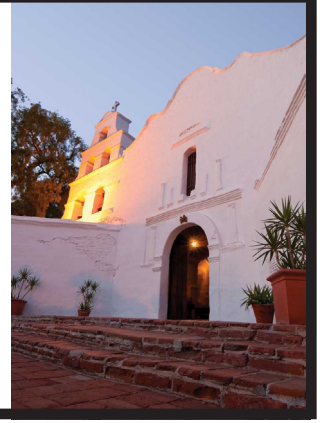


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The Old Mission Bell of Old Mission Rotary

Meetings Every Tuesday at noon
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What is a Charter School Anyway?



Sarah Saluta and Demi Brown spoke about Charter Schools on Tuesday, November 1st.

What is a Charter School Anyway? Nobody at my lunch table seemed to know!

Most of our club members had no idea what a charter school is even though they are frequently in the news and are located in all of our neighborhoods.

Old Mission Rotarian Miles Durfee is the Managing Regional Director in Southern California for the California Charter Schools Association. Miles arranged this program on Tuesday, November 1st to educate us.

Our speakers came from two local charter schools located in Linda Vista. Sarah Saluta is the Executive Director of the San Diego Cooperative (K-8) Charter School and Demi Brown is the Executive Director at the Empower Charter School. Both

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October Evening Social at Mission Bay



Old Mission Rotary enjoyed the waterfront ambiance at the San Diego Mission Bay Resort at our October Evening Social on Tuesday, October 25th. (L-R) Tim McCully of Point Loma Rotary and the District 5340 Shelter Box Representative, Tim's friend Galina, Shari Stauder who is also the Director of Membership Sales at San Diego Mission Bay Resort, Michelle Malin, Brian Dempsey, President Don Krupp, Stan Vogelsang, Patty and Matt Risi.

So You Think You've Got Talent San Diego



It is time to start planning for our next talent show fund raiser to take place next spring!

The fund raising committee will hold its first meeting on Monday, November 7th at the Boys and Girls Club at 4635 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. All club members are invited to attend and participate.

Club Host Eric Benink



Eric Benink served as club host on November 1st and delivered a plea for civility. He noted that our society needs to return to tolerance and understanding and to just plain being polite to one another.

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Sarah and Demi impressed all of us with their passion and enthusiasm for their students and schools. California's charter schools are public, tuition-free, and open to all students. They are public schools with rigorous curriculum programs and unique educational approaches. In exchange for operational freedom and flexibility, charter schools are subject to higher levels of accountability than other public schools. The key difference between a traditional public school and a charter school is that each charter school has its own Executive Director and Board of Directors. This frees them from the bureaucratic restrictions and red tape found in large school districts. San Diego charter schools are part of the San Diego Unified School District and Sarah and Demi had great praise for the support they receive. Nevertheless, the independence of their charter schools allows for flexibility and unique policies for their students and schools instead of being lost in a huge school district.

Teachers at charter schools are required to have the same credentials as teachers at any other type of public school in California. In San Diego County some 83,939 students attend 131 separate charter schools. This is one out of every five students.

These students include English learners (15%), students eligible for free lunch (55%) and students with disabilities (11%). 6% of the students are black compared to 4% in other public schools and 51% are Latino compared to 48% in other public schools.

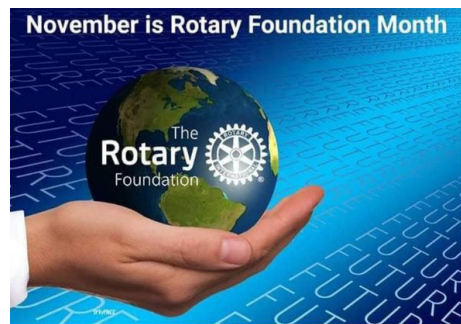
The members of Old Mission Rotary were very impressed by the presentation and now understand what a charter school is and how it fits into the public school system.

Feeding San Diego's Kids



Feeding San Diego's Kids is a program of International Relief Teams and has been incorporated into Old Mission Rotary Community Service. Children who are eligible for free breakfast and lunch programs at public schools frequently go hungry on weekends. The Feeding San Diego's Kids program provides nutritious food for a family of four for week-ends for homeless and at risk families. Food deliveries take place on Thursday mornings once a month from 9am to 11am.

Anyone interested can contact Rotarian Paula Kelly at 858-354-9345 or pckelly9@gmail.com or International Relief Teams directly at msethi@irteams.org or 619-284-7979.



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Cynthia Drake Club Host October 18th



Cynthia Drake was born in Texas into an Air Force family and travelled all over as a kid. She was very cryptic about her wild teen years living in Paraguay and the handsome young Marines stationed at the American Embassy!

Cynthia was an Emergency Room nurse for many years and had the privilege of working along side heart transplant pioneer Dr. Denton Cooley. Now she can tell the story about how she once dropped a heart on the floor on the way to the operating room!

Cynthia left nursing, went back to school and then starting a very successful medical devices company.

Rotary Calendar

- Monday, November 7th- **Talent Show Planning Meeting** at the Clairemont Boy's & Girls Club at 5:30pm.
- Tuesday, November 8th- **OMR Board of Directors Meeting** after the regular club meeting..
- Tuesday, November 22nd- **CLUB DARK** for Thanksgiving Day Holiday.
- Tuesday, December 27th- **CLUB DARK** for Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa Holidays.
- Tuesday, January 3rd- **CLUB DARK** for New Years Holiday.