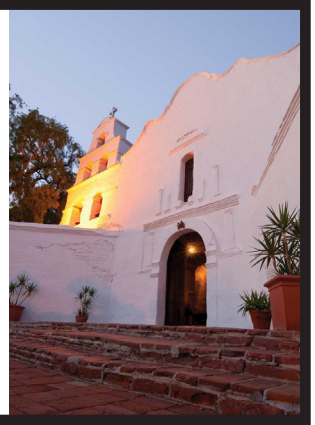




The Old Mission Bell of Old Mission Rotary

Meetings Every Tuesday at noon
at the Legacy Resort Hotel and Spa
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MAKE PROJECTS Eat Well. Do Good.



Anchi Mei is the Executive Director of San Diego MAKE Projects. Her favorite comfort food is sticky rice with sweet & salty ingredients.

The mission of San Diego MAKE Projects is to create an inclusive San Diego by preparing refugees and immigrants to achieve their dreams. The organization now works to prepare over 70 refugees and immigrants per year for successful jobs throughout San Diego County. Its dynamic, hands-on learning platform is an engaging way for English learners and youth to gain real-world work experience and confidence in the American work culture. The Executive Director of MAKE Projects, Anchi Mei, introduced our club to their programs. She is second generation Chinese from Taiwan and understands how difficult it is for refugees and immigrants (like her parents) to assimilate into

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Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary San Diego Civic Youth Ballet



(L-R) Art Pratt Foundation Board Member Cynthia Drake, Old Mission Rotary Executive Secretary Stan Vogelsang, Art Pratt Foundation President Miles Durfee, Development Manager of the San Diego Civic Youth Ballet Christine de Pagter, Art Pratt Foundation Board Member Gary John Collins, Old Mission Rotary President Michelle Malin and Art Pratt Foundation Board Members Charlotte Cofield, Judi Copeland and Donna Maytum.

San Diego Civic Youth Ballet was founded in 1945 and has been the resident ballet school in Balboa Park ever since. The school is located in the beautiful and historic Casa del Prado building on the Prado in Balboa Park. In addition to offering high-quality, affordable, year-round training, the SDCYB produces three major productions at the Casa del Prado Theater each year. There is a full-length spring ballet, Fairy Tales in the Park each summer and the

classic holiday production of The Nutcracker. There is also an annual Spring Showcase of the school and the SDCYB Performance Ensemble. The ensemble is comprised of the highest-level dancers and they perform at special events throughout the community.

SDCYB Development Manager, Christine de Pagter accepted the funds and announced that they would be using the \$5000 grant presented on November 16th for furniture and dancing equipment.

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society.

MAKE Projects offer a \$15 an hour job training program in food service for the following programs:

- **MAKE Cafe Garden Pop Up Restaurant** where the public can dine every Saturday from 10am-11pm in North Park on exotic ethnic cuisine..

- **MAKE Cafe Global To Go** Enjoy takeout meals with a menu inspired by the trainees and their native cuisines.

- **Catering for private events**
- **Farm Stand and Garden Tours**

Youth Trainees conduct seasonal tours of their produce gardens

- **Veggie Share Subscriptions** Join the waitlist for their fresh vegetable subscriptions.

Live from the Valley Gary John Collins



Gary John Collins served as club host on Tuesday, November 16th

On Tuesday, November 16th, Immediate Old Mission Rotary Past President, Gary John Collins, brought bottles of craft vodka,

STAR/PAL

Community Service THIS SATURDAY!

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 this Saturday, November 20th in the Thanksgiving Meal Giveaway.

Old Mission Rotary members will caravan with lowriders and California Highway Patrol to deliver items to four deserving families.

Club Members will meet at 9am at the Colina del Sol Community Swimming Pool at 4150 54th Place San Diego, CA 92105

STAR/PAL

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cognac and bourbon to the meeting for raffle prizes. He noted that "A bottle of wine is a great gift but only lasts for an evening. My prizes will last a weekend!"

Gary has been busy operating his fun and hip Air Conditioned Lounge night club in North Park.. He is remodeling the back patio area of the club called the Glampisphere that was destroyed by fire during the pandemic.

His passion lately has been coaching a 7&8 year old flag football team the Blue Ninjas where his son Cage played Quarterback.

Rotary Calendar

- 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**
- Tuesday, December 21st- **STAR/PAL Christmas Toy & Meal Giveaway from 9am-1pm**
- Tuesday, December 21st and 28th- **NO Lunch Meetings**

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.

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 volunteer to build the houses. on the District 5340 website:

www.rotary5340.org.