School.

After three years of virtual RYLA events due to the pandemic, it was wonderful to get back to the mountains!

Mistakes are the portals of discovery.

-James Joyce, Irish novelist

Sunbreak Ranch A New Concept for Homeless People in Transition



Rick Sweeney (R) and John Lutack presented a revolutionary and compelling plan to tackle the homeless problem in San Diego.

Today, there are some 20,000 homeless people in the City of San Diego and 40,000 in the county. In 2020, 357 homeless died on the streets and in 2022 that number skyrocketed to 574. Last year, our hospital emergency rooms were flooded by 17,000 homeless. Sunbreak Branch is a idea intended to break the cycle of homelessness The philosophy is "We have a moral obligation to help the homeless. But we are not obligated to cede our downtown, our tourist attractions, and our residential neighborhoods to homeless encampments. And as a society, we also have a moral obligation to protect the general population from rampant infectious diseases."

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IVATInstitute on Violence Abuse and Trauma



Dr. Bob Geffner is the Founding President and Carla Valenzuela is the Director of Community and Public Relations for IVAT.

The Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (IVAT) is a 501(c)(3) organization that condemns violence and oppression in all its forms. It stands with all who work for equality and peace. IVAT is a leading international resource and training center, founded in 1984 as FVSAI and headquartered in San Diego, California.

On May 16th, Dr. Bob Geffer presented on the history of IVAT. IVAT is a one-stop shop to address and end violence. They host two international summits annually and conduct a wide array of training.

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The goals of Sunbreak Ranch are:
-End the homeless humanitarian crisis that is ravaging our streets, canyons and public parks.

- -Return to the rule of law and establish future dignity and respect for all.
- -Make San Diego the cleanest big city in America
- -Return our streets, canyons and public parks to clean, healthy, safe and secure places for all to enjoy. Sunbreak Ranch is a proposal but is gaining momentum from community leaders and the public. The facility would be built on empty land just east of I-15 on Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. There would be one controlled entrance and the sleeping quarters would be in small dormitory style buildings. There would even be an area to sleep in parked cars and RVs or to pitch tents. Meals, showers and laundry facilities would be provided. There would also be a staffed medical clinic. Most importantly, local assistance programs would have permanent space to allow residents to seek help for mental illness, alcohol or drug addiction and to seek permanent housing and employment.

Learn more and sign their petition at https://sunbreakranch.com.

Rotary Calendar

- Tuesday, June 13th **Board of Directors Meeting** immediately following the regular meeting.
- Friday, June 16th- Poker Night for the Rotary Foundation at 5:30pm at 591 Camino de la Reina Suite 1020.
- Tuesday, June 20th- **Art Pratt Board of Directors Meeting** immediately after the regular club meeting.
- Monday, June 26th- **District Governors Dinner** at 6pm at the Del Mar Hilton.
- Friday-Saturday on August 4th and 5th- **Thousand Smiles Clinic** Ensenada Baja.

Club Host James Scoggins



John Scroggins is our newest club member but you would never know that he is not a seasoned Rotarian. He has been active even before he was inducted into the club attending the spring Thousand Smiles Clinic in Ensenada and visiting another Rotary club to promote our club talent show fund raiser.

John is a graduate of San Diego State University and is a Wealth Advisor.

John is passionate about education and pledged to help underserved youth as part of his Rotary service.

