

## Old Mission Rotary Wounded Warrior Dinner

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(L-R) Old Mission Rotary President Matt Risi, Mike O'Hara and John Ohle of the Knights of Columbus from our Mother of Confidence Church in University City and Bernadette Castro.

On Tuesday, November 25, Old Mission Rotary and Francis Parker Interact served up a Thanksgiving dinner for our Wounded Warriors at the San Diego Medical Center. Hugh Kramer of Old Mission Rotary has organized the monthly dinners for several years. Math teacher and Interact advisor Victoria Helms led the Francis Parker contingent of 19 students who came to the dinner even on their school break!

Michel Malecot of the French Gourmet donated a full Thanksgiving feast for over 130 Sailors and Marines. Old Mission Rotary deeply appreciates Michel's support that made this monthly dinner so extra special! John Ohle and Mike O'Hara represented the Knights of Columbus from Our Mother of Confidence Catholic Church in University City and donated gift cards to lucky Sailors and Marines.

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(L-R) Tatyana Lazukin, Artem Lazukin with Old Mission Rotarians Hugh Kramer and Vesta Young

At the Old Mission Rotary meeting on November 25th, the club was honored to once again welcome Artem Lazukin and his mother Tatyana. Artem and his mother immigrated to the United States from Russia. When Artem turned 18 he joined the Marine Corps and was promptly sent to war. On his second deployment to Afghanistan, Artem was blown up by an IED and lost both his legs. Old Mission Rotary was blessed to meet Artem several years ago at our monthly Wounded Warrior Dinners. We have had a close relationship with Artem and his mother ever since. Artem has been discharged from the military and lives in East County.

Old Mission Rotary celebrated Vesta Young's 100th birthday in September and they were thrilled that Vesta not only attended the luncheon on November 25th but serenaded the club with her wonderful music on keyboard. Vesta even played the Marine Corps Hymn in honor of Artem!