



Old Mission Rotary

Meets every Tuesday at noon at the
Best Western Seven Seas Hotel
Hotel Circle South
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Workshops for Warriors

Hernán Luis y Prado is on a mission! The former Naval officer is tackling the problem of adrift veterans head on. Having served combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, Hernán watched with disbelief as men and women who had served in combat were discharged from the armed forces with no skills or support. He was driven to find a way to help these struggling veterans. Hernán also learned that there is a manufacturing skills crisis in the United States and he was inspired to set up a non profit to train and certify veterans for these high paying manufacturing jobs. Workshops for Warriors assists the transition of veterans and injured veterans into civilian life through mentoring, training, and education. The non profit provides a combination of classroom education, vocational training and work experience that empowers veterans and increases their career options, confidence, and self-respect. Instruction is offered by skilled veterans, active-duty service-members, and industry experts. Their programs work to ensure long-term independence and integration of veterans into the workforce. We were humbled to meet one of the students from the program,

Mike Casey is a young Marine who lost a foot to an IED in Afghanistan. He was very enthusiastic and is looking forward to a career as a machinist thanks to the Workshops for Warriors program. Mike presented an American flag that was machined out of metal to President Steve.

We enjoy many inspirational programs at Old Mission Rotary but today's talk was something special. Bob James is using his real estate appraisal talents to assist Workshops for Warriors expand their facility in Barrio Logan. Bob was so impressed that he invited Hernán to speak. We were inspired by Hernán who put everything on the line to finance his vision. Hernán praised his wife several times for her unwavering support.



Hernán Luis y Prado (L) and star student Mike Casey of Workshops for Warriors! The club was very moved and impressed by their sincere and powerful program.



Warren Haviland served as our club host on January 14 and we learned that Warren joined the club in August 1978. Warren drew a king and failed to win a \$450 opportunity drawing at the meeting!

Never, never be afraid to do what's right, especially if the well-being of a person or animal is at stake. Society's punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our soul when we look the other way.

-Martin Luther King Jr.,



Bob James announced that he and Lyall Young interviewed juniors at Crawford High School for to represent old Mission Rotary at RYLA.

Art Pratt Foundation

The Art Pratt Foundation Board of Directors has been busy! On January 14, two separate presentations were made by the foundation to familiar and very worthy causes. A check for \$9862 was presented to the Toussant Academy. This facility offers comprehensive services to homeless and runaway youth ages 14-18. They provide 35 transitional beds, specialized educational services and an array of social services. Their goal is to provide youth with the tools to become self sufficient. The grant from the Art Pratt Foundation will be used for new flooring on the first floor of their building at their downtown facility at Fifth and Ash.

The Art Pratt Foundation awarded The Glenner Memory Care Center with a check for \$6873 for furnishings. A grateful CEO, Anete Asher, joined us for lunch and took the opportunity to thank our club. The three San Diego County memory centers offer specialized, adult day programs Monday through Friday. Each center provides therapeutic activities and socialization in a safe, structured, family-like environment. Each person is involved in activities that keep them healthy and engaged.



(L-R) John Corrado, Larry Edwards, Stan Vogelsang, Toussant Academy representatives Jim and Melanie Madrid, President Steve Nuñez and Bill Turnquist. The Toussant Academy is part of Father Joe's Villages.



(L-R) Larry Edwards, John Corrado, Stan Vogelsang, Glenner Memory Center CEO Anete Asher, Omar Calleros and President Steve Nuñez. Separate Glenner Memory Centers are located in South Bay, Hillcrest and Encinitas.

Rotary Calendar

- Monday, February 3
Projects Committee Meeting
Mission Valley YMCA at 1pm
- Friday & Saturday
February 7-8
Thousand Smiles Clinic
Baja Clinic
- Monday, February 10
So You Think You Got Talent Gala San Diego Committee Meeting
Rotary District Office at 5pm
- Friday, April 4-6
RYLA
Idyllwild, CA



Happy Birthday to Stan Vogelsang! Stan was fined the very significant figure of \$71 dollars! Stan serves as the club's Executive Secretary.



It was too good to be true! Tom Sandler announced that his wife had been invited to speak in South Africa personally by the top Anglican Bishop. All expenses were to be paid and first class airline tickets issued to Tom and his wife. Tom got suspicious when the Bishop asked Tom for his banking details! Tom is our club RYLA Chair and he announced that there are two facilitator positions open for the upcoming spring leadership event on April 4-6 at Idyllwild.



Mike Rogers noted that on the day he traveled from Cedar Rapids Iowa to San Diego the temperature fluctuated from -22F to 76F. That is a swing of 98F !

Speaker Schedule

- January 21- Clara Harris
Pathways to Peace
- January 28- Lee Kaminetz
Memories of South Africa 94
- February 11- LEAD Students
- February 18- **Old Mission Four Way Speech Contest**