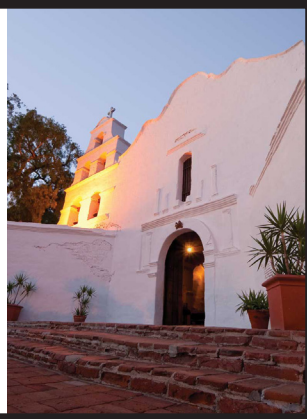




Old Mission Rotary

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

February 21, 2017



Four Way Test Speech Contest



Old Mission Rotary sponsored a Four Way Test Speech Contest on February 21st. (L-R) Contest Chairman Eric Benink, Reality Changer Contestants Japheth Niles-Rodney, Abraham Mendez, Yesmin Salah and Najmo Abdi and Reality Changer staff member Jordan Harrison.

Rotarians are proud to promote high ethical standards in their professional lives. The Four-Way Test was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy. This 24-word test was adopted by Rotary in 1943.

Eric Benink once again served as chairman and organized an amazing event. Our club judges were Judy Copeland, Michele Tondreau and Larry Edwards.

On February 21st, four high school students from the Reality Changers Program participated in the Old Mission Rotary Four Way Test Speech Program. They each deliv-

ered amazing talks on ethics and our club judges were hard pressed to select a winner.

Abraham Mendez won the event with a talk on the "Food Desert of City Heights." He used the four Way Test to point out the injustice and irony of the lack of nutritious food in the struggling immigrant community where he lives. Abraham will go on to participate in the next level of the Rotary District 5340 contest.

Jordan Harrison represented Reality Changers. The program gives students an opportunity to become the first in their families to attend college and provides a positive culture in inner city neighborhoods.

Thousand Smiles Winter Clinic



Thousand Smiles offers dental and cleft palate surgical treatment to children in Mexico who would otherwise never receive any help.

The Winter Clinic for Thousand Smiles was another amazing success! The clinic was open over the weekend of February 3-4 and as always, the staff performed dental work and surgeries on the many impoverished people that traveled to Ensenada from Baja and even mainland Mexico.

The Thousand Smiles medical volunteer staff consists of surgeons, dentists, nurses and hygienists. Many others help with administration, check-in, food service and child care. The Thousand Smiles Foundation is all about the faces of the children that receive dental and surgical care.

Art Pratt Grant to Canine Companions



The Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary presented a grant of \$6169 to Canine Companions to repair the air conditioning system at their facility. (L-R) Larry Edwards, Old Mission President Bob Self, Mike Lewis, the Developmental Associate for Canine Companions Joanna Mueller and Canine Companions volunteer Sondra Sandler. At far right is the Labrador Retriever, Magill, that Tom and Sondra will soon turn over to the program after raising from a puppy.

Canine Companions for Independence is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs at no charge to the recipient. Old Mission Rotarian Tom and his wife Sondra Sandler have raised 11 dogs that were evaluated and then assigned by the program to help people with a variety of needs.

Rotary Program

- Tuesday, February 28th- **Girl Scout Project with Elder-Help-** Charlotte Schmidt of Francis Parker School Interact

Operation Thin Mint arrived at Old Mission Rotary with a wagon full of Girl Scout Cookies! Steve and Dawn Nuñez helped promote their daughter Rosemary's cookie sales!

Operation Thin Mint!



Rotary Calendar

- Tuesday, February 28th from 4pm -6pm- **Wounded Warrior Dinner** at the Liberty Center at the San Diego Naval Medical Center.
- Tuesday March 14th **Old Mission Rotary Board of Directors Meeting** after our Rotary Meeting
- Saturday, March 18th from 7:30am-noon- **District Training Assembly** at the Joan B. Kroc School for Peace Studies at USD
- Tuesday March 21st **Art Pratt Foundation Board of Directors Meeting** after our Rotary Meeting
- Friday-Sunday, April 7-9- **RYLA Conference** in Idyllwild
- Saturday, April 8th- Sunday, April 9th- **Rotary Model United Nations** at the Joan B. Kroc School for Peace Studies at USD and Saturday night banquet at the Crowne Plaza Hotel
- Saturday, May 13th- **So You Think You've Got Talent San Diego? Club Fund Raiser** at Francis Parker School
- Saturday, June 20th- Wednesday, June 14th- **Rotary International Convention** in Atlanta

I want to stay as close to the edge as I can without going over. Out on the edge you see all kinds of things you can't see from the center. -Kurt Vonnegut, Jr., writer (11 Nov 1922-2007)