



Old Mission Rotary

Meets every Tuesday at noon at the
Best Western Seven Seas Hotel
Hotel Circle South
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March 4, 2014

District Training Assembly

The District Training Assembly will take place on the morning of Saturday, March 22nd at the University of San Diego. The venue is the prestigious Joan Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice. There will be a continental breakfast beginning at 8am followed by a brief welcome and then three one hour training sessions. Topics covered range from club officer duties to membership and public relations. The Global Grants portion (required for clubs planning to apply for Global Grants) will be in the afternoon. President Elect Matt encourages club members to attend! (Visit Rotary5340.org)

UP! The Next Five Years



Alan Nevin of the XPERA Group explains how San Diego is well positioned to prosper in the future.

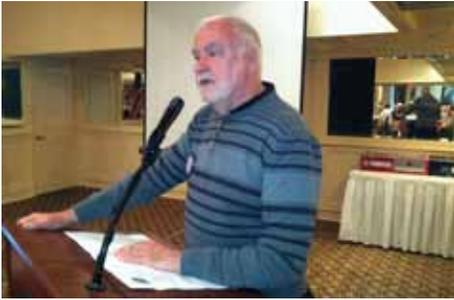
Our speaker on March 4th was Alan Nevin of the XPERA Group. The XPERA Group is California's most comprehensive group of construction consulting experts. Alan is the Director of Economic and Market Research and he has an extensive background in real estate economics. He is a consultant and subject matter expert on the San Diego economy. The major theme of his talk was that San Diego is well positioned to thrive in the decades ahead. The recovery of the economy after our great recession is uneven across the nation. Many areas, such as the mid west, are slow to recover as their core industries have been decimated. Michigan is an example of an economy hamstrung by the demise

of the US auto industry. California and San Diego, however, are blessed to have a mix of new and growing industries such as telecom, import/export, high tech manufacturing, aerospace and biotech. In San Diego, we also have a strong military presence and a thriving tourist industry. We are lucky in San Diego to have the world class universities of UCSD, USD and San Diego State. The residential real estate market has rebounded and the biggest problem is a lack of housing starts and home inventory. The demand for more housing is fueled by a steadily increasing population and low interest rates. Alan's talk was good news to all of us and we all look forward to a prosperous San Diego!



The first Rotary Club was formed when attorney Paul P. Harris called together a meeting of three business acquaintances in downtown Chicago, at Harris' friend Gustave E. Loehr's office in the Unity Building on Dearborn Street on February 23, 1905.

Who Am I



Hugh Kramer served as Club Host on March 4th. He opened our meeting with a prayer inspired by Sister Antonia who is known as the Prison Angel for her work at San Miguel Prison in Tijuana.

Hugh Kramer has dedicated his life to Service Above Self with 29 years in Rotary. Hugh represents Old Mission Rotary with his many acts of charity in the community. Hugh does the shopping and hauls food down to feed the patients and volunteers at the Thousand Smiles clinic in Baja every quarter. Thousand Smiles is most known for cleft palate surgeries but they also provide a whole spectrum of dental care. Hugh is also passionate about recognizing our Wounded Warrior community by organizing special dinners at the Naval Hospital. Month after month, Hugh coordinates the efforts of Old Mission Rotarians and Francis Parker Interact students to stage and serve elaborate dinners for our injured service men and women. Recently, Hugh was recognized by the Armed Forces YMCA as their Civilian Volunteer of the Year. For years, Hugh helps to feed the homeless of Ocean Beach every Wednesday. Hugh and his wife Carol started the Discover Baja Travel Club in 1991. Ever since, they have been helping travelers with insurance, travel visas, fishing licenses and discounts with their extensive network across the peninsula of Baja.



Tom Sandler once again presented Tilly to Old Mission Rotary! Tom is raising the puppy for Canine Companions for future duties as a highly trained assistance dog to people with disabilities. Tilly may also one day be assigned to professional caregivers providing pet assisted therapy.



Brian Dempsey delivered an intense business report just as tensions between Russia and the Ukraine flared. The news rocked the stock market and Brian was so nervous that he even cancelled his upcoming spring vacation to the dacha in Yalta!

Program Schedule

- 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

Rotary Calendar

- Monday, March 10
Got Talent Gala Committee
Rotary District Office in Old Town
5:30-6:30pm
- Thursday, March 13
Board of Directors Meeting
Mission Valley YMCA
7:30am
- 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
- Saturday, April 12
Rotarian of the Year Dinner
- Saturday & Sunday, April 12-13
Model UN
Joan Kroc Institute at USD
- Friday-Sunday, April 25-27
VIDAII Team to Baja
San Quentin Mexico
- Saturday, May 17
So You Think You've Got Talent San Diego
Francis Parker

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