



# Old Mission Rotary

Meets Every Tuesday at noon at the  
Best Western Seven Seas Hotel  
Hotel Circle South  
[oldmissionrotary.org](http://oldmissionrotary.org)

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## Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary Humane Society Grant



*Old Mission Rotary learned about the the San Diego Humane Society PAWS Program.*

On January, 10th, the Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary awarded a grant of \$4000 to the San Diego Humane Society. The funds will be used for a vehicle to help support the PAWS Program. PAWS San Diego helps people keep their pets by providing essential pet services and support to low-income pet families all over San Diego County.

In addition to delivery of pet food and supplies like flea medication, the In-Home Delivery Service provides vouchers to assist pet owners with veterinary bills, transportation to vet appointments for clients who are unable to get there on their own, and dog walking for home-bound and hospitalized clients.

Clients of the PAWS Program include seniors, people who are chronically ill and disabled, veterans, members of the military, and homeless individuals. As the largest pet safety net service in San Diego, the goal of this unique program is to keep pets in their homes and out of shelters.

### Editor's Note:

*My apologies! I have no photo of our Art Pratt Foundation presentation! I dropped off my roll off Kodak film at Woolworth photo processing and when I picked up my envelope three days later the print was blurry and dark. Perhaps I set my F Stop or Film speed. wrong!*

## Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)



*Robert Reddeg briefed Old Mission Rotary on air traffic control operations in Southern California.*

Robert Reddeg is an Air Traffic Controller at the Federal Aviation Administration in San Diego, California. Reddeg began working at the Federal Aviation Administration in 2008. He learned his craft in the Navy as an air traffic controller on an aircraft carrier.

The mission of the FAA is to provide the safest, most efficient aerospace system in the world. The FAA has many responsibilities but the primary task is to regulate U.S. commercial space transportation. The Southern California Air Traffic Control area is the busiest in the world. Some 275 air controllers control some 70,000 flights per day in the region!

Our speaker is a member and passionate advocate of the National Air Traffic Controller's Association (NATCA). The union is non partisan and their primary objective is to achieve a stable, predictable funding stream for the National Airspace System (NAS).

Rob remarked that the number of fully certified air traffic controllers, already at a 27 year low, fell again in the first three months of 2016.

Air traffic control is not for everyone and the training is rigorous. Air traffic control is a rock solid career with great pay and benefits. Rob asked us to pass the word along to bright young people!

We were delighted to listen to a man who truly loves his job!

## Club Host



*Lee Kaminetz served as Club Host on January 10th. He requested a moment of silence for our nation's first responders.*

Lee Kaminetz has been in Rotary for 12 years and is a Past President of Old Mission Rotary.

Lee grew up in southern rural Maryland along the Chesapeake Bay. He was an undergraduate at Wake Forest and attended law school at the University of Maryland. As a Terrapin, he met his future wife Cass. After working for several years in private practice in Baltimore, the couple moved to Cass' hometown of San Diego.

Lee started again in San Diego with a private law firm but jumped at an opportunity to work at the San Diego International Airport. Today, Lee is the Director, Counsel Services at the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority. He loves his job!

Lee and Cass have two boys and a daughter and Lee spends most of his free time coaching in his kid's youth sports leagues.

One very interesting chapter in Lee's life was when he went to South Africa to help the post apartheid government draft a constitution.

### Rotary Program

- Tuesday, January 17th- **Thousand Smiles Update with Bob Chalfa**

## Talent Gala !! Date Set for Saturday, May 13th!

Old Mission Rotary met on Monday, January 9th to plan for our annual So You Think You've Got Talent San Diego Gala!

Our event date has been set for Saturday, May 13th at Francis Parker School.

We anticipate that the event itself will follow our standard formula.

We will serve an elegant dinner starting at 5:30pm as we are entertained by the Pizarro Brothers.

Bernadette Castro is once again organizing an impressive Silent Auction. The show this year will be expanded to about ten acts and we anticipate another brief live auction. Of course, the Francis Parker Interact will assist and once again provide dessert at intermission.

Huge new news is the participation of the Kearny Mesa Rotary Club!

KM Rotary President, Lillian Chu, and KM President-Elect, Chris Peach were both in attendance at our planning meeting. KM Rotary has become our partner in the fund raiser and will sell show tickets, raffle tickets and provide Silent Auction items. We are thrilled to have them with us!

Special thanks to our event chair Jerry Hosenkamp and to our co-chair Michelle Malin. We are grateful to Michelle for arranging us to meet at the Boys and Girls Club conference room!

All Old Mission Rotarians are asked to support our event by selling tickets and donating auction items. We also ask everyone to scout out talent from their circle of friends and family!

We are off to a great start and this year's gala on Saturday, May 13th will be better than ever!



*The winners from the 2016 Talent gala! The top three acts won \$1000, \$500 and \$250. Planning for this year's show for May 13th has already begun!*

### Rotary Calendar

- Tuesday January 17th- **Art Pratt Foundation Board of Directors Meeting** after our Rotary Meeting
- Wednesday, January 15th- Tuesday, January 21st- **Rotary International Assembly** at the Manchester Grand Hyatt. Next year's District Governors from across the globe converge on San Diego for training!
- Friday, February 10- Sunday, February 12- **President Elect Training Seminar (PETS)** at the Marriott LAX
- Saturday, February 27th- **Rotary Pathways to Peace Forum** at the Joan B. Kroc School for Peace Studies at USD
- Saturday, April 8th- Sunday, April 9th- **Rotary Model United Nations** at the Joan B. Kroc School for Peace Studies at USD and banquet at the Crowne Plaza Hotel
- Saturday, May 13th- **So You Think You've Got Talent San Diego** at Francis Parker School