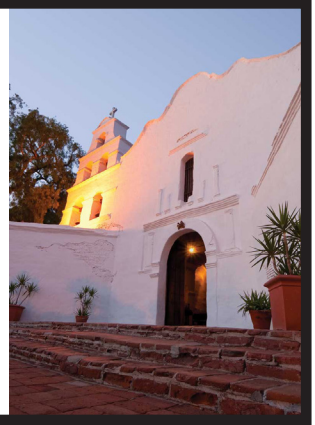




The Old Mission Bell of Old Mission Rotary

Meetings Every Tuesday at noon
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The District Governor Cometh



District Governor Chuck Pretto visited Old Mission Rotary on Tuesday, August 9th.

In 1992, Chuck joined San Diego Rotary Club 33 to promote his family business- The Kobey Swap Meet. He was just about to quit Rotary when he was asked to host a Rotary exchange student. That experience ignited his Rotary flame and Chuck and his wife have hosted seven Youth Exchange students (High School) and Ambassadorial Scholars (Graduate Students) over the years. In Club 33, he chaired numerous committees including Camp Enterprise, Project Allocations & Grants and Youth Exchange. He served as President of Club 33 in 2013-14 and then Chair of his club's foundation the following year.

He has been active at the District
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Thousand Smiles Summer Clinic



The Thousand Smiles Summer Clinic in Ensenada served 45 child dental patients and performed seven surgeries.



District Governor Chuck Pretto is flanked by Steve Nuñez (R) and Lee Kaminetz of Old Mission Rotary. Both Steve and Lee brought their kids along to volunteer and witness the great work of Thousand Smiles.

The Mighty Bin



Isabelle Demillian of The Might Bin grocery store in North Park.

On August 2nd, Isabelle Demillian presented a program about Zero-Waste Groceries.

Isabelle had a career as an energy consultant and sustainability analyst, and decided to put her passion for environmental conservation toward opening a more sustainable grocery concept. She raised over \$35,000 through a successful KickStarter campaign and opened The Mighty-Bin in North Park.

Her grocery store offers a wide variety of bulk grocery items including nuts, beans, grains, cereals, baking products, oils, coffee, spices, dried fruit, produce, cleaning products and much more. Customers can purchase and carry home their purchases in paper bags, jars or other reusable packaging. Plastic packaging is thus eliminated. Isabelle is also committed to offering organic and healthy foods that are from sustainable sources.

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level and served as District Conference Chair, Chief of Staff, Rotaract Chair, Chief Aide and Chief Assistant Governor.

Chuck is a great friend of Old Mission Rotary and thanked our club and the Art Pratt Foundation for our charitable work. He was particularly impressed by our club's dedication to The Thousand Smiles Clinic both with fund raising and staffing. Chuck was excited to distribute the new Rotary branded lapel pins. These include not only the Rotary wheel but the word ROTARY. When Chuck was getting dental work done, his hygienist, Jessica, saw the pin and asked him what Rotary was. A conversation was started and so Chuck invited Jessica to attend our Old Mission Rotary Club meeting!

One of Chuck's goals as District Governor is to place Peace Poles at high schools and universities around the district. A Peace Pole is a hand-crafted monument that displays the message that "Peace May Prevail on Earth." He suggested that Old Mission Rotary could install one at Francis Parker School where we have an Interact Club.

Another goal is to increase charitable giving in the district by promoting legacy and estate plan gifts to the Rotary International Foundation. One major district focus this year will be mental health and specifically suicide prevention. Chuck is organizing a Rotary Action Group to find ways we can help. He became emotional as he expressed his desire to really make a difference here in our San Diego.

Old Mission Rotary was thrilled to welcome District Governor Chuck and we were most impressed with his sincerity and his devotion to Rotary and our San Diego community!

The Art Pratt Foundation of

Old Mission Rotary

The Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary is amazing and allows our club to donate 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.



Miles Durfee is the President of the Art Pratt Foundation and announced that the foundation is on track to deliver about \$200,000 in charitable grants this year.

Program Calendar

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

- Tuesday, August 16th Megan Phelps of Youth4Climate. The organization is working to educate the public about climate change.

The Board of Directors of Old Mission Rotary have proposed Gerry Mclean and Berk Ackal for club membership

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** (On the south side of 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**

Paul Harris Fellowships



District Governor Chuck Pretto presented Matt Risi with his Paul Harris Plus Five Fellowship and pin with five sapphires. Gary Stemple was not present to receive his Paul Harris Plus Four Fellowship. Money raised in honor of the founder of Rotary goes to the Rotary International Foundation. For Rotary year 2020-21, the Rotary International Foundation awarded \$17.3 million in grants.