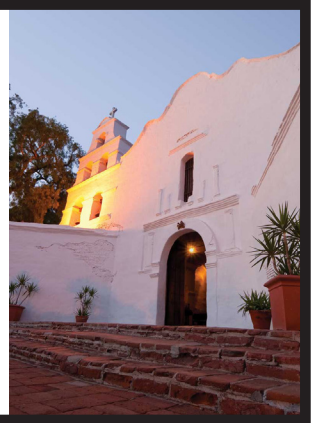




The Old Mission Bell of Old Mission Rotary



Meetings Every Tuesday at noon
at the Legacy Resort Hotel and Spa
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Alliance for African Assistance



Walter Lam is the President and CEO of the Alliance for African Assistance.

Walter Lam was born and raised in Northern Uganda. After finishing high school in Uganda, he attended Egerton University in Kenya where he graduated in Agricultural engineering. He immigrated to the U.S. in 1986 and resettled in San Diego, California.

Upon arrival to the US, Walter recognized that there were no programs available to address the needs of African refugees in San Diego. Thus, in 1989, he founded the Alliance for African Assistance with the purpose of helping fellow refugees from Africa and in no time the organization was assisting refugees from all around the world,

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Rotary Calendar

- Friday, November 5th-Saturday November 6th- **Thousand Smiles Clinic in Ensenada**
- Tuesday, November 9th-RSVP with EVITE for our **Regular Lunch Meeting**
- Monday, November 15th- **District 5340 Rotary Foundation Seminar on Zoom**
- Saturday, November 13th at 10:30am **Memorial for Kevin Cox** at the Journey Community Church in La Mesa-
- Tuesday, November 16th-RSVP with EVITE for our **Regular Lunch Meeting**
- Saturday, November 20th **STAR/PAL Thanksgiving Day Meal Distribution**
- Tuesday, November 23rd- **NO Lunch Meeting for Thanksgiving Week**
- Tuesday, November 30th- **Evening Social at King's Fish House starting at 6pm**
- Saturday, December 4th- **Project Mercy House Building in Tecate**
- Tuesday, December 7th-RSVP with EVITE for our **Gift Wrapping Lunch Meeting at the Copley-Price Family YMCA.** Please bring an unwrapped gift!
- Tuesday, December 14th-RSVP with EVITE for our **Holiday Lunch Meeting**

Rotary Foundation District 5340 Seminar

District 5340's Foundation Committee will be hosting a TRF (The Rotary Foundation) training session on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 5:00pm via Zoom

Donating to Rotary means clean water and sanitation. Health and hope in areas that were once ravaged by diseases like polio. Economic development and new opportunities. Your financial help makes all this happen, and more.

This training session is especially important for club presidents, AGs and Foundation chairs,. Its an opportunity to learn about all the giving options Rotarians can participate in and how important donations are to the success of Rotary International and our local District and Rotary clubs. You won't miss it.

To join the Zoom meeting just click on the link on the District 5340 website. Typically, this event was live on a Saturday and we know that many will be disappointed that there will be no kick off continental breakfast with cold coffee and stale croissants.

Program Calendar

- Why not invite a friend to an Old Mission Rotary meeting?*
- Tuesday, November 9th
Norma Swan, Program about Human Trafficking

African Alliance

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Prior to a refugee's arrival, the case manager assigned to the case prepares for the new individual or family by finding them an affordable apartment, furnishing the apartment with basic necessities, and stocking their kitchen with food for their first week. On the day they arrive, their case manager welcomes the clients at the airport and takes them to their new home. Within the first few days of their arrival, case managers give each client a comprehensive cultural and programmatic orientation to life in the United States. Clients are informed about housing, employment, U.S. and California laws, as well as a variety of programs offered by the Alliance. Within the first month of arrival, the case managers work on helping each client with the following services including but not limited to:

- Social security card application
- Welfare – Cash Aid, MediCal, SSI and/or CalFresh application
- Driver's license or identification card application
- School enrollment application
- Health screenings

Many of their clients come to the Alliance with little to no knowledge of the English language. Consequently, they offer interpretation services as needed. Additionally, they offer ESL classes to help them improve their English.

Their case manager are available to provide the following services:

- Resume and cover letter writing
- Interview preparation
- Learning how to navigate the public transportation system

The Alliance works as a team to help newly arrived refugee clients achieve self-sufficiency, and establish themselves in the community.

Project Mercy International Service!

District 5340 is inviting all clubs and Rotarians to take advantage of an incredible opportunity to participate in an upcoming international service project. ***Project Mercy has organized a Tecate House Build in Baja, Mexico on Saturday, December 4th.*** Volunteers will be building 6 houses for deserving families.

Here are the costs involved for building a family home:
\$7,500- House including Latrine
\$6,800- House Only
\$700- Latrine Only
\$165- Solar Panel Lighting Kit
Also, Bedding, housewares and food (non- perishable) donations are also needed.

The Old Mission Rotary Foundation is donating \$2500 and individual members have pledged an additional \$1400 for a total contribution of \$3900.

Members, friends and family can also volunteer to build the houses. on the District 5340 website: www.rotary5340.org starting on November 1st.

Memorial for Kevin Cox



The poster features two photographs of Kevin Charles Cox. The top photo shows him in a blue shirt and tie, smiling. The bottom photo shows him in a green shirt and cap, holding a small dog. The text on the poster reads: "Please join us for a Memorial Service honoring Kevin Charles Cox 10.18.1958- 09.13.2021 Saturday November 13th, 10:30am Journey Community Church 8363 Center Dr La Mesa, Ca Refreshments to follow Please RSVP to Cassie Cassiemariepugh@gmail.com"

There is no terror in the bang,
only in the anticipation of it.
-Alfred Hitchcock, film-maker
(1899-1980)

STAR/PAL

Community Service

STAR/PAL is a nonprofit organization located at Colinas Park in City Heights that is dedicated to bringing youth and law enforcement together. Their programs are led by officers of the San Diego Police Department and are free of charge to youth throughout San Diego. Old Mission Rotary has participated in several of their events in the past year. Charlotte Cofield is our club's Community Service Chair and established our club's relationship with STAR/PAL as a way to promote peace and understanding in the community between residents and police.

Club members are encouraged to participate in two upcoming events

- **Thanksgiving Meal Giveaway**
On Saturday morning November 20th, Old Mission Rotary members will caravan with lowriders and California Highway Patrol to deliver items to ten deserving families. Club Members will meet at the STAR/PAL office at 4110 54th Street at Colinas Park in San Diego at 9am.
- **Christmas Toy & Meal Giveaway**
50 Families will pick up a holiday meal and gifts from the STAR/PAL office on Tuesday, December 21st between 9am-1pm
Club Members may contribute any of the following for the Christmas event:
 - Ages Newborn-2 years old- Toys
 - Ages 10-12 years old- Board games, sporting goods or arts & crafts.
 - Ages 15-18 years old- Gift cards from Walmart or Target (amount is usually \$20 or \$25).Please bring donated items to an Old Mission Rotary Club meeting.