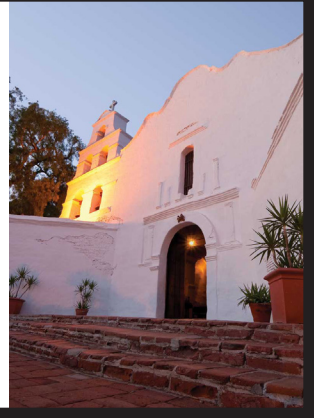


# Old Mission Rotary

Meets Every Tuesday at noon at the  
Best Western Seven Seas Hotel  
Hotel Circle South  
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## Doors of Change

Our Zoom presentation on September 22nd was made by the President and Founder of Doors of Change Jeffrey Sitcov and by the Program Director Joanne Newguard.

Since 2001, Doors of Change has been transforming the lives of homeless youth, one young person at a time. The 501(c)(3) has raised over \$4.7 to help youth between the ages of 17 and 25 and for more than 18 years they have helped place over 2,000 homeless youth in safe housing and off the streets. Founder Jeffrey Sitcov explained that the key to assisting homeless youth is to gain their trust. The "Taking Art and Music to the Streets" program has been a brilliant success. In normal times, weekly Sunday dinners at the Episcopal church in Ocean Beach attract the kids. Over 8000 youth have attended these dinners over 18 years.

Last year, our Community Service Chair Vicki Yates, was so moved by a Doors of Change Club Program that she organized sup-

port from Old Mission Rotary for Sunday dinners in Ocean Beach. Our club was able to participate in two of the meals before they were suspended due to the pandemic. During the COVID-19 pandemic, many of their social services have gone virtual with 760 virtual visits. Food drops are announced over social media and flyers distributed in Ocean Beach. During the pandemic, 37 youth have been moved to housing, 98 referred to mental health and substance abuse programs and three kids have become employed. Doors of Change has an Angel Team donation program where individuals can donate as little as \$11 per month.



*Doors of Change uses art and music programs to build trust with homeless youth in Ocean Beach. Once engaged, the program can assist the youth with housing and many other social services programs including MediCal.*

## Rotary Calendar

- Tuesday, September 29th- **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.
- Tuesday, November 10th- **Old Mission Rotary ZOOM Board of Directors Meeting**

## 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 and contribute money to the effort. Our club is committed to building and funding two houses.

## Program Calendar

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

- September 29th- **James Floros CEO** of The San Diego Food Bank

A prince who is not wise himself will never take good advice.  
-Niccolo Machiavelli, political philosopher (1469-1527)