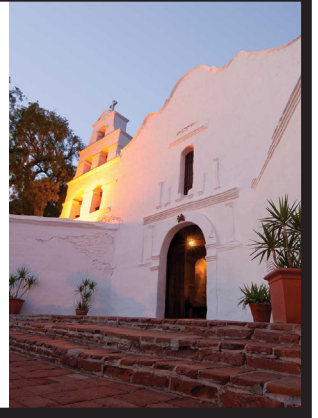




Old Mission Rotary

Meets Every Tuesday at noon at the
Best Western Seven Seas Hotel
Hotel Circle South
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San Diego Police



Paul Connelly is a 22 year veteran of the San Diego Police Department. Old Mission Rotary was treated to a powerful program on September 3rd delivered by Assistant Police Chief Paul Connelly. Paul served as an officer in the Marine Corps and then joined the San Diego Police Department in 1997. He is one of six Assistant Police Chiefs and his area of responsibility is neighborhood policing and homelessness.

Chief Connelly outlined the priorities of our new Police Chief Dave Nisleit. The department is recovering from low staffing levels created with budget restrictions. The department needs 2043 officers but only has 1860. We have 14.2 police officers for every 10,000 citizens while cities like Phoenix have 20 per 10,000. While San Diego is the safest large city in the US with only 35 homicides last year, we are next to

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Proposed for Membership



Liam Dunphy has been proposed for membership in Old Mission Rotary. Liam works for St. Paul's Senior Services. He was a member of the Uptown Rotary Club until the club was disbanded.

Rotary Calendar

- Rotary Leadership Institute (Pre-PETS)**- Saturday, September 21st
- Projects Committee**- Tuesday, October 1st after the regular meeting
- Interact Symposium**- October 5
- Project Mercy**- House building in Tijuana on Saturday, October 5th.
- Pacific Beach Pub Tour for Polio** with Pacific Beach Rotaract on Saturday, October 19th
- World Polio Day Pub Walking Tour** with Pacific Beach Rotaract on Saturday, October 19th

Club Host



Paula Kelly served as our club host on September 3rd. Paula joined Rotary in 1993. President Matt took the opportunity to announce that Paula and her husband Paul just celebrated 47 years of marriage on September 6th.

Paula discussed her work with International Relief Teams. One very important local program is the distribution of back packs with food for children in poor neighborhoods. Children are able to eat at our public schools but often go home on weekends to households with minimal meals. Paula thanked the Art Pratt Foundation for supporting the back pack program.



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Tijuana that suffered 2500 murders last year. Gang activity in San Diego is always a challenge. Another issue is the need for better equipment. Officers need more assault rifles and better enhanced body armor.

A pressing assignment for Chief Connelly is homelessness. A new police division will focus on helping homeless people get services and mental health treatment while also cracking down on those disrupting the quality of life of residents and businesses in certain neighborhoods. There are some 5500 homeless people in the city. While there are concentrations in East Village, the Midway District and the San Diego river bed, homeless individuals and camps are all across the city. Homeless Outreach Team officers will try to connect people on the street with services that can help them become self-sufficient and get housing.

Alcoholism and drug addiction are major problems with the homeless but the biggest issue is mental health. The bad news is that there are simply not enough programs and facilities to treat and house the street people who need help. A new tactic is to pair law enforcement officers with mental health clinicians called Psychiatric Emergency Response Teams (PERT).

Old Mission Rotary was impressed by Chief Connelly and his commitment to improve our San Diego neighborhoods.

There is no greatness where there is not simplicity, goodness, and truth.

-Leo Tolstoy, Russian novelist

Club Host Susan Tinel



Our club host on August 6th was Susan Tinel. Susan even came prepared with a PowerPoint Presentation for her "Who Am I!"

Susan is an Enrolled Agent (EA) at her business *April 15 Taxes, Inc.*, which *is* a full-service, cloud-based firm offering services in tax, accounting and entity filings. As an Enrolled Agent, Susan is certified to work directly with the IRS for her clients. She is based in San Diego and armed with her Blackberry, she works with more than 150 clients across the country, in Canada and the United Kingdom. 75 percent of her clients are small businesses. Susan is a QuickBooks ProAdvisor® and certified in QuickBooks® Online. Susan also uses Intuit® ProConnect™ Tax Online, Intuit Link, QuickBooks Online Accountant and Intuit Online Payroll.

Susan is a San Bernadino native who moved to San Diego 20 years ago.

She admits that she is a bird freak and worked for Project Wildlife nurturing injured birds to their return to the wild. She also volunteered at the Chula Vista Nature Center.

Susan is a Ballroom Dance instruc-

tor and has competed in Ballroom dancing competitions all over the world.

Susan is passionate about travel and even her husband Pierre is French! Her globe trotting started at the age of 18 when she was sent to Japan to stay with a Japanese girl who had been a student in San Diego.

And you are probably wondering why Susan still uses a Blackberry! She explained that their technology is much more secure than modern smart phones. We are delighted to welcome Susan to Old Mission Rotary!



Our Rotary meeting on August 20th was so well attended that Eric Benink had no choice but to take an obstructed view seat! Eric exclaimed "The same thing happened to me in Wrigley Field and Fenway Park!"

Club Programs

"Why not invite a friend?..

- September 17th **Prevent Drowning Foundation-** Teaching Every Child in San Diego to Swim
- September 24th **Urban Corps** Lauren Welch, Development Manager,