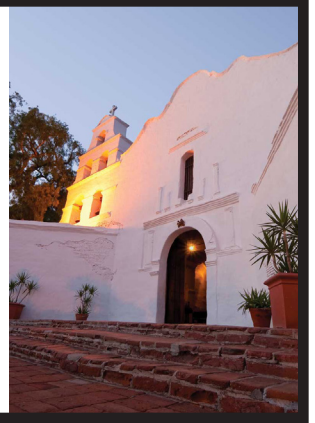




The Old Mission Bell of Old Mission Rotary

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



District Governor Cometh!



Our Rotary International District 5340 includes 61 Rotary Clubs comprising 3,000 members in San Diego and Imperial Counties. Our new District Governor, Dan Gensler, visited us at Old Mission Rotary on Tuesday. Every District Governor is required to visit all 61 clubs in the district.

Dan has been a member of the Rotary Club of Coronado since 1996 and was named Rotarian of the Year in 2004. He served as Coronado Club President from 2006-07 and has been very active in the District Leadership.

Dan Gensler, is a seasoned Rotarian who is driven by the desire of service to others. He admits that he joined Rotary to promote his financial services business but it didn't take long before he fell under the Rotary spell.

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*President Michelle Malin presents District Governor Dan Gensler with a check for \$1500 for the Rotary International **End Polio Now Campaign**. Despite dramatic success, it is crucial to continue working to keep the world polio-free.*



Bob Chalfa serves as the Assistant Area District Governor for Area Eight. Bob meets regularly with leaders from the Old Mission, Southeast San Diego, Kearny Mesa, San Diego Global E-Club and Mission Gorge Rotary Clubs. The purpose of the meetings is to share ideas and experience.

Community Service Back to School Event!



The mission of STAR/PAL is to engage under served youth with law enforcement and to develop trust 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.

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

STAR/PAL is looking for volunteers to staff their **Back to School** event on Saturday, August 7th and we are looking for club members to help staff the event.

Also, if anyone would like to donate books for middle/high school age kids for the back 2 school event, please bring them to the next meeting.

District Governor

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One magical Rotary moment was when Dan became involved with a prosthetics office in Baja. Dan worked with a team that built a workshop where artificial limbs could be built and assembled. He was overwhelmed when he witnessed the joy of a young boy named Victor who received a pair of legs to replace those lost in a car accident.

At the RI Convention in Copenhagen, Dan was awed by a key note address from an Irish nun who founded the Missionvale Care Centre in the extremely poor township of Missionvale in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Dan was mesmerized by Sister Ethel Normoyle and her spirit of service. Dan not only met with Sister Ethel but made several trips to the center and helped arrange a series of 30 Rotary Grants totaling \$685,000. Dan also participated in a program to provide shoes that ultimately gave away some 350,000 pairs of footwear.

Dan is always asking himself "Who gets to do such amazing service projects...Rotarians do!" He encourages all of us to act on our passions and to seek out service project or better yet start new projects.

The theme of this year's RI International President, Shekhar Mehta, is to "Serve to Change Lives." President Mehta also stressed the importance of growing membership with goal of "each one, bring one."

The district conference will take place over the weekend of September 10-12, 2021 at the Hotel del Coronado. The conference is our opportunity to join our Rotary family to exchange ideas, strengthen leadership and friendships as we celebrate our clubs' successes! Register for the conference at District@Rotary5340.org.

Bon Appetit at the Legacy Resort and Spa!



Don Fipps of the Del Mar Rotary Club serves as the Chief of Staff for District Governor Dan Gensler. He noted that grilled ham and cheese with tomato soup is his favorite lunch. The Legacy kitchen's take on the American standard was a tomato bisque with a pesto cream drizzle and thick cut bread with Virginia Ham and Wisconsin Cheddar.



Brian Dempsey celebrated a dramatic bounce back of the stock market with an amazing slice of rich New York Chocolate Cheesecake.

Life has no meaning a priori. It is up to you to give it a meaning, and value and is nothing but the meaning that you choose.
-Jean-Paul Sartre, writer and philosopher (21 Jun 1905-1980)

Club Host



President Michelle served as club host on July 13th.

President Michelle presented a quick "Who AM I" on July 13th. We all know that she is the Vice President of Development at Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater San Diego. She and her husband Paul have two beautiful children Lucy, age 13 and Joey, age 11. Michelle was born in Wooburn Massachusettes into an Italian-American family of seven kids! Her family moved to California when she was seven in a 15 passenger van. Her Italian grandmother was also in the van.

This ultimate cross country road trip also served as a travel adventure. She remembers stopping at the Grand Canyon for a two hour break.

Rotary Calendar

- Tuesday, August 3rd- **Art Pratt Foundation Board of Directors Meeting** immediately following the regular meeting at the Legacy Resort and Spa.
- Tuesday, August 10th- **Project s Committee Meeting** immediately following the regular meeting at the Legacy Resort and Spa.
- Friday, August 6th-Saturday August 7th- **Thousand Smiles Clinic in Ensenada**
- Saturday, August 7th in Colina-**STAR/PAL Back to School Event** at colina Del Sol Park.