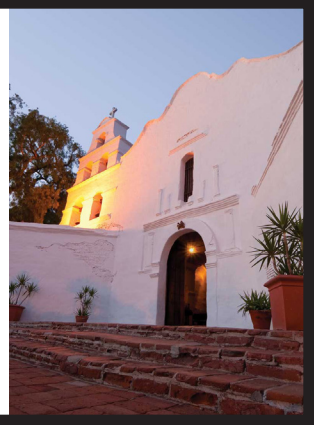




Old Mission Rotary

Meets Every Tuesday at noon on Zoom
(Post Pandemic) Legacy Resort Hotel and Spa
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October 2020- Edition Four

San Diego

District Attorney

On Tuesday, October 27th, San Diego County District Attorney Summer Stephan spoke to Old Mission Rotary about the work of the District Attorney's Office. District Attorney Summer Stephan has devoted her life to protecting children and families, providing justice to the most vulnerable and is a national leader in the fight against human trafficking and sexual exploitation. Summer is focused on advancing public safety through fair and equal justice, bringing solutions to complex issues with a unique data-driven, commonsense approach that works to address the root causes of certain crimes driven by mental illness and addiction. As District Attorney, she leads the second-largest DA's Office in California, managing a professional staff of 1,000 employees, serving



District Attorney Summer Stephan

Project Mercy- Home Building for Baja



Members of Old Mission Rotary participated in Project Mercy

Gary Stemple organized and led a team from Old Mission Rotary to Project Mercy for a special fall construction event on a three acre site in Chula Vista. Volunteers worked on the pre-assembled components for five houses which have since been transported to Tijuana

for final assembly into single family homes. A total of 20 houses will be built this year. Old Mission Rotarians are also asked to contribute money to the effort. Our club foundation has donated \$2500. Each home costs about \$5000 to build.



Many volunteer groups participate in Project Mercy. Lee Kaminetz and Steve Nuñez attended with family members

as the People's Prosecutor for San Diego County and its more than three million residents.

She discussed some of her top priorities during the Covid-19 crisis. Her department helped to reduce the prison population by identifying low risk inmates who could be released thus reducing dangerous overcrowding.

Domestic violence has soared as families have been confined to home Her office has set up special teams to deal with increasing incidents.

She noted that drug overdoses from fentanyl contaminated opioids have spiked during the pandemic and she has helped to organized 'The Opioid Program.'

Summer hopes to unveil new facilities next year that can hold and treat the mentally ill that are now suffering on our streets.

Summer is committed to Fair and Equal Justice for all in light of the recent systemic racism in our society. She did warn that while she supports peaceful protest, violence and looting in our neighborhoods will not be tolerated.

Summer received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Davis and her Juris Doctor from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.

Thanksgiving with STAR/PAL

Old Mission Rotary will be funding full Thanksgiving meals for two deserving families. The meals will be delivered by Star/Pal on Saturday, November 21st by a procession of seven low rider cars!

The mission of STAR/PAL is to engage under served youth with law enforcement and develop trusting and long term relationships.

Virtual Rotary Foundation Seminar

Every November, The District 5340 Foundation Seminar is a big deal! The event always takes place on a Saturday morning at a prestigious location. Clubs in our district then present on impressive and heartfelt projects that are connected with the goals of the Rotary International Foundation.

This year, our Rotary Foundation Seminar will be virtual on Zoom. All club members are encouraged to tune in on Saturday, November 7th from 9am to 11am. As always, there will not be a dry eye in the house!



Last year at the Rotary Foundation Seminar,, Bob Chalfa represented Old Mission Rotary with an inspirational and informative talk and slideshow on Thousand Smiles.

Journalist Ed Murrow: "Who owns the patent on the Polio vaccine?"

Jonas Salk: "Well, the people, I would say. There is no patent. Could you patent the sun?"

Program Calendar

Why not invite a friend to ZOOM with us?

- November 3rd- Mayra Nunez of STAR/PAL
- November 10th-Black Lives Matter - Closing the Racial Gap with Elaine Swann of The Swann School

Rotary Calendar

- **The Thousand Smiles November Clinic in Ensenada is cancelled**
- Saturday November 7th from 9am-11am **Virtual Rotary International Foundation ZOOM Meeting**
- Tuesday, November 10th- **Old Mission Rotary ZOOM Board of Directors Meeting**
- Tuesday, November 24th **Art Pratt Foundation ZOOM Board of Directors Meeting**

Corona Conversation



The Corona Conversation is a new weekly feature now included in our Old Mission Rotary ZOOM Meetings. Don Krupp will be presenting from his experience as the retired county administrator of Clackamas County Oregon where he dealt with many serious public health challenges

At this week's Corona Conversation, club member Don Krupp talked about vaccines and what the process is for the testing and licensing of them. Don noted that the federal safety laws governing the development of vaccines were first enacted nearly 120 years ago after the nation experienced contamination problems with a vaccine for smallpox. Today's vaccines go through a rigorous, multi phase testing regimen to make sure they are safe and effective.