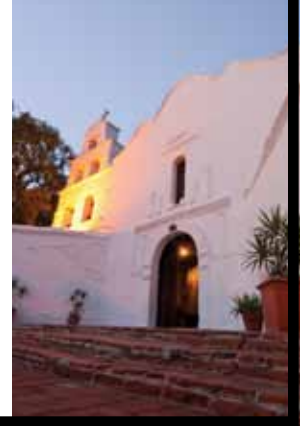




# Old Mission Rotary

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



February 18, 2014

## 4-Way Test Speech Contest

Once again, our 4-Way Test Speech contest was a great success. Over the years, Bill Turnquist set the bar as the chairman of the annual event. This year, our new chair, Eric Benink, has risen to the occasion to organize a very special contest. Our club judges were Bob James, Barry Williamson, Dr. Kevin Glynn, Bill Turnquist and Omar Calleros. Our contestants all participate in the **Reality Changers** program that assists inner city youth get to college. Every Rotarian in the room was impressed by our three contestants. Their common theme was the struggle against violence, poverty and despair in the inner city neighborhood of City Heights. Each contestant realized that education was the key to their future success.

Katherine Willey served as the emcee of our club 4-Way Test Speech Contest. She advised our contestants that it is good to be a little nervous but not good to be paralyzed by fear. In between speakers, Katherine kept us entertained with famous funny political quotes or “Hooverisms.”

Our first speaker was Huy Nguyen. He compared his life journey to the bus trip he makes every day from his inner city

neighborhood to school in the suburbs. He left Vietnam at the age of ten and is very grateful to the hard work of his parents. He emphasized that in the United States, education has value not just because it enriches the individual but because it benefits our society.

Our second speaker was Daniel Rios and he discussed the 4-Way Test as it relates to the violence surrounding his life in the inner city. Daniel witnessed gunfire and stabbings routinely while growing up. He struggled to get an education despite temptations and pressures to abandon school. He is determined to succeed.

Rosa Olascoaga noted that the background sounds of her youth were gunfire, sirens and police helicopters! Her epiphany came when she met Michelle Obama during the first lady visit to City Heights. She was so inspired that she is now dedicated to her education and to improving her community. Rosa was very active in bringing a skate park to City Heights.

The Reality Changers program was well represented by the three high school seniors that participated in our 4-Way Test Speech contest. Old Mission Rotary was thrilled to hear their stories and we wish them the very best of luck as they finish their senior year of high school and move on to college!



*Our 4-Way Test Speech contestants are all participants of Reality Changers. (L-R) Huy Nguyen attends Mira Mesa High School and hopes to attend UC Berkeley as an Aerospace Engineering major. Rosa Olascoaga attends Patrick Henry High and dreams about studying political science at NYU. Daniel Rios also attends Patrick Henry High and would like to attend UCLA and study economics.*



*(L-R) “Mr. 4-Way Test” Bill Turnquist, 4-Way Test speech chair Eric Benink, Third Place Winner Huy Nguyen, First place Winner Rosa Olascoaga, Second Place Winner Daniel Rios and contest master of ceremonies Katherine Willey.*

## Wounded Warriors Phil's BBQ Dinner Tuesday, February 25 at the Naval Hospital

It's too late to volunteer to serve dinner at the Liberty Center next Tuesday but please bring soft drinks and bottled water to our February 25 meeting so that Hugh Kramer can take them to the Phils BBQ dinner at the Naval Hospital.

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Tuesdays at Noon  
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*Michelle Malin announced that a team of kids from the Boys and Girls Club recently won a local Robotics competition and are now en route to the next round of competition in Sacramento. She thanked Old Mission Rotary for the financial support that we gave the team. Michelle won the beautiful orchid in our club raffle!*

***Barricades of ideas are worth more than barricades of stones.  
-José Martí, revolutionary and poet (1853-1895)***

## Old Mission Rotary The Club that Can't Say No!



Bob James joined La Mesa Sunrise Rotary 25 years ago to play golf! Little did he know how Rotary would change his life. He reflected on a Rotary experience that even took him to the remote corners of East Africa. Bob was in a tough spot during the Crawford High School RYLA interviews when two sisters were competing for one spot. Bob was eternally grateful to the club for finding the funds to sponsor both sisters and he was thrilled to be able to tell them that they will both attend our leadership weekend in Idyllwild this spring!

### Program Schedule

- February 25- **Onesphore** Burundi project by Niles Sharif
- March 4- **San Diego Real Estate** with Alan Nevin
- March 11- **Regional Four Way Speech Contest**
- March 18- **Can We Save American Manufacturing?** by Michele Nash-Hoff



*Gil Kleecan served as our host on Tuesday, February 18. His creative raffle prizes included a beautiful orchid, a bottle of wine and a jar of pickles.*

### Rotary Calendar

- Tuesday, February 25  
**Wounded Warrior Dinner** at the Liberty Center from 4-6pm
- Monday, March 10  
**Got Talent Gala Committee**  
Rotary District Office in Old Town 5:30-6:30pm
- Saturday, March 22  
**District Assembly**  
Joan Kroc Institute at USD
- Friday, April 4-6  
**RYLA**  
Idyllwild, CA
- Friday - Saturday April 25&26  
**VIDAII**  
San Quentin
- Saturday, May 17  
**Got Talent San Diego**  
Francis Parker Academy  
Dinner at 5:30pm