# Old Mission Rotary



Meets Every Tuesday at noon on Zoom (Post Pandemic) Legacy Resort Hotel and Spa oldmissionrotary.org

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## Black Lives Matter Closing the Racial Gap



Elaine Swann is one of the most nationally recognized lifestyle and etiquette experts in the US.

Elaine Swann of the an expert on etiquette and protocol. She has been touted as today's hip, savvy etiquette adviser and the New York times has called her the "Emily Post of the Digital Age." She is the founder of The Swann School of Protocol in Carlsbad. On November 10th, she presented a program about the national dialogue underway regarding race, justice and social equity.

Black Lives Matter is a decentralized political and social movement advocating for non-violent civil disobedience in protest against incidents of police brutality and all racially motivated violence against

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Doors of Change assists homeless youth in Ocean Beach by reaching out to them with art and music programs.

Old Mission Rotary has embraced Doors of Change as a Community Service partner. Before the pandemic, our members had the opportunity to cook and serve two Sunday dinners to homeless youth at the Episcopal Church in Ocean Beach. Face to face programs were put on hold with the pandemic. Our club foundation has since donated money and obtained a district Covid-19 Grant to fund packages of food and toiletries that Doors of change distributed to the kids living on the street.

Doors of Change will be presenting many remarkable and inspirational testimonials during their zoom event From Invisible to Invincible program scheduled for December 1st.

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black people.

In July 2013, the movement began with the use of the hashtag #Black-LivesMatter on social media. The triggering event was the acquittal of George Zimmerman in the shooting death of African-American teen Trayvon Martin in February 2012. The movement became nationally recognized for street demonstrations following the 2014 deaths of two African Americans. Michael Brown was killed in Missouri, and Eric Garner in New York City.

Elaine noted that the death of George Floyd recorded in eight minutes and 46 seconds of video, once again tore our nation apart. Elaine remarked that street protests have been largely peaceful. Unfortunately, some demonstrations have been hijacked by a minority that seek to agitate.

What can white people do? Elaine has some advice:.

• Engage our black and brown

friends and listen to their storiesDon't be afraid to ask what you can do to help

• Use your position in life to become an ally of black people. For example, business owners can hire black people or use black vendors

• Use your privilege and voice to speak out when you witness an injustice

• Activate your power in your community. Welcome black neighbors and invite them to your events. Elaine also addressed the need for community organizations to assist local law enforcement engage the black community.

Our members thanked Elaine for her illuminating program and the important message she so eloquently delivered.

### **Corona Conversation**

While we didn't have a Corona Conversation this week during our club Zoom meeting due to time constraints, Program Chair Don Krupp wants club members to know that with good news about vaccine research and development we must keep our guard up and continue to take steps to protect ourselves from COVID-19. A vaccine will not be readily available until mid- 2021.

What we should all be concerned about is that with the approach of colder weather the virus is surging towards a second wave. In just the past week there are been over 800,000 new cases of the disease detected and 7,000 COVID-19 deaths in the United States. Well over 10 million Americans have been infected and the total number of fatalities due to the disease now exceeds 240,000.

If you're interested in keeping track of the pace of the disease, Don recommends following the following website: https://www. worldometers.info/coronavirus/ In the meantime, be smart. Wear a mask, keep your distance and wash your hands.

#### **Program Calendar**

Why not invite a friend to ZOOM with us?
November 17th-Friends of Balboa Park Moreton Bay Fig Tree Project with Executive Director John Bolthouse,

#### **Rotary Calendar**

Tuesday, November 24th Art Pratt Foundation ZOOM
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, December 1st from
7pm to 9pm- Doors of Change

7pm to 9pm- **Doors of Change** From Invisible to Invincable-ZOOM Event

Tuesday, December 22nd Art Pratt Foundation ZOOM
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, January 12th- Old
Mission Rotary ZOOM Board of Directors Meeting.
Tuesday, January 26th Art
Pratt Foundation ZOOM
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, February 5th-Saturday, February 6th- The Thousand Smiles March Clinic in Ensenada



Number of daily cases and deaths in the US