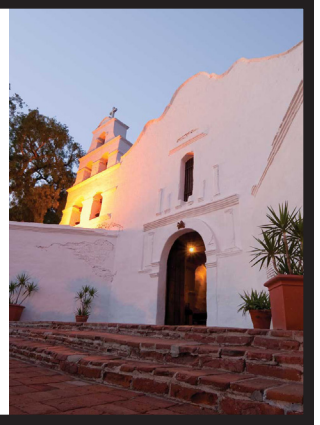




Old Mission Rotary

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

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Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary Grant to Ocean Discovery Institute



(L-R) Old Mission Rotary President Bob Chalfa, Ocean Discovery Institute Donor Relationships Coordinator Deborah Seitz, Art Pratt board members Mark McAnelly, Judi Copeland, Gary John Collins, Eric Benink and Art Pratt Foundation President Lee Kaminetz.

On January 22nd, the Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary presented a grant of \$6500 to the Ocean Discovery Institute. The ODI uses ocean science to empower young people from the under served San Diego community of City Heights. They provide continuous science opportunities paired with mentoring to some 6000 students in San Diego.

The Art Pratt grant will be used to purchase much needed replacement snorkeling gear for the program. Many of the kids from City Heights have never seen the Pacific Ocean and learn how to swim through the Ocean Discovery Institute.

Program Calendar

- January 29th- **Opiates, The Epidemic** by David Wambaugh
- February 12th- **Old Mission Rotary Four Way Test Speech Contest**
- February 26th- **The Situation on the US-Mexican Border**

What are the Duties of a Club Host?

- Be prepared to greet members and guests at promptly at noon in the meeting room.
- Bring three raffle gifts of about \$10 value each.
- Open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

- Deliver a short invocation
- Use the guest sign in sheet to introduce visitors.
- Present a 5 minute *Who Am I*.

Talent Gala Committee Meeting on Monday, February 4th at 5:30pm at the Boys and Girls Club 4635 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

Reception for District Governor Elects

On Wednesday, January 16th, the Mission Valley Sunset Club hosted a reception for visiting District Governor Elects from around the world. The DGEs and their spouses were in San Diego for the Rotary International Assembly. Marge Cole of Mission Valley Sunset Rotary and Bob Chalfa of Old Mission Rotary presented club banners.



District Governor Elect Thomas Some and his wife Zonabo Bonkougou travelled from the West African nation of Burkina Faso and Rotary African District 9101. Their District covers the West African nations of Côte d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Guinée-Bissau, Gambie, Liberia, Guinée, Cap-Vert, Mali, Sénégal and Sierra-Leone!



District Governor Elect Gerry Lambert and his wife Susan are from Canton NY and District 7040. Gerry's district spans parts of northern New York State, Quebec and Ontario. Visiting clubs in the winter is a real challenge!

Patience is also a form of action.
-Auguste Rodin, sculptor



District Governor Elect Jean Reynaud and his wife Anne are from Niort-Sevre Rotary and French District 1510. The couple presented charming and unique Eiffel Tower key chains to the crowd!



District Governor Elect Suzanne Uhl-Melanson and her husband Jeffrey Melanson are from Winslow Maine Rotary and District 7790. We learned from Suzanne's embroidered shirt that the Presidential Theme for the new Rotary 2019-2020 year will be: ***Rotary Connects the World!***



District Governor Elect Dennis Stevens and his wife Jill are from the Rotary Club of Yeovil England and District 1200. Their district is located in Southwestern England and has been very active with earthquake assistance to Nepal.

There are a thousand hacking at the branches of evil to one who is striking at the root.
-Henry David Thoreau, naturalist and author

Rotary Calendar

- Friday-Saturday February 1st and 2nd **Thousand Smiles Clinic in Ensenada**
- Monday February 4th, **Gala Talent Fund Raiser Committee Meeting** at 5:30pm at the Boys and Girls Club in Clairemont.
- Tuesday February 12th- **Old Mission Rotary Board of Directors Meeting** after our Rotary Meeting
- Tuesday February 26th **Art Pratt Board of Directors Meeting** after our Rotary Meeting
- **Rotary District Conference** at Catamaran Hotel March 1-3
- Saturday, February 23rd- **Peace Forum** at USD Kroc Center from 8am to noon

Club Host



Our club host for January 22nd was Gary Stemple. Gary has been busy with his financial planning business, ***Plan For Tomorrow*** as well as all of his fun activities including skiing and boating. Gary is still a devoted Chargers fan and still has season tickets. He is even seeing a past Chargette!

Gary is a past president of Old Mission Rotary and the driving force behind our club's participation in Project Mercy. This program builds small homes for impoverished families in Tijuana in one Saturday every October.