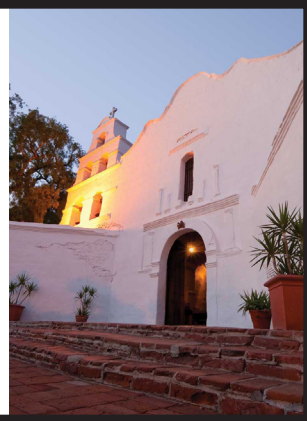


# Old Mission Rotary

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



January 2018

## President-Elect Bob



Bob Chalfa was nominated and elected to serve as Old Mission Rotary President for the years 2018-2019 at our January 16th meeting. We appreciate Bob volunteering for this challenging position!

Our best wishes go out to Marv Love who was scheduled to serve as club president but is taking a leave of absence for health reasons.

## Flash Presidency!



*Eric Benink served as club president for the month of January. Other past presidents will be filling in one month at a time for the rest of the our Rotary year.*

## Jean Farb Middle School LEAD Students



*(L-R) Old Mission Rotary LEAD Chair Lydia Stewart, Nathan Skowrenski, Bill Champion, Ashay Madden, Morgan Gurrola, Jean Farb Middle School Principal Courtney Rizzo and AVID instructor Donna Rankin.*

On January 9th, Old Mission Rotary was thrilled to welcome the LEAD students from Jean Farb Middle School in Tierrasanta. Our LEAD chairperson, Lydia Stewart, convinced our club board of directors to fund not two but four eighth graders to the Rotary leadership event!

The LEAD (Leadership, Ethics, Aspirations & Determination) Conference is a leadership and personal development program for 8th grade students that has been held annually since 2009. Talented young people attend a two day (Saturday and Sunday) camp developed, presented, and hosted by the Rotarians of District 5340. LEAD encourages young people to discuss issues

of ethical responsibility, improve leadership and communication skills, become self-motivated to reach goals, and develop a positive outlook on life; all while having fun and making friends. This year's event took place at the Cuyamaca Outdoor School over the weekend of October 13th and 14th.

Jean Farb Middle School has par-

## ***LEAD Continued page two***

*No man is an Island, entire of itself; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in Mankind; And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; It tolls for thee.*

*-John Donne, poet*

## Take me out to the Ball Game...



*The San Diego Padres were represented by Curt Waugh (L) and Sean Nickelson. The lads did a fine job of revving up Old Mission Rotary for a new and exciting season of Padres baseball!*

The San Diego Padres was the topic on the table at our January 23rd Old Mission Rotary meeting. Curt Waugh and Sean Nickelson spoke about the baseball franchise on and off the field. The Padres are particularly proud of their service to the community through their 12 Days of Giving program which featured a Padres presence and support of community events and organizations throughout San Diego County and the Baja region. Padres players, coaches, alumni, executives, staff and broadcasters, along with Pad Squad, the Swinging Friar and the Padres Volunteer Team, attended a variety of community events and helped to spread holiday cheer.

The baseball team is a rebuilding mode and has shifted their strategy from acquiring active players to developing young prospects. The Padres have an exciting list of highly rated, young talent in their pipeline including slugger Fernando Tatis Jr. and the young left handed pitcher Mackenzie Gore. Curt and Sean predict that the Padres will emerge as contenders in two to three years and that the next couple of years

will be a lot of fun as fans can cheer on our exciting new players. Rotarian Gary John Collins pointed out that the PETCO experience is wonderful and sang the praises of Taco Tuesdays with its \$1 tacos! As far as the Padres tradition, Curt and Sean also noted that Trevor Hoffman was voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame this year. Rotary District 5340 is arranging a series of Padre outings with discounted tickets including games against the St. Louis Cardinals, NY Mets, Chicago Cubs and LA Angels of Anaheim.

### Program Calendar

- February 13th- **Meals of Wheels** with Barb Fiorina
- February 20th- **4 Way Speech Contest**
- February 27th- **Fun on the Job: Tales from Rosie the Riveter to Rocket Scientists at a major aerospace company** with Tom Leech
- March 13th- **4 Way Speech Contest- Second Round**

### Blast from the Past!



*Does anyone remember when Past President Omar Calleros introduced a visiting Rotarian from the lost Egyptian city of Hamunaptra?*

*Only the madman is absolutely sure.*

*-Robert Anton Wilson,  
novelist (18 Jan 1932-2007)*

### LEAD Continued

participated in LEAD for many years and supported strongly by Principal Courtney Rizzo and AVID Advisory Donna Rankin. The school is small with only 450 students that include many children who live in the Murphy Canyon Navy Housing complex. These kids come and go as their military families are transferred. Jean Farb Middle School is particularly proud of their AVID program. AVID is a college readiness program designed to help students develop the skills they need to be successful in college.

Old Mission Rotary was both charmed and impressed by the four students who each took a few minutes to talk about their experiences at LEAD. LEAD encourages us to believe that the future is in good hands

### A Rotarian and A Half



Visiting Rotarian Gordon Shurtleff can boast 48 years of perfect attendance and has made up at 262 Rotary Clubs! He plans to mark 50 years of perfect attendance in Oahu during the 2020 Rotary International Convention. Gordon was introduced by Matt Risi who was once a member of Torrey Pines (La Jolla) Rotary with Gordon. Gordon paid Happy Dollars to announce that his wife Penny Shurtleff as been honored with a proclamation from the County of San Diego for her work with seniors at the League House through the La Jolla Rotary Club.

## Art Pratt Grant San Diego Air and Space Museum



(L-R) Art Pratt Foundation Board Member Drew Armbruster, Foundation President Lee Kaminetz, Past Old Mission Rotary President Bob Self, Air and Space Museum Development Director Diane Sutherland, Art Pratt Foundation Board Member Bob Chalfa and acting Old Mission Rotary President Stan Vogelsang.

The Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary presented a grant of \$8000 to the San Diego Air and Space Museum on January 9th. The San Diego Air & Space Museum is an aviation and space exploration museum in Balboa Park and is housed in the former Ford Building. The museum is divided into many galleries with exhibits emphasizing the contributions San Diego has made to aviation. Sections include the Theodore Gildred Rotunda, Special Exhibit area, World War I Gallery, Golden Age of Flight Gallery, World War II Gallery, and Modern Jet & Space Age Gallery, and the Edwin D. McKeller Pavilion of Flight.

The funds from the Art Pratt grant will be used to remodel the storage and restoration area in the basement of the museum.

## The Heart and Soul of Old Mission Rotary



Eric Benink (L) publicly thanked Stan Vogelsang for all the work that he does for the club at our January 30th meeting.

Our Old Mission Rotary Executive Secretary, Stan Vogelsang, is involved in every aspect of our club's business. Stan has served as president of the club and of the Art Pratt Foundation. Now he is the Treasurer of the Thousand Smiles Foundation.

Acting president Eric Benink presented Executive Secretary, Stan Vogelsang, with a certificate of appreciation on January 30th.

Stan reacted quickly when the club lost not only our current president but also our president for next year. He organized a schedule for past presidents to fill in each month.

## The Legal Minute Net Neutrality

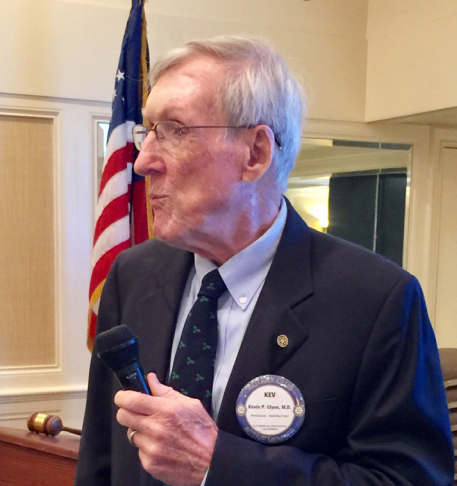


Retired Attorney Bob Self presented a "Legal Minute" on the topic of Net Neutrality.

Net neutrality is the principle that Internet service providers must treat all data on the Internet the same, and not discriminate or charge differently by user, content, website, platform, application, type of attached equipment, or method of communication. On January 9th, retired attorney Bob Self presented a "Legal Minute" on this confusing and controversial topic.

This standard was made law by the FCC under the Obama administration but was just recently reversed under the leadership of the new Trump FCC chairman Agit Pai. The country is now holding its breath to see if internet service providers take advantage of the deregulation to manipulate internet speeds and content to their financial advantage. Bob even read a statement from his former employer, Cox Communication: "Today's vote by the FCC to remove the Title II section of the Net Neutrality rules does not impact our commitment to Net Neutrality. We do not block, throttle or otherwise interfere with consumers' desire to go where they want on the Internet. Cox has always been committed to providing an open Internet experience for our customers." We shall see!

## Tuberculosis in San Diego!



*Dr. Kevin Glynn has redirected his energy and expertise into educating the public about the alarming rise of Tuberculosis cases in San Diego.*

Dr. Kevin Glynn is a Pulmonologist and retired as Medical Director of Scripps Health after a 32 year career. He is the author of a recently published book "Gasping for Air: How Breathing Is Killing Us and What We Can Do about It." Kevin is passionate about public health and has also been a member of the Rotary District 5340 "Don't Wait Vaccinate" committee and was involved in Rotary support for the film "The Invisible Threat."

On January 2nd, Kevin delivered a fascinating and disturbing talk to Old Mission Rotary on the rise of Tuberculosis in San Diego. Once rare in developed countries, tuberculosis infections began increasing in 1985, partly because of the emergence of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. HIV weakens a person's immune system so it can't fight the TB germs. In the United States, because of stronger control programs, tuberculosis began to decrease again in 1993, but remains a concern. TB worldwide strikes over nine million people and results in 1.5 million deaths each year.

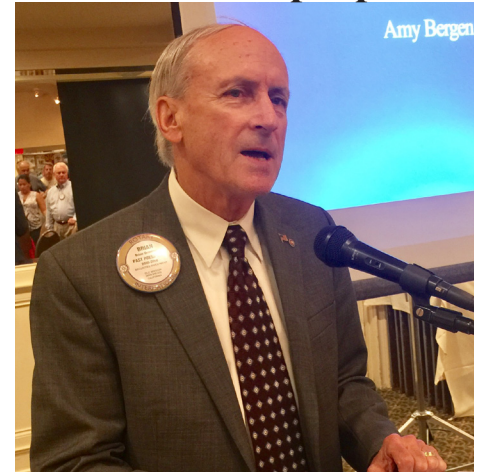
San Diego has a higher than average rate of TB than the rest of the USA; 57 per 100,000 persons as opposed to 3 per 100,000 persons. This is due to our position along the Mexican border. The Tijuana hospital Memorias Albergue has shifted it's focus from HIV to TB as this disease is making a resurgence. Tuberculosis is caused by bacteria that spread from person to person through microscopic droplets released into the air. This can happen when someone with the untreated, active form of tuberculosis coughs, speaks, sneezes, spits, laughs or sings. The good news is that very effective drug treatments are available and inexpensive. Once rare in developed countries, tuberculosis infections began increasing in 1985, partly because of the emergence of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. HIV weakens a person's immune system so it can't fight the TB germs. In the United States, because of stronger control programs, tuberculosis began to decrease again in 1993, but remains a concern. Dr. Kevin Glynn has made it a personal priority to increase awareness of the new TB problem and is even offering to present a program at other Rotary Clubs.

## Share Rotary! Invite a Friend to Lunch.

We all joined Rotary for different reasons such as fellowship, business or a desire to give back. The life changing "Rotary Moment" is when we were transformed into true Rotarians dedicated to "Service Above Self."

Please ask a friend, neighbor or colleague to visit Old Mission Rotary for lunch. Please use a copy of a club bulletin or one of our membership brochures as a tool to introduce our club and Rotary.

## Stock Market Report 2018 Wrap Up



*Brian Dempsey is a past president of Old Mission Rotary and delivers are almost weekly "Stock Market Report" at our meetings. He is a retired Naval Aviator and has been a financial adviser for Edward Jones for 25 years.*

Brian Dempsey presented a very memorable Stock Market Report as he summarized the spectacular gains in the stock market in 2017. The Dow was 25% higher in 2017 as it approached the 25,000 point mark. The broader S&P 500 increased 19% and the technology heavy Nasdaq was up an impressive 28%. Even crude oil recovered and is now trading around \$60 per barrel. It was the best year for the markets since 2013. Of course, the markets have suffered a dramatic correction in late January.

Now we know from the Eagles victory in Super Bowl LII that 2018 will be a Bull Market! The Super Bowl Indicator is a superstition that states that if a team from the American Football Conference (AFC) wins, then it will be a bear market (or down market), but if a team from the National Football Conference (NFC) or a team that was in the NFL before the NFL/AFL merger wins, it will be a bull market (up market).

## Rotary Calendar

- Southwest PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) on February 9th and 10th at LA Airport Marriott
- Tuesday February 13th, **Old Mission Rotary Board of Directors Meeting** after our Rotary Meeting
- Tuesday February 20th, **Art Pratt Foundation Board of Directors Meeting** after our Rotary Meeting.
- **District Seventh Annual Peace Forum** at USD Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice on Saturday, February 24th from 8m to noon
- Monday March 5th, **Gala Talent Fund Raiser Committee Meeting** at 5:30pm at the Boys and Girls Club in Clairemont.
- **District Training Assembly** at USD Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice on Saturday, March 24th from 8m to noon.
- **Model United Nations and Saturday Night Banquet** on Saturday, April 7th and Sunday, April 8th at the Joan Kroc Institute at USD.
- **RYLA Youth Conference** on April 20th - April 22nd
- **District Conference at Knotts Berry Farm** from Friday May 4th through Sunday, May 6th..
- **So You Think You've Got Talent San Diego** on Saturday, May 12th starting with dinner at 5:30pm at Francis Parker School.
- **Rotary International Convention in Toronto** from Saturday, June 23rd to Wednesday June 27th

## Bringing Light to the Heart of Darkness



*Niles Sharif is back from his trip to the desperately poor and politically volatile nation of Burundi.*

Niles Sharif founded the Global Care Alliance. Their vision is to help the forgotten people of the world meet their need for food, shelter, clothing, and medical care so as to end the cycle of poverty. They partner with leaders in marginalized communities in order to provide support through spiritual encouragement and physical and financial resources, to better equip those leaders to effectively serve their communities. Niles briefed Old Mission Rotary about his recent trip to Burundi where he helped to create the country's largest fresh water public works system. What started as a small project to deliver fresh water from a well to a small village exploded into a water distribution system that now serves over 500 families and a region!

Niles continues to do wonderful

*There is always more goodness in the world than there appears to be, because goodness is of its very nature is modest and retiring.*

*-Evelyn Beatrice Hall*

work in San Quentin Baja. He has established a shelter for battered women in this remote and poor migrant farming community. Where to next? Niles is making plans to travel to Myanmar (Burma) where he hopes to identify specific projects for the Global Care Alliance.

We are proud of Niles for his selfless spirit of good will and his physical courage to travel to so many forsaken lands

## The Legal Minute Legalized Marijuana



*Legal Eagle Lee Kamnetz briefed Old Mission Rotary on the latest news in law during our new Legal Minute segment.*

January Flash President, Eric Benink, introduced the **Legal Minute** to our club meetings! On January 2nd, Lee Kamnetz discussed the new California law that legalizes recreational cannabis. The new law is particularly interesting as it defies the federal policy that classifies Marijuana as a narcotic. The Trump Administration has responded by reversing an Obama Administration policy of looking the other way on legalized pot.

Lee also discussed the rise of the minimum wage to \$10.50 per hour and the new regulations prohibiting employers from asking about previous wages and criminal history at job interviews.

## Art Pratt Grant San Diego Civic Youth Ballet



(L-R) Art Pratt Foundation board members Drew Armbruster, Judi Cope-land and Bob Self, Molly Terbovich-Ridenhour who serves as Executive Director of the San Diego Civic Youth Ballet, Art Pratt board member Gary John Collins, Art Pratt Foundation President Lee Kaminetz and Art Pratt board member Bob Chalfa

On January 23rd, The Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary presented a grant to the San Diego Civic Youth Ballet. Molly Terbovich-Ridenhour serves as the Executive Director of the dance company and she explained that the award of \$5,500 will be used to repair and update one of their dance studios. San Diego Civic Youth Ballet was founded in 1945 and has been the resident ballet school in Balboa Park ever since. In addition to offering high-quality, affordable, year-round training in the Casa del Prado studios, SDCYB produces three major productions at the Casa del Prado Theater each year: The next production is A Midsummer Night's Dream in April.

### Club Host



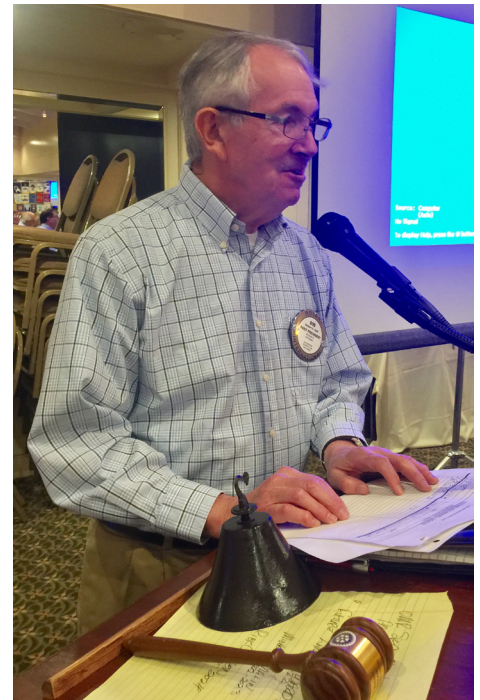
*Über Rotarian Gary Stemple served as club host on January 30th.*

Gary Stemple was born and raised in San Diego. He received his bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Idaho. He is the founder of Plan For Tomorrow, and is a financial and investment advisor. Gary has

more than 25 years of experience in the financial services industry and specializes in investment, retirement, and estate planning for affluent individuals, families, small business owners, executives, and professionals.

Gary is a past club president and has been the driving force behind Old Mission Rotary's participation in Project Mercy and is the Chairman of the Board of the charity. The home building project in Tijuana erects prefabricated structures in one day and then presents the keys to a deserving family. Francis Parker Interact is also very involved in the project. Gary is very active and enjoys golf, gardening the beach and skiing.

### Club Host



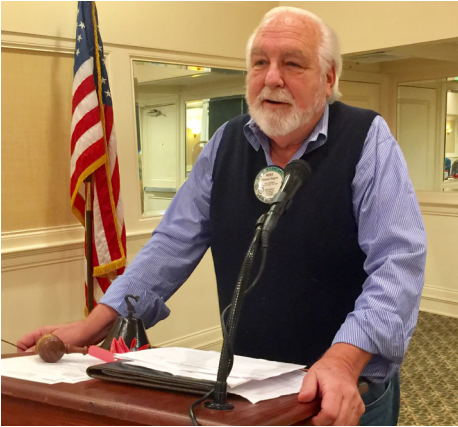
*Bob Self is a consummate Rotarian and has served in Old Mission Rotary in very many capacities including Club President.*

On January 23rd, Bob Self served as our club host. He opened the meeting with an Irish blessing which is quite fitting as he is a member of the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick!

Bob is a San Diego native and attended Helix High School. This served him well many years later when he was stopped by a police officer for "weaving" in his car. The officer examined Bob's license and then exclaimed "We shared a locker in 10th grade!" The officer then let Bob proceed without citation.

Bob attended SDSU and worked for IBM in Paris as a student intern. He earned his law degree at the University of the Pacific and then began what Bob called "a boring life" working in the corporate world for Cox Communication and then Motorola. Bob has been a leader in Old Mission Rotary and in the Art Pratt Foundation.

## The Bwana of Old Mission Rotary



*Mike Rogers delivered a wonderful look back at many decades of Old Mission Rotary history.*

Mike Rogers is the grand patriarch of Old Mission Rotary. He has been to Africa so many times that we can even call him the East African title of Bwana or master! On January 9th, Mike took time to reminisce about the club. Mike started his talk by remarking that he has never been more impressed with the charitable works of Old Mission Rotary than what the club is doing now. Our club organization and participation in such a wide range of charitable work is amazing. He did note that sadly, our ranks have dwindled over the decades.

He remembers the raucous days in the 60s and 70s when 100 Rotarians would crowd the meeting room for lunch. Among the crowd were a great many very interesting characters!

There was a very quiet and unassuming dairy farmer who stood up at a meeting one day in the mid 1960s to announce that he had sold his farm and that the city was going to build a football stadium on the property!

Member Frank Wood was Grant Wood's brother; the American painter best known for his paintings

## Art Pratt Grant Fleet Science Center



*(L-R) Chris LaZich is the Fleet Center Vice President of Advancement, Art Pratt Foundation members Bob Chalfa, Mark McAnelly, Foundation President Lee Kaminetz and Gary John Collins.*

On January 30th. The Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary presented a grant of \$5315 to the The Fleet Science Center. The funds will be used to upgrade the security surveillance system for their 95,000 square foot facility. This is particularly important as the museum offers so many youth and school programs.

The science museum and planetarium is located in Balboa Park at the east end of the El Prado Drive walkway. The Fleet Science Center connects people of all ages to the possibilities and power of science to create a better future. Their mission is to realize a San Diego where everyone is connected to the power of science.

### Bwana Mike Rogers (continued)

depicting the rural American Midwest, particularly *American Gothic*. The pastor of the Kensington Community Church was a member as well as the rabbi from Temple Beth Israel.

Old Mission Rotary also had as a member the very first judge ever to lose their seat in an election.

The Chief of the CHP was a member.

Mike joined Old Mission Rotary at the command of his boss who was head of the graduate school at SDSU.

Mike described his youth as paradise spent between the wild scrub

brush canyons of east San Diego and the surf of Mission Beach. He was a lifeguard at La Jolla Shores for five years. He started a career in the restaurant business with the Jolly Ox in 1967 and experienced major success with his Hungry Hunter chain. One notable flop was Tortilla Flats that served the worst Mexican food in San Diego! He remembers his Food and Beverage Director explaining to him that Americans will never eat carnitas! In addition to Africa, Mike and his wife Sheryl also love to travel to Europe and Sheryl is particularly fond of Paris!

## In the Shadows of Kilimanjaro.



*Heather Rogers presented a fascinating talk on her experiences working at a school in the East African nation of Tanzania.*

Kilimanjaro is a snow-covered mountain 19,710 feet high, and is said to be the highest mountain in Africa. Its western summit is called the Masai "Ngaje Ngai," the House of God. Close to the western summit there is the dried and frozen carcass of a leopard. No one has explained what the leopard was seeking at that altitude...

And so it was, like the leopard in Hemingway's novel, Heather Rogers, was drawn to serve for six months with the Good Hope Project in the magical East African nation of Tanzania. Heather was first introduced to the dark Continent on a family safari arranged by her grandfather, Old Mission Rotarian Mike Rogers.

Tanzania is Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania in Swahili. It is a sovereign state in eastern Africa within the African Great Lakes region. It borders the Indian Ocean to the east.

The population of the country is estimated at 55.57 million, and speaks over 100 different languages!

European colonialism began in mainland Tanzania during the late

19th century by Germany and then the British following World War I. The mainland of Tanganyika, was eventually merged with the Zanzibar Island Archipelago following independence in the early 1960s. Heather grew up in Poway and studied Environmental Engineering at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. She took time to travel the world and was starting an exciting professional career in San Francisco when Africa called.

In Tanzania, Heather served with the Good Hope Support organization with the mission "To provide education, skills, knowledge, support, comfort, safety and love to children infected or affected with HIV/AIDS, orphans, people suffering from illness, and the disadvantaged, in order to help them create an empowering life of hope." Heather thrived and made wonderful friends with children at the school. She even became a sister to three Masai warriors who looked out for her. Everyone was anxious to teach her Swahili. She was so dedicated that when her three month visa expired she traveled 20 hours over hot and dusty roads in an ancient bus to Kampala Uganda so that she could extend her visa another three months!

Every member of the club was truly impressed with Heather's humanitarian spirit and sense of adventure. It was only fitting that she ended her presentation with a Swahili thank you...

***Asante Sana !!***

## Talent Gala News!

Our annual club fund raiser "*So You Think You've Got Talent San Diego*" is scheduled for the evening of Saturday, May 12th at Francis Parker School. The Thousand Smiles and Old Mission Rotary Foundations will benefit.

## Do Rattlesnakes Lay Eggs?



*Tom Sandler served as club host on January 16th. His classification is Picture Framing and he has owned the Frame Station for decades. He recently relocated the store to 4085 Pacific Highway.*

Do Rattlesnakes lay eggs? Tom Sandler served as club host on January 16th and related an amazing story about auditioning for and appearing on a TV game show in 1978. ***High Rollers*** was an American television game show that involved contestants trying to win prizes by rolling dice. High Rollers was part of NBC's daytime lineup and was hosted by Alex Trabek. Tom met with fabulous success on the show. His run of good luck all started when he was about to answer the question "Do Rattlesnakes lay eggs?" with a yes when his competitor beat him to the buzzer. The woman answered yes which was wrong and Tom was on his way to winning two Buicks, a trip around the world, furniture and a TV!

Tom is the driving force behind our dynamic Old Mission Rotary RYLA program and he announced that our five separate high school RYLA interview sessions are in progress.

Tom and his wife are off to London for a month.