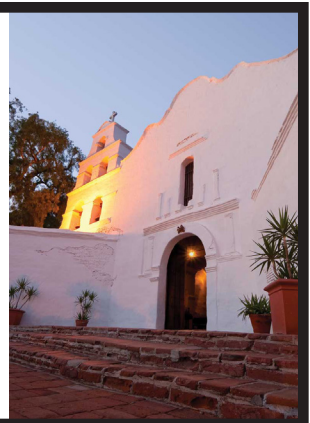




The Old Mission Bell of Old Mission Rotary



Meetings Every Tuesday at noon on Zoom
Post Pandemic at the Legacy Resort Hotel and Spa
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December 2020- Edition Three

San Diego Gulls Hockey Club



Casey Callahan is the Sales Manager for the San Diego Gulls Hockey Club.

The San Diego Gulls are a professional ice hockey team in the American Hockey League which began playing in the 2015–16 season. Based in San Diego and affiliated with the National Hockey League’s Anaheim Ducks, the Gulls play their home games at the Pechanga Arena.

Casey Callahan from the Gulls front office presented a program at our Zoom meeting on December 15th. Casey is a Philadelphia native and promotes Pats as the world’s greatest cheese steak! He has been working as the Group Sales Manager for the Gulls for four years. “Protect the Nest” is the battle cry

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Art Pratt Foundation Grant to Villa Musica

On December 15th, The Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary presented a grant of \$6000 to Villa Musica. Founded as a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation in November 2005, Villa Musica is a vibrant gathering place where people of all ages and backgrounds can come together to take music lessons, play in an ensemble, or participate in a workshop. Villa Musica’s goal is to create a focal point for community music education in San Diego, where students and teachers can meet to exchange ideas and experience the joy of making music. By creating a supportive and creative envi-

ronment for the study of music, they aim to inspire many San Diegans to make music making part of their lives. The Art Pratt Foundation grant will help fund the new “Music on the Move” program. Villa Musica will purchase a bus and take music to the public. Aaron Bullard is a cellist and bass vocalist and described Villa Musica’s efforts to bring music to seniors.



Fiona Chatwin is the Executive and Artistic Director of Villa Musica.

Rotary Calendar

- Tuesday, December 22nd- **Old Mission Rotary DARK**
- Tuesday, December 29th- **Old Mission Rotary DARK**
- Tuesday, January 12th- **Old Mission Rotary ZOOM Board of Directors Meeting.**
- Tuesday, January 26th **Art Pratt Foundation ZOOM Board of Directors Meeting**

Program Calendar

- Why not invite a friend to ZOOM with us?*
- January 12th **District Governor Visit** with Steve Weitzen

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of the hockey club and their determination to dominate the ice at Pechanga Arena.

The American Hockey League (AHL) is a professional ice hockey league based in the United States and Canada that serves as the primary developmental league for the National Hockey League. In fact, 87% of NHL players are from the AHL as are 23 of 31 head coaches and 24 of 32 general managers. The Gulls last game was on February 22, 2020 and was a sell out. The Gulls victory that night propelled them into the playoffs. Unfortunately, the AHL was forced to cancel the championships due to the pandemic.

The exciting news is that the Gulls will be back in action in early February 2021. The league will be realigned to keep teams regional and travel to a minimum. There will be capacity limits on the crowd with physical distance seating. Casey promoted Hockey as having more excitement per minute than any other sport on Earth!

In November, the voters approved Measure E which will redevelop the Midway District to include a new, state of the art sports arena that will open in a few years. Casey described the Gulls like another famous bird- the Phoenix- the Gulls will rise from the ashes of the pandemic to new glory!



The mascot for the San Diego Gulls Hockey Club is named Gulliver.

Gil Kleecan **Member in the Spotlight**



Gil Kleecan has been a member of Rotary since 1999. Gil was born on the open plains of Kansas and moved to San Diego as a young boy when his father took a job at the Ryan Aeronautical Company. An aerospace engineer recruited Gil as a driver and he won the 1946 World Championship Soap Box Derby Race in Ohio! Gil took his prize money and invested it in property. He has prospered in his career in residential and commercial real estate ever since. Gil and his wife Blan were married for 60 years until she passed in early 2017. The couple raised a son and a daughter and Gil now has four grandchildren. You can find Gil tossing a stick to his German Shepard at Nate's Point Dog Park in Balboa Park!



Corona Conversation



The Corona Conversation with Don Krupp is a weekly feature now included in our Old Mission Rotary ZOOM Meetings.

At this week's Corona Conversation, club member Don Krupp talked about vaccine safety. He noted that people are understandably concerned that the new COVID-19 vaccines are safe. Don explained that, in general, vaccines, are very safe and effective. Billions of people all over the world are regularly vaccinated against a variety of pathogens which make people sick. In the United States vaccines are given around 250 million times a year, almost entirely without incident.

Don talked briefly about thimerosal, a mercury-based vaccine preservative for which there is a lot of misinformation. It's used primarily in some, but not all flu vaccines. However, thimerosal is an ethyl-mercury which the body eliminates quite readily and is not considered harmful. But, more importantly, the new COVID-19 vaccines do not use thimerosal. Their ingredients are organic and safe.

Don reminded everyone to be smart and stay safe for the holidays. Wear a mask, keep your distance, avoid large gatherings indoors and wash your hands frequently.