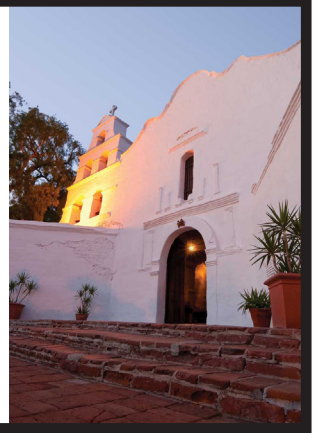




# The Old Mission Bell of Old Mission Rotary

Meetings Every Tuesday at noon  
at the Legacy Resort Hotel and Spa  
[oldmissionrotary.org](http://oldmissionrotary.org)

September 2022- Edition One



## Fundación Casa Serra



*Andrea Uribe presented a program virtually on Zoom about her experiences in a Rotary cultural program on the Spanish Island of Majorca.*

Andrea Uribe was selected by Fundacion Casa Serra for a Rotary scholarship trip to Majorca Spain in July. Andrea visited Old Mission Rotary on May 3rd to request help to fund her airfare so she could attend the program.

Andrea is no stranger to Rotary. She is the Peace Chair of Pacific Beach Rotaract. In high school she was a Rotary Youth Exchange student and lived with a local family in Charleroi Belgium. She attended a year of high school where she became fluent in French!

The people of Majorca and the nine Rotary clubs there are immensely proud of native son Father Junípero

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## Welcome to Old Mission Rotary Gerry McLean



*Gerry McLean was inducted into Old Mission Rotary on August 30th. Gerry is a Master Social Worker, MSW, with the non profit zero8hundred.*

zero8hundred is a resource referral program dedicated to working with transitioning service members, recent veterans and their spouses (including Gold Star Spouses).

**Old Mission Rotary  
Board of Directors  
Meeting on Tuesday,  
September 13th  
Immediately Following the  
Regular Meeting**

## Human Trafficking



*Past District Governor, Steve Weitzen, presented a program on Human Trafficking on September 6th.*

At the Rotary International Convention in Toronto in 2018 then Incoming District Governor, Steve Weitzen attended a break out session on Human Trafficking. The fire was ignited and Steve was inspired to tackle this issue head on. San Diego is one of the country's hotspots for trafficking. The FBI has ranked San Diego as one of the 13 worst regions in the United States with up to 8,000 victims per year. Sex trafficking isn't always obvious. We commonly identify girls and women as victims of trafficking; however, boys are regularly targeted. Youth who identify as LGBTQ+ are particularly vulnerable.

Steve invited all of us to participate in the **Rotary People of Action Summit on Human Trafficking**. The event will take place at the Liberty Station Conference Center on October 1, 2022.

## Majorca

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Serra. The Spanish Roman Catholic priest and missionary of the Franciscan Order is credited with establishing the first mission in Baja California and the first nine of 21 Spanish missions in California from San Diego to San Francisco. Andrea presented a slide show on her travels around the beautiful island and her visits to Rotary clubs. Recently in California, Serra's reputation and missionary work during the Spanish rule have been condemned by critics, who cite abuse of the Native Americans. Andrea noted that in Majorca, Father Serra is still revered as a Saint and a favorite son.

Andrea loves Majorca so much that she is now starting a Masters Program in the University of the Balearic Islands!

## Paul Harris Fellowship



Old Mission Rotary RI Foundation Chair, Lee Kaminetz, presented Steve Nuñez with his **Paul Harris Plus Seven Fellowship** and pin with seven sapphires.

Money raised in honor of the founder of Rotary, Paul Harris, goes to the Rotary International Foundation. For Rotary year 2020-21, the Rotary International Foundation awarded \$17.3 million in grants worldwide. These funds are distributed to local clubs in the forms of District and Global Grants.

## Club Host- September 6th

### Gary John Collins



Every time Gary John Collins serves as club host, he gives us a glimpse into another facet of his fascinating past.

On September 6th, Gary reminisced about his struggles in Los Angeles as a young actor and comedian.

Even an appearance on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno was not enough. Gary was so broke that there were times that if he ran out of gas he would have had to abandon his car!

Gary returned to his native New Orleans and became a partner in a business that pasteurized raw oysters. The process killed bacteria in the shellfish without cooking them. It was a great idea that had little real world success.

The real value of this time back home was that Gary reconnected with family and friends.

## Rotary Calendar

- Saturday, October 1st- **People of Action Human Trafficking Summit** at the Liberty Station Conference Center.
- Saturday, October 15th- **Demotion Dinner** at Hacienda Hosenkamp
- Saturday and Sunday, October 15th & 16th- **LEAD Conference** at the San Diego County Cuyumaca School.
- Saturday, October 29th **District Conference** Del Mat Hilton.

## Club Host- August 30th

### Michelle Malin



Michelle Malin was born in Massachusetts into a big, Italian-Irish Catholic Family. When she was 7 years old, the family piled into a 15-passenger van and moved to California. Michelle's Italian grandmother lived with the family and taught all the children how to cook and bake. The family is extremely close and still gathers regularly to share big feasts with homemade Italian food.

Michelle went to UC Santa Barbara where she double-majored in Communications and Sociology. She originally thought her career would be in Public Relations, but throughout college she worked in several different youth programs. When it came time to graduate, she realized that working with children was her passion. After graduation, she began working for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Fullerton and fell in love with the mission of the organization. She moved down to San Diego in 2000 to take a position with the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Diego. Today, she serves as Senior Vice President & Chief Operations Officer of the Club. She oversees 23 service locations and nearly 200 staff. Michelle married Paul in 2006. They share two children, Lucy (age 14) and Joey (age 12). Lucy is currently a freshman at Poway High School and plays clarinet in the marching band. Joey plays the saxophone and loves all-things Minecraft. In her free time, Michelle loves reading, baking and doing craft projects.