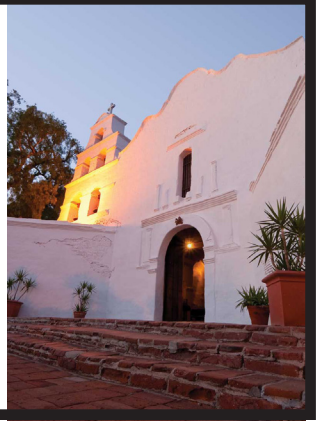




Old Mission Rotary

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

March 7, 2017



Art Pratt Grant to ARC San Diego



On March 7th, the Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary awarded a grant of \$7000 to ARC San Diego for wheel chair accessible picnic tables. (L-R) Bob Chalfa, Larry Edwards, Judy Copeland, Developmental Director of the ARC of San Diego Kaye Kelley, President of the Art Pratt Foundation Stan Vogelsang, Gerry Hosenkamp and Old Mission Rotary President Bob Self.

The Arc of San Diego, a private, not-for-profit corporation, is one of the region's largest human-service agencies. They provide an extensive array of services to people with disabilities in San Diego County. Founded in 1951 by a determined group of parents and other community members who were concerned about the lack of services available for children with intellectual disabilities, Arc blends a long history of service with a national reputation for success. The Arc of San Diego has a rich tradition of developing quality pro-

grams for children and adults with disabilities. All of their programs promote social, economic, and personal independence. They stand by the belief that people with disabilities have unlimited potential and the right to equality of opportunity. The Arc of San Diego supports and empowers persons with disabilities to achieve their life goals.

**Talent Gala Committee
Meeting on Monday,
March 13th at 5:30pm at the
Boys and Girls Club
4635 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.**

Blue Badge



On March 7th, Gary John Collins was presented with his Blue Badge making him a full fledged member of Old Mission Rotary! Gary holds the classification of Innkeeper and owns The Air Conditioned Lounge in North Park.

District Training Assembly

The District Training Assembly will take place on Saturday, March 18th at the University of San Diego Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies. This event is essential training for incoming club officers, directors, and committee chairs. Learn leadership skills, club management tips and best practices/ The morning starts with a continental breakfast at 7:45am and runs until noon. Reserve your space today at DistrictTrainingAssembly.com.

Club Host



Drew Armbruster served as club host on March 7th. Drew and his wife Silvia donated a watercolor painting to the Silent Auction for our Got Talent gala.

Drew Ambruster recently joined Old Mission Rotary. He is a California native and grew up in rural Paso Robles on a farm. He played football in High School and at Cuesta Junior College and then joined the Marine Corps. After the service he attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. His first career was in restaurants and rose from the prep kitchen to management and to ownership. Today, Drew is a mortgage broker for the Peoples National Bank of Colorado. Drew and his wife Sylvia have been married for 14 years.

Projects Committee Meeting

Our Old Mission Rotary Foundation Projects Committee will meet on Monday, March 13th at 2pm at the Mission Valley YMCA. Chairman Rick Wilson announced that the main topic of the meeting will be to determine the club's participation in the worldwide "Rotarians at Work Day" scheduled for Saturday, April 29th. Our Projects Committee identifies and recommends charitable projects and funding to the Old Mission Rotary Board of Directors. Funds are disbursed from the Old Mission Rotary Foundation.

Immigration



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Immigration Attorney, Lillian Chu, of the Kearny Mesa Rotary Club presented a fascinating and timely program on immigration requirements to the United States. Old Mission Rotary was treated to a timely and eye opening program on Immigration Law on March 7th by Lillian Chu. Lillian is a member of the Kearny Mesa Rotary Club and works at the Law Offices of Peter D. Chu.

The Trump administration has issued two executive orders on immigration designed to keep "bad guys" out of the United States. An assumption is made that terrorists are infiltrating through our immigration system. Lillian reviewed the process of vetting for immigrants which is a 2-5 year process. The United Nations High Commission for Refugees first screens candidates and then will ask a specific country to consider the individual. Applicants cannot select a specific country for asylum.

The American vetting includes comprehensive interviews and data base searches by the State Department, the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security. All of this is

done in the refugee camps in such distant places as Jordan and Kenya. Refugees that successfully pass through this rigorous process are then matched with a resettlement agency. In San Diego, the International Rescue Committee, the Alliance for African Assistance and Catholic Charities work directly with new immigrants to help with housing, jobs and language training.

Lillian presented a sympathetic view of the challenges of immigration and asked us to apply the Rotary Four Way Test before we pass judgement of the desperate refugees who are stateless people.

What? Me Worry?



Brian Dempsey reported on the amazing performance of the stock market in 2017. The DOW has reached 21,000 points and has increased 6% so far this year.

Rotary Calendar

- Monday, March 13th **Projects Committee** at 2pm at the Mission Valley YMCA.
- Monday, March 13th **Got Talents Committee** at 5:30pm at the Boys and Girls Club.
- Tuesday March 14th **Old Mission Rotary Board of Directors Meeting** after our Rotary Meeting