

Old Mission Rotary

Meets Every Tuesday at noon at the Best Western Seven Seas Hotel Hotel Circle South oldmissionrotary.org

October 14-2014



Project Mercy



Members of Old Mission Rotary, Fallbrook Rotary and Francis Parker Interact worked together to build two homes in a colonia east of Tijuana on Saturday, September 27 with Project Mercy.

Project Mercy is a 501-C (3) nonprofit agency based in San Diego, California. The goal of Project Mercy is the improvement of basic living standards and quality of life for impoverished families who live in squalid conditions in the shantytowns east of Tijuana, Mexico. Project Mercy builds basic but sturdy houses for the poorest families in the outlying neighborhoods, or "colonias" of Tijuana, Mexico. Gary Stemple has organized teams from Old Mission Rotary to fund and build houses with Project Mercy for many years.





On October 14, John Corrado served as club host. John had a career in Mechanical Engineering.

Rotary Youth Exchange



On October 14, Karen Strabala presented a program on Rotary Youth Exchange.

There are a variety of Rotary Youth programs that we are very familiar with at Old Mission Rotary including RYLA, LEAD and the Four Way Test Speech Contest. New club member Bob Chalfa brings with him decades of experience with Rotary Youth Exchange and

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Project Mercy



Francis Parker Interact financed and built a Project Mercy home. Erik Benink drove the students to Tijuana in the Rotary District van.



Gary Stemple of Old Mission Rotary and Victoria Helms of Francis Parker



Volunteers start with a concrete foundation and build an entire three bedroom home in one day.



A very grateful Mexican family accepts the keys to their new home!

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Bob jokes that he even sponsored an Italian student so he could learn Italian. On October 14, Rotary District 5340 Rotary Youth Exchange Chair, Karen Strabala presented a very informative program. **Long Term Exchange** is a program that encourages and fosters a year-long international cultural and scholastic experience for students age 15½ to 18.

week cultural exchange An 8-12 week cultural exchange program for students age 15½ to 18 where two students from different countries take turns living with the other student's family for 4-6 weeks.

Summer Camp Short Term

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Youth Exchange A 3 week cultural exchange program that allows 10-12 students age 15½ to 18, each from a different country, to live and play with Rotarians in another country.

MusicCamp Short Term Youth Exchange is a three week Youth Exchange program for young musicians from around the world who practice and perform with the San Diego Youth Symphony. Old Mission Rotarian Bob Self serves on this District Committee.

The complicated logistics of youth exchange is handled by **SCANEX** which is a non-commercial organization formed by ten Rotary International Districts (5000, 5240, 5280, 5300, 5320, 5330, 5340, 5420, & 5490). Old Mission Rotary now has learned of a new Rotary program to participate in!



Rotary Calendar

- Friday, October 24 through Sunday, October 26 - Rotary District Conference in Palm Springs.
- Monday, October 27 **Got Talent Committee Meeting** at the Rotary District Office startin at 5:30pm
- Friday, November 7 and Saturday, November 8- 1000 Smiles Clinic in Ensendada.
- Friday, October 24 to Sunday October 26- **District Conference at the Desert Princess Palm Springs Golf Resort.**
- Friday, November 22- **District Foundation Seminar** at UCSD from 8am to noon.
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- Sunday, January 18- Saturday, January 24- **International Assembly** at the Manchester Hyatt

Program Schedule

- October 21- Steve Lewandowski with the Veteran's Research Alliance
- October 28,- Katherine WIlley on Finances
- November 4, 2014
 Megan Drummy
 Water in San Diego
- November 11, 2014 Amanda Roussell Interactions for Peace