



# Old Mission Rotary

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



January 21 and 28,  
2014

## Welcome to Old Mission Rotary



*Ann Zacovic (R) with at our Copley YMCA Christmas meeting with Katherine Willey.*

On January 28, we were thrilled to welcome Ann Zacovic into Old Mission Rotary. Ann is a Seattle native. She attended the University of Washington and graduated with a degree in Urban Planning. Ann and her husband, Mark, recently moved to San Diego and Ann is now the Director of Resource Development at San Diego Mesa College. Mark is already the president elect of the El Cajon Rotary Club! Ann and Mark have two grown up sons and a 14 month old grandchild. Ann has already attended several Old Mission Rotary meetings and a Talent Gala planning committee meeting. Ann enjoys the outdoors and is an avid hiker, runner, skier and swimmer. After her induction, Ann took a moment to speak passionately about Mesa College and the diverse community of students that it serves.

## Pathways to Peace



*Clara Harris delivered an insightful program on our Rotary District 5340 Peace Committee.*

On January 21st we learned about Rotary's Pathways to Peace program. Clara Harris is a member of La Mesa Sunrise Rotary and her passion is promoting peace and understanding. A cornerstone of our Rotary District 5340 peace initiative is a Model UN program established for youth seven years ago. Our Rotary District even has an annual Peacemaker Award designed to honor members of the community who have made a significant difference in promoting tolerance, understanding, conflict resolution and peace. Lydia Stewart serves as our Old Mission Rotary Peacemaker!

***War is the unfolding of miscalculations.***  
***-Barbara Tuchman, historian (1912-1989)***

## Art Pratt Foundation

Old Mission Rotary was so impressed and inspired by a recent program by Workshops for Warriors that the Art Pratt Foundation went into overdrive to research and approve a \$25,000 grant. The money was necessary to trigger matching funds from Reliance Steel and a local shipyard for a ventilation system that will allow Workshops for Warriors to triple their class size from six to eighteen students. Workshops for Warriors assists the transition of veterans and injured veterans into civilian life through mentoring, training, and education.



*The Art Pratt Foundation presented a check for \$25,000 to Workshops for Warriors on January 28. (L-R) Bill Turnquist, Art Pratt Foundation president Stan Vogelsang, Workshop for Warriors Founder and Chairman Hernán Luis y Prado, Old Mission Rotary President Steve Nuñez and Workshop for Warriors graduate and young Marine Mike Casey.*

## Memories of South Africa



Ten year veteran of Old Mission Rotary, Lee Kaminetz, presented a program on his experience in South Africa from May through December 1996. Today Lee is an attorney for the San Diego Airport Authority but in 1996 he was a law student at the University of Maryland. Lee applied for an internship in South Africa to assist in the certification of the country's new constitution. Despite not being selected, Lee was so determined that he managed to convince the program leader in South Africa to create a position for him. In South Africa, Lee was exposed to a wide range of experiences. He stayed in crime ridden and desperately poor neighborhoods as well as posh suburbs. He had high praise to both the white and black people he met. Both Zulu and Afrikaner treated Lee with kindness and respect. His work consisted of helping validate the South African Constitution and his boss was the amazing George Bizos who was part of the legal team that defended Nelson Mandela in the infamous Rivonia Trial in 1963. A great highlight was a brief meeting with Nelson Mandela who thanked Lee for helping South Africa! After a Mandela speech, Lee picked up the typewritten notes off of the podium! Lee treasures these papers to this day. He also had time for fun that included night safaris in the velt.



*Tom Sandler introduced Tilly to Mike Rogers! Tom is raising the puppy for Canine Companions for future duties as a highly trained assistance dog to people with disabilities. Tilly may also one day be assigned to professional caregivers providing pet assisted therapy.*



*Bob Self with former member Chandra Kiamilev (R). Work commitments took Chandra away from Rotary but he is returning to Old Mission Rotary soon.*



*President Steve Nuñez (L) was recognized for helping his law firm win a 7.5 million dollar jury verdict! Judge Al Hartunian III was asked to weigh in on an appropriate club fine and he advised Steve to pay some "happy dollars."*



*Visiting Rotarian Forrest Dunbar hails from the Rotary Club of Rocky Point Long Island. On January 28, Bob James (C) served as our Club Host.*

### Speaker Schedule

- February 11- LEAD Students Donna Rankin, counselor, the principal from Farb Middle School, and 4 students will be presenting. PDG Marge Cole will also be present.
- February 18- **Old Mission Four Way Speech Contest**
- February 25- Onesphore Burundi project
- March 11- **Four Way Speech Contest**

### 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  
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