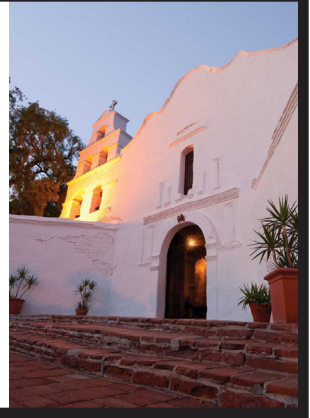




# The Old Mission Bell of Old Mission Rotary



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

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## Our National Cemeteries



*Tom Basham is a long time member of Old Mission Rotary.*

Our very own Tom Basham talked to the club about the National Cemetery Administration and the essential role it plays to provide the perpetual care for our honored veterans who have been laid to rest. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is keeping it promises to 3.8 million American Veterans, Reservists and family members so that their contributions to the nation will always be remembered. Tom served as the Director of Design and Construction for all of the National Cemeteries. He described his work across the country but focused primarily of the new Miramar National Cemetery that was dedicated on 30 January 2010. The cemetery is beautifully landscape and the tranquility is only interrupted by the roar of fighter jets from the adjacent Marine Corps Air Station can accommodate the remains of approximately 235,000 veterans and spouses.

## Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary Grant to the San Diego Rescue Mission



*(L-R) Old Mission Rotary President Michelle Malin, Art Pratt Foundation Chair Miles Durfee, Manager of Corporate and Foundation Relations for the San Diego Rescue Mission Cara Mears and Art Pratt Foundation Board Members Judi Copeland and Charlotte Cofield.*

Since 1995, The San Diego Rescue Mission has been serving San Diego's vulnerable men, women and children with a variety of programs. Their goal is to help those suffering from homelessness, hunger, abuse, poverty and addiction off the streets permanently by providing food, shelter, clothing and medical services while addressing long term physical, emotional and physical issues. The grant from the Art Pratt Foundation for \$5837 will be used for 13 Dell laptop computers.

## Thousand Smiles Summer Clinic



The Thousand Smiles Summer Clinic took place Friday, August 6th- Saturday, August 7th. The clinic served 65 dental patients and performed six surgeries.

## Community Service Event a Success!

The mission of STAR/PAL is to engage under served youth with law enforcement and to develop trust and long term relationships. Charlotte Cofield, Lee Kaminetz, president Michelle Malin and Donna Oleynick helps with a **Back to School** event on Saturday, August 7th at the STAR/PAL building in Colina Del Sol Park. Volunteers distributed over 150 back packs filled with school supplies.

## Steve Nuñez Nominated to serve as District Governor!



*Dawn Nuñez takes a selfie of her and Steve at our Rotary Demotion Dinner in June. Bob Chalfa serves as Assistant District Governor for Area 9 and announced that Steve has been nominated to serve as a future District 5340 Governor. Steve has served as Old Mission Rotary President and as an Assistant District Governor.*

### What are the Duties of a Club Host?

- Be prepared to greet members and guests at promptly at noon in the meeting room.
- Bring three raffle gifts of about \$10 value each.
- Open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance
- Deliver a short invocation
- Use the guest sign in sheet to introduce visitors.
- Present a five minute "Who Am I."

### Rotary Calendar

- Tuesday, September 17th- **Board of Directors Meeting** immediately following the regular meeting at the Legacy Resort and Spa.
- Friday, September 10th- Sunday, September 12th **District 5340 Conference** at the Hotel del Coronado

## Special Guest VIDAII Pioneer



*Stan Vogelsang invited VIDAII founder Dr. Stephanie Brodine to lunch at Old Mission Rotary. VIDAII is a bi-national collaboration between the Universidad Autónoma de Baja California (UABC) medical school, San Diego State University (SDSU) and the University of California San Diego (UCSD) medical school. VIDAII's mission is to create an opportunity for students and faculty from these three universities to work together to provide medical services and public health education to colonias in Baja California, Mexico, Dr. Stephanie Brodine, MD was one of the founders of this public health effort back in 1998. She was a retired Navy Captain and was starting a second career on the faculty of San Diego State University. Old Mission Rotarian Bob James Sr. introduced our club to VIDAII in 2007. Club members Stan Vogelsang, Jerry Hosenkamp and Mark McAnelly have been very active participants in the program. Since then, Old Mission Rotary has worked with the school at the colonia to fund the projects that they asked for. These included a computer center, library, shade structure, electrical and lighting improvements, a new classroom, soccer uniforms and equipment and exterior painting of the school. We also participated in a recycled water system that provides fresh water to the students. VIDAII will ramp up again for our twice a year visits post Covid-19.*

## Club Host



*Tom Sandler is a long time and very active member of Old Mission Rotary.*

Tom Sandler served as club host on Tuesday, August 10th.

Tom is the owner of the Frame Station located at 4085 Pacific Highway. Tom and his experienced team create quality custom picture framing. In the course of 35 years in the business, Tom has framed everything from a stale loaf of bread commemorating a first date to the finest of prints, photos and art. Tom learned the business at the Aaron Brothers Laguna Beach store after college.

Tom and Sondra have raised 13 puppies with Canine Companions and Tom will be bringing Ruby to a meeting soon.

Tom is the driving force behind our dynamic Old Mission Rotary RYLA program. Typically, we sponsor students from five separate high schools to participate in Rotary leadership training over a weekend in Idyllwild.

Tom and his wife make an annual pilgrimage to London where they stay in the same apartment and spend much of their time in pubs. Tom was recognized in the Union Tribune Newspaper for his volunteer work in the community. They made special note of his efforts at Rady Children's Hospital.