

The Old Mission Bell of Old Mission Rotary

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

June 2023- Edition Two



Mara Elliott San Diego City Attorney



Mara Eliott is from a working class family and is the is the first Latina, to serve as City Attorney in the history of San Diego.

San Diego City Attorney Mara Elliott visited Old Mission Rotary on June 6th to talk about the work of the Office of the City Attorney and her key priorities this year. Ms. Elliott serves as chief legal advisor to the Mayor, City Council, and all City departments. She is the city's prosecutor and defends city taxpayers in lawsuits and protects residents and the quality of life in our neigh-

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Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary Grant to the Girl Scouts San Diego



(L-R) Old Mission Rotary President-Elect Stan Vogelsang, Art Pratt Board Member Lee Kaminetz, Girl Scouts San Diego CEO Carol Dedrich, Girl Scouts San Diego Foundations Relations Specialist Tracy Browns, Art Pratt Board Members Tom Sandler and Cynthia Drake, Old Mission Rotary President Don Krupp and Art Pratt Board Member and life long Girl Scout Donna Maytum.

Girl Scouting builds courage, confidence and character in girls who make the world a better place. Carol M. Dedrich, CEO of Girl Scouts San Diego, visited Old Mission Rotary on June 13th to talk about the efforts of Girl Scouting here in our community.

Girl Scouting was established in Savannah, Georgia in 1912 and over the past century has grown to include more than 59 million Girl Scout alumnae.

Girl Scouts San Diego partners dedicated volunteers and generous supporters to serve 23,000 girls and adult members.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program in the world and helps Girl Scouts learn life and leadership skills.

The Girl Scouts of San Diego Balboa Service Center in Balboa Park includes the headquarters, Girl Scout store as well as facilities for extensive summer camp programs. Sleepaway camp takes place in the mountains at Camp Winacka and Camp Whispering Oaks near Julian.

The funds from the Art Pratt Foundation grant will be used to replace five outdoor camp stoves at the Julian camps.

Old Mission Rotary was very impressed by the amazing work of Girl Scouts San Diego and life long Girl Scout and Rotarian Donna Maytum even sang us the Brownie Smile Song!

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borhoods. Mara oversees a staff of 404 legal professionals including 184 attorneys who handle over 20,000 misdemeanor cases and 200 new civil cases each year.

She is personally very passionate about these issues:

- 101 Ash Street: The city bought a lemon of an office building to house 800 employees She has been working to get some recompense for the city and is particularly incensed by commercial real estate broker, Jason Hughes, who profited \$5 million as a trusted advisor to the city.
- Sea World: Mara is after the Orlando based amusement park to pay the city the rent it has refused to pay from the Covid shutdown period.
- Gun Violence: Mara has been advocating Red Flag laws to remove firearms from people during moments of crisis. Through Mara's leadership, courts have removed more than 500 firearms, including 40 assault weapons, from people who posed a threat to themselves and others, including stalkers, disgruntled employees, and potential school shooters.
- Domestic Violence: Mara is proud of Your Safe Place- a Family Justice Center providing services to anyone who has experienced domestic violence, family violence, elder abuse, sexual assault, or sex trafficking.

Mara Elliott's second and final term as City Attorney will end in December of 2024 and she has not yet decided what she will do next but with her passion and dedication, look for her to continue to serve in the public sector.

Old Mission Rotary
Demotion Dinner for
President Don Krupp
Saturday, July 15th
Starting at 5:30pm
Michelle and Paul Malin Home

Club Host Judy Copeland



Judy Copeland served as club host on Tuesday, June 6th. She is extremely proud of the fact that she has been a member of Old Mission Rotary for 31 years and was the first woman member of the club!

Over the decades, Judy has served on the Old Mission Rotary and Art Pratt Foundation Boards. She was Program Chair and volunteered for many other jobs as well. Judy is active in the talent show fund raiser and has managed the talent in the backstage Green Room for many years.

Judy announced that she is officially retired!

After graduation from San Diego State University, she served as the Director of the American Cancer Society East South County office. She then became the CEO of the Burn Institute.

Judy was a leader for 30 years in the home health care industry serving with three separate companies. Judy has been taking care of her own mother until sadly she recently passed away.

Judy loves her young grandchild and is thrilled at the birth of her new grand daughter Presely Taylor. Judy is recovering from a radiofrequency neurotomy procedure that hopefully will relieve her chronic back pain.

We have been very lucky to have Judy Copeland in Old Mission Rotary.

Rotary Calendar

- 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.
- Saturday, July 15th- **Demotion Dinner for Don Krupp** at 5:30pm at the home of Michelle and Paul Malin

Art Pratt Foundation Board of Directors Nominations

The Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary is an independant organization and is not part of the Old Mission Rotary Club. However, only members of Old Mission Rotary can sit on the Art Pratt Foundation Board of Directors and board members are elected by the membership of Old Mission Rotary. The Art Pratt Foundation Board of Directors has voted to nominate two new board members from Old Mission Rotary for the Art Pratt Foundation: Lee Kaminetz and Bob Chalfa.

The term limits for those individuals would be:

- Lee Kaminetz July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027
- Bob Chalfa July 1 2023, to Jun 30, 2027
- Don Krupp will serve as the Immediate Past OMR Club President.

I don't know why we are here, but I'm pretty sure that it is not in order to enjoy ourselves. -Ludwig Wittgenstein, philosopher (1889-1951)