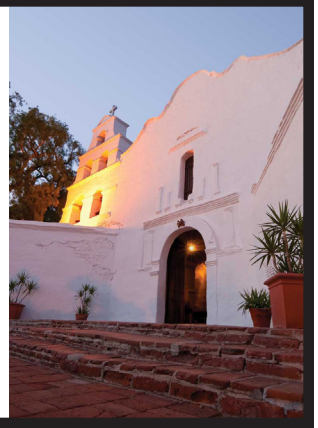




Old Mission Rotary

Meets Every Tuesday at noon at the
Best Western Seven Seas Hotel
Hotel Circle South
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Corona Conversation



The Corona Conversation is a new weekly feature now included in our Old Mission Rotary ZOOM Meetings. Don Krupp will be presenting from his experience as the retired county administrator of Clackamas County Oregon where he dealt with many serious public health challenges. In his first report, Don stressed that Covid-19 is a serious threat and gave a general introduction to viruses and how rapidly they can spread.

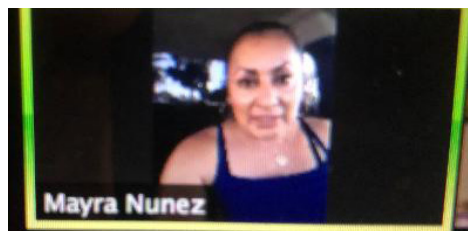
Program Calendar

Why not invite a friend to ZOOM with us?

- August 25th- **San Diego International Airport Development Plan**
- September 1st- **Von & On Ministries in Tijuana**
- September 8th- **Kiyana Asemanfar and Common Cause**

Community Service

Charlotte Cofield serves as our Community Service Chair and has been instrumental with partnering with STAR/PAL on a service project to distribute back packs filled with school supplies to inner city youth in Colina Park and in Encanto. STAR/PAL was founded in 1988 and is a San Diego-based nonprofit organization with a unique nationally recognized model of police and community collaboration. Sworn officers from the San Diego Police and County Probation Departments work side-by-side with civilian personnel and trained law enforcement volunteers to provide the leadership and mentoring critical in promoting youth safety, positive life choices, and academic success. All STAR/PAL programs are led by law enforcement officers who educate youth about the dangers of juvenile crime and violence.



Mayra Nuñez attended our ZOOM meeting. She is the Director of Community Relations at STAR/PAL.

Cultivating Literacy

Our ZOOM Club program on August 18th was presented by Julia Neff and Leigh Monistere of Cultivating Literacy. Their mission is to empower families of early readers by providing strategies, individualized interventions, and expert guidance to help children grow as successful readers and writers.

Their program is designed for kindergarten through first-grade children in the Santa Clara, CA community who need more practice and attention in reading and writing instruction.

Intervening early in a child's education can help address areas of need early on as opposed to later when these needs may have further developed. Their specialists work with kindergarten through first-grade students who show signs of foundational literacy needs.



Leigh Dexter Monistere is a co-Founder and the Executive Director of Cultivating Literacy.

Project Mercy

Gary Stemple announced that Project Mercy is building houses for Baja again! They are moving ahead with plans for a special Fall Construction Event on a three acre site in Chula Vista and are planning to ship pre-assembled housing components to Mexico.

This event is being organized with great care and consideration for both the safety and enjoyment of everyone involved. The proposed date is Saturday, October 24th and Old Mission Rotarians are asked to participate. In the past, participants have traveled south to build the single family houses on site in Tijuana.

What will be missing during the pandemic era will be the smiles and tears of the grateful families as they are handed the keys to their new homes.



Gary Stemple has been involved with Project Mercy for many years and is the liason for the home building project for Old Mission Rotary. Victoria Helm, of the Fallbrook Rotary Club was instrumental in getting Francis Parker Interact students to participate.

In the mountains of truth you will never climb in vain: either you will get up higher today or you will exercise your strength so as to be able to get up higher tomorrow.

-Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche, philosopher (15 Oct 1844-1900)

Club Host



Brian Dempsey presented a *Who Am I* on August 18th. Brian grew up on the Jersey Shore in a large Irish-Catholic family. He attended college at the Jesuit, Roman Catholic St. Peter's University in Jersey City. After school he decided to join the Navy and was commissioned as a Naval Flight Officer. The Vietnam War was winding down but Operation Linebacker sent his ship, the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga, from a scheduled Mediterranean assignment to the South China Sea. Brian flew combat missions against North Vietnam until the North Vietnamese agreed to return to the peace table in Paris. Brian enjoyed his career in the Navy that along with flying off aircraft carriers included a NATO posting in Oslo Norway and shore duty in Gaeta Italy.

Brian was wrapping up his military service as an NROTC instructor at the University of Illinois when he discovered Edward Jones Investments. Upon retirement he was hired as an investment adviser and took advantage of an opportunity to start an office in San Diego. Some 28 years later, having traded in an F-14 Tomcat Fighter for a desk, Brian truly enjoys his second career in financial planning.

Brian served as the President of Old Mission Rotary and noted that he joined the club when a late member, Jim Nelson, insisted that he come to lunch and check out Rotary.

Vocational Spotlight Charlotte Cofield

Charlotte Cofield and her business *Charlotte Cofield Homes* were the subjects of our Vocational Spotlight on August 18th. Charlotte is a premier real estate expert in San Diego County and can provide all the resources and information needed to either buy or sell homes. She works with buyers, sellers and investors throughout San Diego County and specializes in the 4S Ranch, Del Sur, Rancho Bernardo, Santa Fe Valley, and Santaluz communities. Charlotte has made it her mission to strive towards making real estate transactions run smoothly for her clients. She prides herself on her knowledge of current transactions, school districts, neighborhood information, and related services, including mortgage, insurance and inspection information. She also offers property management services and manages rental properties for owners as far away as China and India!



Charlotte Cofield quit the corporate world 15 years ago to start her own real estate business. She has never looked back!

Rotary Calendar

- Tuesday, August 25th- **Art Pratt Foundation ZOOM Board of Directors Meeting**
- Tuesday, September 8th- **Old Mission Rotary ZOOM Board of Directors Meeting**