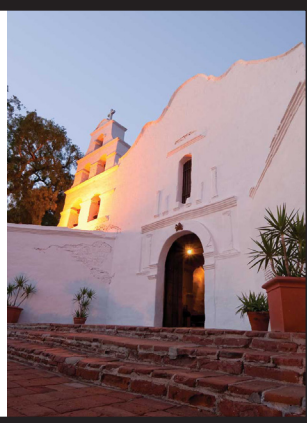




Old Mission Rotary

Meets Every Tuesday at noon at the
Best Western Seven Seas Hotel
Hotel Circle South
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Welcome to Old Mission Rotary!



(L-R) New Old Mission Rotarian Bobby Chalfa Jr. with his dad who is our International Service Chair Bob Chalfa, and Executive Secretary Stan Vogelsang.

Bobby Chalfa Jr. was inducted into Old Mission Rotary on October 4th. His sponsor was his dad, Bob Chalfa! Bobby attended Southwestern College and SDSU and earned a degree in Construction Management at Cal Poly. He now works in residential development for Baldwin & Sons. Bobby has been involved in Thousand Smiles since 1989 and was a member of the National City Rotary Club. He has three children and his passion is off road racing.



(L-R) Past President Lee Kaminetz, International Service Chair Bob Chalfa, Executive Secretary Stan Vogelsang and new Rotarian Sherrie Suanico.

Sherrie Suanico was inducted into Old Mission Rotary on October 4th. Bob Chalfa has known Sherrie for years and invited her to join the club. Sherrie grew up in San Diego and attended Madison High School and Mesa College. Sherrie started working in Real Estate but now is the Escrow Operations Manager for Corinthian Title and Escrow and is the Vice-President of Legacy Escrow Inc. She lives in Chula Vista with her three daughters.

Project Mercy- Building Homes in Tijuana in One Day!

On Saturday October 7th, Gary Stemple led a contingent of Rotarians from Old Mission and Fallbrook Rotary as well as 75 Interact Students from Francis Parker School south of the border to build houses for needy families in Mexico. Gary has participated in Project Mercy for 16 years. This year our group helped to build three of the 16 houses erected in one day. The cost is \$5500 per house and the Old Mission Rotary Foundation donated \$2500 to the project. Joining Gary from old Mission Rotary were Julian Villegas, Eric Benink and his daughter Zoe, Drew Ambruster and Mark McAnelly.



One of the 16 families that received a new small home free of charge after a busy day at Project Mercy!

Project Mercy Photos



Group photo of the volunteers who participated in Project Mercy on Saturday, October 7th including members of Old Mission Rotary and Francis Parker Interact Club.



A Rotary Moment in Tijuana!



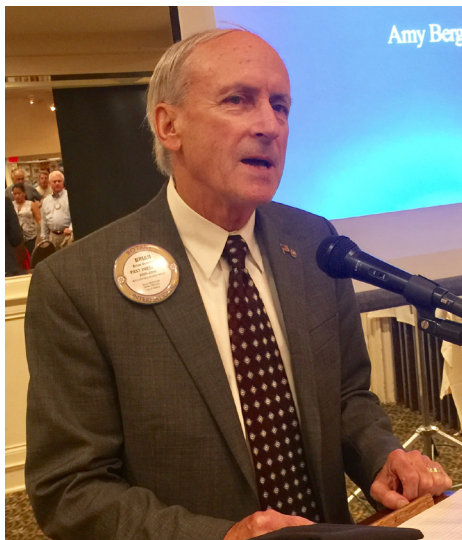
What was your “Rotary Moment?” For Julian Villegas it was when he participated in The Project Mercy Home Building project in Mexico. Julian volunteered to drive the Rotary District van full of Francis Parker Interact kids to the one day project. When he arrived at the sight, he was visibly shaken by the shocking poverty of this particular Colonia in Tijuana. At our meeting, Julian’s voice quivered and he became teary eyed as he described the joy of the families as they took the keys to their new small homes. He was deeply touched by the image of a happy little girl with no shoes. Julian is the Executive Director of the Copley-Price YMCA where he has seen much need in the City Heights community. Julian was astounded that such third world conditions can exist just minutes south of the border.

Farewell Dr. Bob



We were deeply saddened to lose our great friend and an amazing Rotarian, Dr. Bob Callicot

Club Host- Brian Dempsey



Brian Dempsey presented a Who Am I on October 4th. Brian grew up on the Jersey Shore in a large Irish-Catholic family. He attended college at the Jesuit, Roman Catholic St. Peter's University in Jersey City. After school he decided to join the Navy and was commissioned as a Naval Flight Officer. The Vietnam War was winding down but Operation Linebacker sent his ship, the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga, from a scheduled Mediterranean assignment to the South China Sea. Brian flew combat missions against North Vietnam until the North Vietnamese agreed to return to the peace table in Paris. Brian enjoyed his career in the Navy that along with flying included a NATO posting in Oslo Norway and shore duty in Gaeta Italy. Brian was wrapping up his military service as an NROTC instructor at the University of Illinois when he discovered Edward Jones Investments. Upon retirement he was hired as an investment adviser and took advantage of an opportunity to start an office in San Diego. 25 years later, having traded in an F-14 Tomcat Fighter for a desk, Brian truly enjoys his second career in financial planning

Club Host- Michael Lewis



Michael Lewis served as club host on October 10th and presented his "Who Am I." Michael was born in Maine and was the "poor scholarship kid" at a prestigious Massachusetts prep school. Michael went on to Yale where he studied Music and History. He earned his B.A. from Yale University in 1983 and after graduation did research to find the best climate in the United States. He soon drove across the continent to start a new life in San Diego. In 1984, Michael began his career at Morgan Stanley & Co. and its predecessor firm, Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc., spending over 25 years there before forming the Lewis Advisory Group in 2009. He earned a M.A. from San Diego State University in 1991. During this time he was a member and a President of Old Mission Rotary. When reminiscing about his career in the financial world he remarked: "Never confuse genius with a Bull market!" Michael has been married to Teresa for 36 years and they live in Bankers Hill. They own a boat in central France and spend several months there every year. Michael and Teresa recently traveled to China. Michael is also a classical and jazz pianist!

SEACAMP



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Amy Bergen Zerofski spoke to Old Mission Rotary about SEACAMP. SEACAMP San Diego is a marine science camp for kids and teens offering a range of programs to students throughout the school year and summer. Since 1987, Amy's program has supplemented traditional marine biology classroom study by providing hands-on education programs for students of all ages. Their programs combine hands-on labs and workshops with interactive field activities, such as snorkeling, boat trips, kayaking and boogie boarding. SEACAMP San Diego covers a wide variety of Marine Science including marine ecology, physical oceanography and marine biology. Studies range from the largest marine mammals to the smallest plankton.

Get Well Soon!

Alfonso Fierro has returned home to finish recuperating from a fall where he broke both his hip and his right femur!

Hugh Kramer is at the Sharp Memorial Rehabilitation Center as his doctors struggle to identify the root cause of a nervous system disorder in his right leg.

Welcome Honorary Rotarians!



Old Mission Rotary was proud to induct three Honorary Rotarians into the club to recognize their service to humanity. (L-R) Dave Irwin DDS who served as the president of the Thousand Smiles Foundation, Alberto Romero Gracia DDS who serves on the Board of Directors of the Thousand Smiles Foundation and Noe Crespo of the SDSU School of Public Health and a member of the VIIDAI Team that provides medical, dental and public health services to the Native Mexicans at the Colonia Lomas de San

Ramon in San Quentin Baja. Old Mission Rotarian Stan Vogelsang is the Treasurer of the Thousand Smiles Foundation and has been active in the VIIDAI Program. and Old Mission Rotary President Bob James Jr..

Club Host- Bea Halk



Bea Halk was our club host on October 17th. Bea opened her "Who Am I" segment by announcing that she was proud to be an immigrant from Mexico. She became a US Citizen at the age of 15. Bea had a wonderful 35 year career with the YMCA in San Diego. She is indispensable as our club greeter and cashier. Bea has a passion for social justice and after retirement, became active in assisting our newest immigrant communities to San Diego. Lately, she has been working with people from Africa in the City Heights community.

San Diego Community News Network



Jeff Clementson spoke to Old Mission Rotary on October 10th about the San Diego Community News Network and their collection of local community newspapers. Their publications include the Mission Times Courier, the Uptown News, San Diego Downtown News, La Mesa Courier, Gay San Diego and the Mission Valley News. Jeff is an editor for the news network.

Their professional editorial staff combs the community for hyper-local news and features including business briefs, opinions, calendar of events, dining and theater reviews, area sports and much more making their content appealing to people of all age groups and personal interests. Their newspaper family has a readership of 200,000 people.

Jeff stated that the regions biggest challenges are the growing homeless population and affordable housing. When asked about "fake news" Jeff became animated and defended the free press as a cornerstone of our democracy.

Rotarian Mike Rogers shared how in 1955 he had only 64 homes across all of Mission Valley on his paper route for the San Diego Union!

Happy Halloween!



Halloween at Old Mission Rotary with Diane Love in costume. Special thanks to our server Donna and to the Best Western Seven Seas for the fun and colorful decorations and pumpkins in the meeting room.