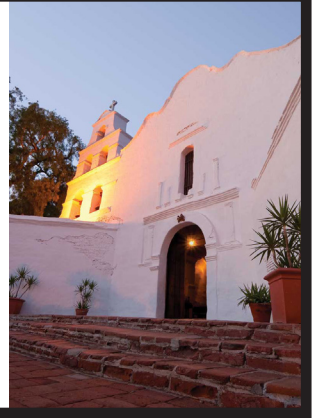




The Old Mission Bell of Old Mission Rotary



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

July 2022- Edition Two

San Diego Taxpayers Association



Our program on July 19th was presented by Haney Hong and Natalie Kessler of the San Diego County Taxpayers Association.

The San Diego County Taxpayers Association is a nonpartisan association of individuals, businesses, and organizations who promote effective and efficient government on behalf of all San Diego County Taxpayers. SDCTA engages civic leadership as well as the public to develop and promote well researched policy solutions.

Haney Hong is President & CEO of the San Diego County Taxpayers Association and is focused on robust citizenship engagement and firmly believes that such engagement is the first line of defense against internal and external threats to a healthy democratic society. Haney is a graduate of Stanford and Harvard Universities and sits on several

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Rotary International Foundation



Lee Kaminetz is our club's Rotary Foundation Chair and he urges all members to contribute to the RI Foundation online with the Rotary Direct Program at my.rotary.org. Here is a list of important RI Foundation terms:

- **Every Rotarian Every Year-** Donate at least \$100 per year with automatic withdrawal from checking or a credit card (\$10 per month will get you there with \$120 per year).
 - **Paul Harris Fellowship-** An award recognizing \$1000 in donations to the RI Foundation. Every additional \$1000 is another level of recognition.
 - **Paul Harris Society-** Commit to donating \$1000 per year to the RI foundation.
 - **Rotary Legacy-** Include the RI Foundation in your will or estate plan.
- Lee explained how the Rotary Foundation funds projects around the world such as our effort to

eradicate polio. Global Grants fund projects sponsored by multiple clubs often from different countries. The Thousand Smiles Foundation has been awarded four separate Global Grants totaling \$250,000. The RI Foundation also sends money back to each Rotary District for local projects. Old Mission Rotary will receive \$3000 this year and will use these funds for youth programs such as LEAD, Model UN and RYLA.

Club Host

All club members are asked to submit a personal biography for use in the club newsletter for publication when it is your turn to serve as club host.

The bio should be two or three paragraphs long and can be updated anytime.

Please send your biography to newsletter editor Matt Risi at mmpsd@aol.com

Evening Social Tuesday, July 26th

Join us at 5:30 in the evening of July 26th for our monthly Club Social on the Covewood Patio, overlooking Mission Bay and Fiesta Island. We will be dark for lunch.

San Diego Mission Bay Resort,
1775 East Mission Bay Drive.
Free street parking and validated parking in the hotel lot.

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nonprofit and government boards on the East and West Coasts. He is also a husband, father, Reserve Naval officer, business owner, and student of citizenship,

Haney was accompanied by local San Diegan Natalie Kessler who brings several years of experience in both public relations and nonprofit management to the team.

It's a small world! Natalie's mother is a pediatric nurse and an important part of the volunteer team with the Thousand Smiles Clinic.

Haney Hong discussed some of the issues that the SDCTA is working on now.

Since 1919, single family homes have not had to pay for trash collection in the City of San Diego but many apartment and condo dwellers do now have to pay for trash pick up. A proposal to charge everyone for trash pick up is likely to be on our November election ballot. SDCTA is advocating for a more equitable "pay as you throw" plan. Homelessness is a big issue for the SDCTA and Haney is determined to get spending reports from the agencies that run programs for the homeless. Right now, nobody knows where millions of dollars are going including the government agencies and non profits!

Solar Energy was promoted as a clean energy solution but now efforts are being made by Sempra Energy to charge connection fees and lower what they will pay solar generators for their power. The SDCTA challenges this and is fighting to keep solar energy viable for businesses and the public.

Mental Health is a huge challenge for society everywhere today. Haney is alarmed that tobacco taxes are a primary source of income for mental health programs and yet the state is

actively discouraging tobacco use for legitimate health reasons. This is a paradox that just doesn't make sense.

The Let's Go San Diego initiative proposes new taxes to promote public transportation to alleviate traffic. SDCTA is skeptical that this effort will actually help the working class that needs help the most.

Above all, Haney is passionate about making sure that tax policies make sense and provide real assistance to the public. There are too many unintended consequences when new tax programs are put in place.

The Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary

The Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary is amazing and allows our club to donate around \$180,000 a year to local charities. One important task when determining which organizations get grants is the site visit. Foundation President, Miles Durfee, is asking club members to volunteer to serve as representatives to visit the facilities and leadership of organizations requesting funds.



Program Calendar

Why not invite a friend to an Old Mission Rotary meeting?

- Tuesday, August 2nd- Isabelle Demillian will speak about Zero-Waste Groceries.

Community Service STAR/PAL

STAR/PAL is a nonprofit organization located at Colinas Park in City Heights that is dedicated to bringing youth and law enforcement together. Their programs are led by officers of the San Diego Police Department and are free of charge to youth throughout San Diego. Old Mission Rotary has participated in several of their events in the past several years.

Community Service Chair Charlotte Cofield invited club members to volunteer to help out at STAR/PAL's upcoming Back-To-School event. **The event takes place at 10:00 am, Saturday, August 20th**, 5249 52nd Place, San Diego (Colina del Sol Park) and we are hoping to have a good showing from the club. **Please RSVP to Mayra Nunez at: mnunez@starpal.org**

"It is our offer of hands-on service, personal growth, leadership development, and lifelong friendships that creates purpose and passion."

-Jennifer Jones, RI President

Rotary Calendar

- Tuesday, July 26th- NO luncheon meeting. **Evening Social at the San Diego Mission Bay Resort** starting at 5:30pm.
- Friday, August 5th- Saturday, August 6th- **Thousand Smiles Clinic** in Ensenada
- Tuesday, August 9th- Chuck Pretto **District Governor Visit**
- Tuesday, August 9th **Board of Directors Meeting** immediately following the regular meeting.
- Tuesday, August 9th- **Rotary Night at the Padres vs. Giants**