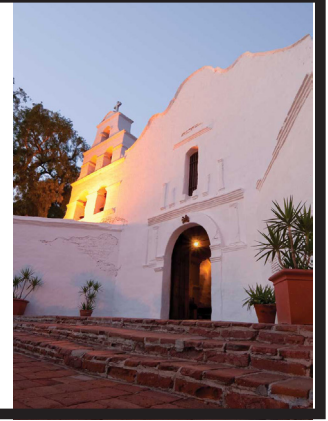


# Rotary



## 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 2023- Edition One

### Understanding Affordable Housing



*Tricia Tasto Levien has more than two decades of experience in housing programs, government relations and project management, with expertise in legislative activities and supportive housing development and operations.*

Tricia Tasto Levien is the Vice President of Operations for Wakeland Housing & Development Corporation and she presented a program, on August 29th, about the work her organization is doing to bring affordable housing to low income households in San Diego County.

Wakeland Housing & Development Corporation was founded in 1998 as a nonprofit corporation. With its for-profit and nonprofit partners, Wakeland has developed, acquired and rehabilitated 7,900 units of affordable housing over

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### An Unsung Hero of Old Mission Rotary



Judi Copeland served as our club host on September 5th and noted that she had joined Old Mission Rotary exactly 34 years ago in 1989. This was just at the end of the era when women were not allowed in Rotary.

Judi remembered “So to be the third woman asked to join was a BIG DEAL! Judi noted that “It’s been a wonderful ride and I continue to be proud to say I AM A ROTARIAN. I hope that someday many of you will be able to say “I’ve been a Rotarian for 34 years.” Judi was raised in a military family and her Dad flew B-52 bombers and was highly decorated. He even flew the first plane to fly NON STOP around the world with only in flight refueling. Judi attended the UC Berkeley and graduated from SDSU with a degree in Sociology. Judi enjoyed four wonderful careers:

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### The Wonderful World of Tom Sandler



Tom Sandler served as club host on August 29th and related how he spent a day with Walt Disney back in 1955. Tom’s father was a journalist and young Tom tagged along for an interview, tour and lunch before the theme park opened. Tom even got to see a live broadcast of The Mickey Mouse Club television show and yes...Tom instantly developed a lifelong crush on Annette Funicello!

### Rotary Theme for September is Basic Education and Literacy

Basic Education and Literacy is one of Rotary’s six areas of focus. Enhancing Basic Education skills and Literacy are essential in reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace.

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the years, emerging as a leader in affordable housing communities in San Diego and throughout California. Some 39,000 people have received housing in 57 separate communities.

Low income is defined by the term Area Median Income (AMI). In 2023, the Area Median Income (AMI) for San Diego County is \$116,800. Low income residents will not be expected to pay more than 30% of their monthly income towards rent. An example is a family with an income of \$2000 per month would be expected to pay \$700.

Wakeland also offers supportive housing where residents have access to a wide range of onsite and offsite supportive services that address the complex needs of people who have experienced homelessness, with the goal of helping them thrive in their homes for the long term. At Wakeland's supportive housing properties, the annual housing attrition rate is just 8 percent, with 92 percent of residents remaining stably housed.

A new project is the conversion of the Riverwalk Golf Course in Mission Valley to a new residential community of 930 apartments. 430 of the units will be allocated for low income rentals.

More than 350 struggling households will soon move into affordable homes in San Diego and Riverside counties thanks to \$68 million awarded to Wakeland from the State of California's Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

A common fear among the public is that low income housing will bring in crime, chaos and other

problems to their neighborhoods. Matt Risi noted that the Stratton Apartments and the new Ivy senior living apartment project in Clairemont blend right into the neighborhood.

Our members were very engaged by the program and there were many questions. Our members demonstrated that there is clearly a lack of understanding among the general public on how affordable housing works.

## *Judi Copeland*

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-The American Red Cross (where she met her husband who was a patient in the hospital at Camp Pendleton.)

-The American Cancer Society serving as the East and South County Director.

-The Burn Institute Executive Director for nine years. Judi is proud that she started the first Burn Camp for children and the Firefighters night at the Padres

-Judi is most proud of her most proud of her work as the Director of two home care companies. Judi retired three years ago and became the primary caregiver for her mother who passed away a year ago at the age of 101.

Judi is proud to be the grandmother to Dillon age three and baby Presley who is two months old. Judi remarked "I waited many years to claim the title of "Nanna" and finally at age 80 my dream came true."

Judi has always been a key participant in the inner workings of the club serving on the Board of Directors of Old Mission Rotary and the Art Pratt Foundation. She has been on many committees including the Talent Show where she played a critical role behind the scenes managing our acts.

## **Rotary Calendar**

- Tuesday, September 12th  
**Board of Directors Meeting** immediately following the regular meeting.
- Tuesday, September 19th-  
**Art Pratt Board of Directors Meeting** immediately after the regular club meeting..

## **Program Calendar**

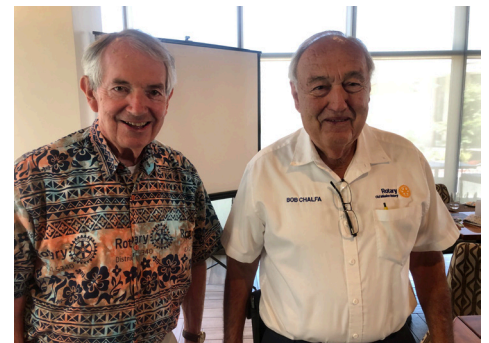
*Why not invite a friend to an Old Mission Rotary meeting?*

- Tuesday, September 12th- Impactful Communication with Media Consultant and Trainer Amy Scruggs,

*One of the oldest human needs is having someone to wonder where you are when you don't come home at night.*

*-Margaret Mead, anthropologist 1(901-1978)*

## **Rotary Global Grant for Thousand Smiles**



Old Mission Rotary and applied and was awarded a Global Grant of \$61,000 from the Rotary International Foundation. The funds will be used for the Thousand Smiles Clinic in Ensenada for solar energy and for vacuum pumps for the surgery suites.

Bob Chalfa is an old hand at Rotary Global Grants and retired attorney Bob Self crafted the grant request.