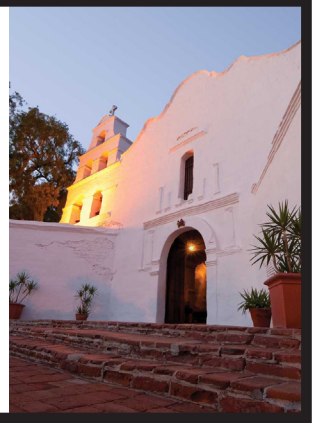




Old Mission Rotary

Meets Every Tuesday at noon at the
Best Western Seven Seas Hotel
Hotel Circle South
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Flying Samaritans



(L-R) UCSD Pre-Med students Alexandra Felix-Campos and Aaron Chen with Flying Sams Palomar Chapter member John Musselman.

On August 20th, we enjoyed an inspiring program on the Flying Samaritans from John Musselman. The group is a volunteer organization which operates free medical clinics in Baja California, Mexico. Doctors, dentists, nurses, translators, pilots and support personnel drive or fly to clinics in private aircraft. The Palomar Chapter, organized in 1989, now operates six clinics, all of which can be accessed by car: El Testarazo, Tecate, Eréndira, El Hongo, Valle Redondo and Ensenada. Their medical and dental professionals are supported by volunteers, many of whom are pre-med students.

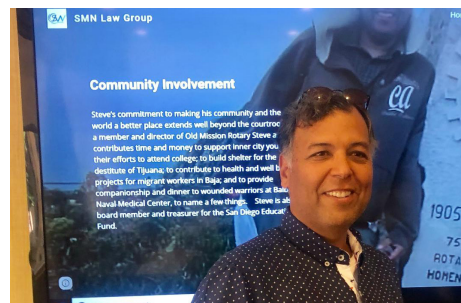
Alexandra Felix-Campos and Aaron Chen presented a slide show on the work of the UCSD chapter of the Flying Sams. Both Alexandra and Aaron are pre-med students and travel to Baja frequently..

Rotarian of the Month August 2019



Mary Lou MacIvaine was our Rotarian of the month for August! She was surprised and asked what she did to deserve the honor. President Matt replied that she displayed tremendous enthusiasm and participation as a new Rotarian. We are all grateful that, on her own accord, she continues our club Medical Minute tradition.

Vocational Service Attorney- Fraud

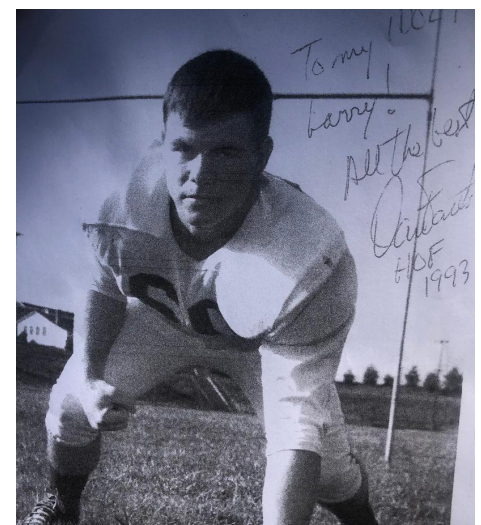


Steve Nuñez announced the opening of his new law firm called SMN Law Group. His area of expertise is financial fraud and he has just taken on a case where investors were conned out of millions in a Ponzi scheme.

Rotary Calendar

- Old Mission Board of Directors Meeting-** September 10th immediately following the regular meeting.
- Rotary District Padre Game** against the Chicago Cubs on Tuesday, September 10th.
- Rotary Leadership Institute (Pre-PETS)-** Saturday, September 21st
- Interact Symposium-** October 5
- Project Mercy-** House building in Tijuana on Saturday, October 5th.

Larry Edwards Hero of the Gridiron



Charger great Dan Fouts autographed a 1966 photo of Troutman High School grid iron legend Larry Edwards. Dan wrote "To my idol Larry!"

The All New Medical Minute!



Dr. Mary Lou Macilvaine presented The Medical Minute on August 6th. A study has shown that when patients ask doctors if there is possibly an alternative diagnosis for their condition, 40% of the time doctors will supply an alternative diagnosis. Does this mean there's a 40% chance of your doctor misdiagnosing your condition? I doubt it. This study may not even be reproducible. And if a doctor cites an alternate diagnosis, it doesn't necessarily mean their first diagnosis was wrong. Maybe the doctors in the study cited their reasoning for why it wasn't "X" diagnosis or "Y" or "Z," while still sticking to their original diagnostic choice. It's hard to know. But even without knowing these details, it might be a good idea for patients seeing doctors to ask if there could be a different diagnosis for their condition.

Club Programs

"Why not invite a friend?.."

- September 10th- **GI Film Festival San Diego Sneak Preview** with Heather Milne Barger, Director of Communications, KPBS
- September 17th **Prevent Drowning Foundation**

Club Host



Cynthia Drake served as our club host on July 16th. Cynthia was born in Texas in a military family and traveled around while she grew up. She graduated from Nursing School and worked for 20 years in hospitals. Much of her time was spent in Emergency Rooms but her most embarrassing moment was when she dropped a donor heart on the floor!

Cynthia decided to change careers and earned an MBA. She then worked in medical device marketing in a career that would span 21 years. One of her jobs took her to Connecticut and she remarked "I survived New England!" Cynthia was laid off and decided to become an industry consultant.

She lived in San Diego where she was a member of both Rotary and Thousand Smiles. At Thousand Smiles, she worked in the operating room. When her daughter was fighting cancer, the family moved to Texas. Sadly, her daughter lost her battle.

Cynthia returned to San Diego and found Old Mission Rotary and was "shamed" by Bob Chalfa to return to Thousand Smiles.

Cynthia is a relatively new member and we are thrilled to have such a qualified and experience Rotarian in Old Mission Rotary!

Promises2Kids



Our speaker on August 27th was Rajah Gainey who currently serves as the development and community engagement manager for Promises2Kids. Rajah raises funds and awareness to support the programs serving over 3,000 San Diego foster youth.

Promises2Kids is a leading non-profit organization originally founded over 38 years ago. Since 1981, Promises2Kids has responded to the needs of foster children and has provided support to children removed from their home due to abuse and neglect. Promises2Kids annually provides over 3,000 current and former foster youth in San Diego County with the tools, opportunities, and guidance they need to address the challenges that brought them into foster care. They help these kids overcome the difficulties of their past and grow into healthy, happy and successful adults. Promises2Kids supports these children through four core programs: Polinsky Children's Center, Camp Connect, Guardian Scholars and Foster Funds.

Our members were moved and by the stories of so many young people struggling with tragic childhoods. We were impressed by Promises2Kids and their efforts to help these kids become happy and productive young adults.