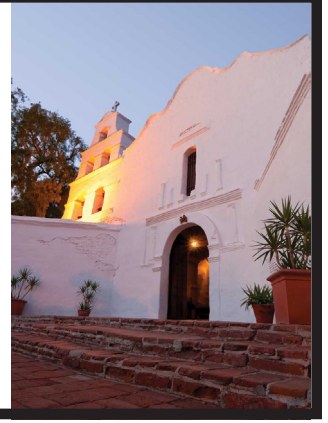




# The Old Mission Bell of Old Mission Rotary

Meetings Every Tuesday at noon  
at the Legacy Resort Hotel and Spa  
[oldmissionrotary.org](http://oldmissionrotary.org)



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## The Year of Stan Vogelsang



Stan Vogelsang assumed his new role as President of Old Mission Rotary on July 1st! Stan joined Old Mission Rotary in September of 1995 and has held many leadership positions over the decades. He is a past president of the club and of the Art Pratt Foundation and has held the position of Executive Secretary for many years. Stan has been instrumental in the smooth operations and financial health of the club.

## Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary Grant to the Vista Hill Foundation



*(L-R) Incoming Art Pratt Foundation President Lee Kaminetz and Outgoing President Miles Durfee, Old Mission Rotary Outgoing President Don Krupp and Incoming President Stan Vogelsang, Art Pratt Board members Tom Sandler and Judi Copeland and Friends of Vista Hill Executive Director Rachel Peniche.*

On June 20th, the Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary presented a grant of \$9466 to the Vista Hill Foundation to help cover the cost of new flooring in their new Stein Education Center serving students with Autism.

Vista Hill is committed to providing individuals and families with the guidance and resources they need to improve and enhance their quality of life. It was formed as a non-profit organization devoted to helping people of all ages, from communi-

ties large and small, both within and outside of San Diego, who are confronting the challenges of mental illness, substance use disorder or intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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

## Forever Balboa Park



*Elizabeth Babcock is the CEO of Forever Balboa Park and presented an amazing program to Old Mission Rotary on July 11th.*

For decades, the Balboa Park Conservancy and the Friends of Balboa Park organizations worked independently and two years ago merged to become Forever Balboa Park.

Dr. Elizabeth Babcock is the first CEO of this newly consolidated organization and discussed its essential role keeping our amazing Balboa Park a world class experience for area residents and visitors alike. The non profit has a staff of 34 with a dedicated Board of 32 Trustees. An important part of the organization are some 300 volunteers.

Balboa Park was established in 1872 but it was the 1915 Panama-California Exposition created much of the park's present-day look-and-feel. The park covers 1200 acres of open space that includes 20 separate gardens (tended to by volunteer "stewards"), 15,000 trees and 60 miles of hiking trails.

Many think of the park as the Prado promenade and Plaza de Panama with its museums, food carts and buskers but the park offers an amazing variety of activities. Many clubs meet at the park for such activities as lawn bowling, chess, archery, duplicate bridge, gemstones, photography, ballet and ethnic dancing and dozens more.

The sports complex includes the

Municipal Gym, a golf course, disc golf course, tennis club, municipal pool, a velodrome and many other facilities. The House of Pacific Relations and the collection of International Cottages are very popular and offer cultural activities and ethnic food samples. The Casa del Prado is the home of San Diego Youth Symphony and the San Diego Junior Theater and the Spanish Village Art Center offers studio space to artists and clubs. The park has three separate dog parks including Nate's Point by the Prado Bridge.

The iconic Botanical Garden Building is one of the most photographed scenes in San Diego and is closed for extensive and very necessary renovations until 2024.

The historic Balboa Park Carousel is closed for upgrades and restoration but will reopen on July 25th.. The Balboa Park Carousel is one of only 12 known remaining carousels in North America that operate a brass ring game.

Every member who heard Elizabeth's presentation is now determined to get back out to the park and enjoy this treasure!

### Club Host

### Tom Basham



*Seasoned Rotarian Tom Basham served as club host on July 11th and reflected on how he joined Rotary in August of 1989 for community service but the professional connections he made soon became the biggest part of his construction business.*

## Rotary Calendar

- Saturday, July 15th- **Demotion Dinner for Don Krupp** at 5:30pm at the home of Michelle and Paul Malin
- Tuesday, July 18th **Board of Directors Meeting** immediately following the regular meeting.
- Tuesday, July 25th- **Art Pratt Board of Directors Meeting** immediately after the regular club meeting..
- Friday-Saturday on August 4th and 5th- **Thousand Smiles Clinic** Ensenada Baja.
- Tuesday, August 8th- **District Governor Don Fipps Visit.**

## July is Maternal & Child Health Month



It is estimated that close to 6 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation, which can all be prevented. Rotary clubs and districts dedicate their efforts to improve access to quality care so that mothers and children can have long-serving opportunities for a healthy future. Projects to support mothers and children include mobile prenatal clinics, cancer screening, immunizations, and training on how to protect themselves and their children from disease.

Old Mission Rotary has been active for decades in improving public health with the VIIDAI program in San Quentin Baja..