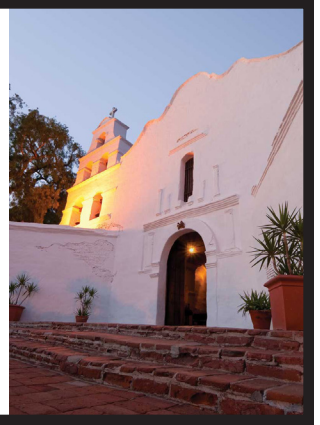




# Old Mission Rotary

Meets Every Tuesday at noon at the  
Best Western Seven Seas Hotel  
Hotel Circle South  
[oldmissionrotary.org](http://oldmissionrotary.org)

September 2020- Edition One



## Von & On Ministries

Our club program on September 1st was presented by Philip Cunningham about Von & On Ministries in Tijuana. Von & On Ministries is a continuation in part, of the work started by Pastor Von, (born Erhardt George Anton Wolf Trutzschler Von Falkenstein), over 50 years ago. Thus, the name Von & On.

The primary focus of Von & On is to aid and advocate for significantly poor and disadvantaged children, families and individuals particularly in times of difficulty, crisis, illness or accident in Tijuana, Mexico. They also provide various fun events, services and classes to the communities they work in.

The group helps to support an orphanage and a home for

the elderly. Both facilities are woefully underfunded. One of their signature programs include a sewing school to teach young women a trade. They also provide haircuts, uniforms and school supplies required for children to attend public school in Mexico. The Covid-19 era has really impacted the poor in Tijuana and the lack of food is more serious than ever. Philip and his wife are running food south across the border weekly and distributing to poor families. The club was reminded of the never ending desperate need for help in Tijuana. We were greatly impressed by the efforts of Philip and his small staff.



*School supplies, haircuts and uniforms help kids get back to school.*



*Sewing classes allow young girls and women to learn a trade.*

## New Meeting Venue! Legacy Hotel Resort and Spa



Old Mission Rotary has shifted meeting locations to the sparkling and impressive Legacy Resort and Spa in Mission Valley. When the day comes when we can meet again in person, the club will hold hybrid meetings where we will also be broadcasting the meeting in ZOOM. The Legacy is also offering discounts on food and beverage and rooms to Rotarians.



*Old Mission Rotarians Pat Esparza and Steve Marciano celebrate Steve's new job as General Manager of the Legacy Hotel Resort and Spa now open in Mission Valley. Steve and Pat met as members of Mesa Arizona Rotary ten years ago and have been together as a couple for seven years and are engaged!*

### Program Calendar

*Why not invite a friend to ZOOM with us?*

- September 15th- **Jennifer Gilmore**, CEO of Kitchens For Good
- September 22nd- **Joanne Newgard & Reed Maltbie** of Doors of Change
- September 29th- **James Floros** CEO of The San Diego Food Bank

## Rotary Calendar

- Tuesday, September 22nd- **Art Pratt Foundation ZOOM Board of Directors Meeting**
- Saturday, October 24th **Project Mercy House Build in Chula Vista**
- Friday, November 6th - Saturday, November 7th- **Thousand Smiles Summer Clinic** in Ensenada.

## To Meet or Not to Meet?



*President Gary has sent out an e-mail survey to our membership. The club leadership wants to know when you will be willing to return to in person meetings. Our new venue will be the Legacy Resort Hotel and Spa where Covid-19 safety measures will be in place.*

## Project Mercy Save the Date!

Gary Stemple announced that Project Mercy has scheduled a special fall construction event on a three acre site in Chula Vista. They are planning to ship pre-assembled housing components to Tijuana for final assembly into single family homes.

The date for the project is Saturday, October 24th and Old Mission Rotarians are asked to participate.

## Redistricting and Common Cause

Our speaker on September 8th was Kiyana Asemanfar who is the Policy Manager for California Common Cause. California Common Cause is dedicated to building a democracy that includes everyone by working on voting rights, redistricting reform, government transparency and money in politics. A major goal is to end structural inequities in our state and local democracies and to create governments at all levels that are accountable to and reflective of California's communities. Voting districts everywhere are redrawn every ten years using data collected by the US Census. When the character of neighborhoods change then the geography of political districts often need to be redefined so that the majority can be well represented. Districts can change by race, religion, language national origin and other characteristics.

Kiyana's talk focused on redistricting for the City of San Diego Council Districts and the County of San Diego Supervisors. These boundaries will be redrawn in the spring of 2021 by the California Redistricting Commission.



*Kiyana Asemanfar is the Policy Manager for California Common Cause. She can present to any group in English, Persian, Turkish or Spanish!*

## Stan Vogelsang 25 Years in Rotary!



Stan Vogelsang celebrated 25 years in Rotary on September 1st. Stan serves as the Executive Secretary for Old Mission Rotary and is instrumental in club operations. Stan is a Past President of Old Mission Rotary, the Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary and the Thousand Smiles Foundation. Stan is a Vietnam Veteran where he served in the Central Highlands with the Air Force. He had a fascinating career working inventory control for Walmart all over the world. Stan and Julie have been married for 54 years and live in El Cajon. Old Mission Rotary thanks Stan Vogelsang for all of his years of dedicated service!



*Sesy Enriquez has returned as the president of Pacific Beach Rotaract, Old Mission Rotary is proud to be one of the sponsoring Rotary Clubs. Pacific Beach Rotaract is very active and has been recognized by Rotary International!*