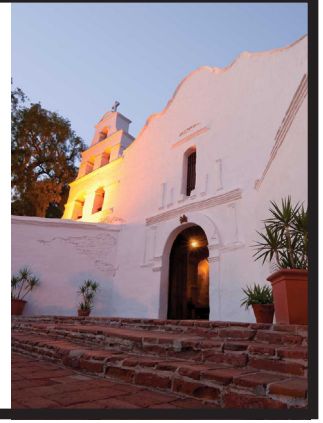


Rotary



The Old Mission Bell of Old Mission Rotary

Meetings Every Tuesday at noon
at the Legacy Resort Hotel and Spa
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VIIDAI



Stephanie Brodine of the SDSU School of Public Health is a founding member of VIIDAI and the inspiring effort to improve public health in a community of migrant agricultural workers in Baja.

VIIDAI is an acronym in Spanish for a unique, international public health field program in Baja Mexico that was started in 1998 by Dr. Miguel Fraga of UABC Medical School in Tijuana..

The VIIDAI mission is to facilitate collaborative projects that integrate the faculty and students from the UABC Medical School in Tijuana, the UCSD School of Medicine and the SDSU School of Public Health. Old Mission Rotary has become an integral part of the VIIDAI team by funding projects that compliment the public health effort.

The VIIDAI public health teams travel twice a year to help a community of migrant farmers in Colonia Lomas de San Ramon near the town of San Quentin some 200 miles

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Visiting Japanese Rotarian



On Tuesday, February 21st, Japanese Rotarian Rie Numa (C) of the Kawasaki Rotary Club visited Old Mission Rotary with her daughter Sayaka. Sayaka is a past Rotary Youth Exchange student and attends San Diego State University. President Don exchanged club banners and gifts with Rie who is the president of the Senzaki Metal Processing Company in Kanagawa near Tokyo.

Proposed for Membership in Old Mission Rotary



Monique Campbell (R) has been proposed for membership on Old Mission Rotary by Shari Stauder. Monique was invited by Shari to one of our evening socials and then attended several club meetings.

The Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary



Miles Durfee serves as the current President of the Art Pratt Foundation.

Stan Vogelsang and Miles Durfee teamed up to present an overview of the Art Pratt Foundation on February 21st. Miles also served as club host and reflected on his 25 years as a member fo the club. The Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary originally grew from a bequest of shares in Coca-Cola stock by Kearny Mesa Club Rotarian Art Pratt. Under the stewardship of the Kearny Mesa Rotary Club, the foundation grew to be able to support numerous charitable efforts. When the Kearny Mesa Club closed, the foundation was transferred to Old Mission Rotary in 1999 during the Old Mission Rotary presidential year of Miles Durfee.

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south of the border. The farmers, who work on huge tomato plantations, are mostly Mexican-Indians from Oaxaca.

The public health effort by the three universities has focused on:

- Prevention of infectious diseases such as rickettsia and now Rocky Mounted Spotted Fever.
- Prevention of chronic diseases such as anemia
- Promoting health behaviors such as healthy eating, hand washing, drinking clean water, physical activity and sports.
- Structural and environmental changes including increased access to clean water, healthy food, health care services, sports equipment and technology.

Projects funded for the Salvador Diaz Miron School by Old Mission Rotary over the years include:

- A full kitchen at the school
- A library with stacks
- A computer center with 15 PCs
- Extensive electrical, lighting and plumbing improvements
- Painting the interior and exterior of the school in dramatic and bright Mexican Indian colors!
- An enclosed patio with a metal roof for protection of the students from sun and rain
- A state of the art water recycling system to provide safe drinking water to the school
- A full size van to the UABC Medical School in Tijuana.
- Soccer uniforms and equipment for a youth league

Old Mission Rotarians Bob James, Stan Vogelsang and Gerry Hosenkamp have been the driving force in the project but any member of Old Mission Rotary, including friends and family, can volunteer to help and witness the amazing success of this collaborative effort to help the people of this desperately poor area.

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

-Harriet Tubman

Club Host

Gary John Collins



Gary John Collins served as club host on February 14th. We know Gary as the very dashing owner of the Air Conditioned Lounge in North Park but over the years he has worked as a rocket scientist at General Dynamics and as a stand up comedian and actor in LA!

Rotary Calendar

- Monday, March 6th- **Talent Show Planning Meeting** at the Clairemont Boy's & Girls Club at 5:30pm.
- Saturday, March 25th at 8am at Liberty Station **Rotary District Training Assembly.**
- Saturday, April 29th at 8am at Liberty Station **NAMI Walk for Mental Health.**
- Friday-Saturday on May 6th and 7th- **Thousand Smiles Spring Clinic** Ensenada Baja.
- Saturday, May 13th at 5:30pm- **So You Think You've Got Talen San Diego** Francis Parker School.

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The Foundation by tradition and practice has favored grant requests that:

- Benefit children and youth
- Benefit persons with disabilities or who are otherwise disadvantaged
- Organizations and not individuals
- Involve the acquisition of facilities or equipment
- DO NOT provide operating funds for programs or payroll
- Benefit the local community, especially the service area of Old Mission Rotary
- Can provide a tangible, permanent recognition of the gift by the Foundation and its founder, Art Pratt.

The Foundation awards grant money from the annual interest generated from the \$3.5 million dollar corpus. Grants generally range from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

When requests are made to the Art Pratt Foundation, the board reviews the application and then the next step is to send a team of two Rotarians to meet with the applicants at their facility or office.

If the Art Pratt board approves a grant, the funds are disbursed at a club meeting with our large ceremonial check. Typically, grant recipients will present a program to the club outlining their charitable work and how the Art Pratt funds will be used.

After an organization receives a grant then a new grant applications can only be submitted again after three years.

Old Mission Rotary Club Members are urged to serve on the Art Pratt Foundation Board of Directors. It is a life changing experience and an opportunity to help so many people.