



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 Supports the San Diego Rescue Mission



The Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary presented \$15,000 to the San Diego Rescue Mission. (L-R) Bob Self, Bill Turnquist, Larry Edwards, John Corrado, Old Mission Rotary President Steve Nuñez, Art Pratt Foundation President Stan Vogelsang, San Diego Rescue Mission President and CEO Herb Johnson and Omar Calleros.

On Tuesday, February 25, the Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary presented a check for \$15,000 to the San Diego Rescue Mission. San Diego rescue Mission CEO, Herb Johnson, gratefully accepted the funds to buy a new van. The vehicle donated by the Art Pratt Foundation will be the latest in a small fleet of vans that will transport seven million pounds of food to the hungry across San Diego over the course of the year. Most of this food is unused and would normally be thrown away! For more than 50 years, the San Diego Rescue Mission has been

helping San Diego's homeless and poor populations create better lives for themselves. The non profit provides an opportunity to for those in need to take control of their lives by providing shelter and nutritious meals to the homeless. Training programs help people return to mainstream society.

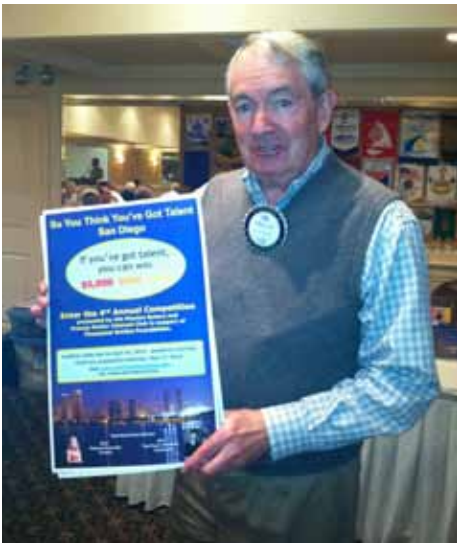
The San Diego Rescue Mission CEO, Herb Johnson, is a graduate of the Harvard Business School and uses his 30 year's of experience in supply chain management to help the desperate people who live on the streets of San Diego.

Burundi



Onosphere Manirakiza presented a program on the challenges facing his native Burundi.

Niles Sharif has is on a mission to help the people of the tiny central African nation of Burundi and on February 25th, Niles introduced our program speaker Onosphere Manirakiza. Onosphere was educated as a lawyer but he has since dedicated his life to fighting malnutrition and poverty in his native land. Burundi is a tiny landlocked country in central Africa. The Twa, Hutu and Tutsi peoples inhabit the former Belgian colony. Social differences between the Tutsi and Hutu have since led to political unrest and even genocide. Burundi is one of the five poorest countries in the world. We learned about Onesphore's programs to teach farming and to help families build small houses. Our club is very proud of Niles Sharif for his efforts to help some of the poorest people in Burundi and in Baja Mexico.



Bob Self serves as the chair of our annual fund raiser **“So You Think You’ve Got Talent San Diego.”** On February 25th, Bob presented new posters that we can use to promote the event. He was also nominated and voted in by the club to serve as next year’s club secretary. This puts Bob in line to serve as Old Mission club president in 2016.



Lee Kaminetz was our club host on February 25th. Lee took the opportunity to recognize the members of the club who set up our meetings week after week. Lee thanked Bea Halk, Bernadette Castro, Larry Edwards, Stan Vogelsang and especially Vesta! Lee also acknowledged our server Donna from the best Western Seven Seas staff for her cheerful and efficient service.

**He who opens a school door,
closes a prison.
-Victor Hugo, poet, novelist,
and dramatist (1802-1885)**



Bernadette Castro was a very surprised and happy winner of our opportunity drawing on February 25th. “Now I can pay my club dues!” she exclaimed.



Past District Governor (2001-2002) Bill Sturgeon is a member of the Coronado Club.

Program Schedule

- 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
- March 25 **The Irony of the Island (Presentation on Cuba)** by Richard Trefflich



Richard Trefflich (C) brought two guests to lunch! Michael Vitali (L) has visited several times and Don Falorio (R) was at Old Mission for the first time. Don was a Rotarian in suburban Cleveland Ohio.

Rotary Calendar

- Monday, March 10
Got Talent Gala Committee
Rotary District Office in Old Town
5:30-6:30pm
- Saturday, March 22
District Training Assembly
Joan Kroc Institute at USD
8am-Noon
Matching Grants Seminar
Joan Kroc Institute at USD
1pm-3pm
- Friday,-Sunday, April 4-6
RYLA
Idyllwild, CA
- Friday-Sunday, April 25-27
VIDAII Team to Baja
San Quentin Mexico
- Saturday, April 26
Rotarians at Work Day
San Diego Service Project
- Saturday, May 17
So You Think You’ve Got Talent San Diego
Francis Parker Academy
Dinner at 5:30pm