



# Old Mission Rotary

Meets every Tuesday at noon at the  
Best Western Seven Seas Hotel  
Hotel Circle South  
[oldmissionrotary.org](http://oldmissionrotary.org)



March 18, 2014

## Can American Manufacturing be Saved?



*Michele Nash-Hoff splashed cold water in our faces with a frightening report on the state of manufacturing in America!*

Michele Nash-Hoff has been in and out of San Diego's high-tech manufacturing industry since starting as an engineering secretary at age 18. Michele is founder and president of ElectroFab Sales, a sales agency specializing in helping manufacturers select the right processes for their products. Michele is the author of *Can American Manufacturing be Saved? Why we should and how we can.*

Michele presented a fascinating history of American manufacturing from colonial times to the post WWII world super power glory days and into the present where American manufacturing is on the wane. Since 2000, our manufacturing sector has declined dramati-

cally. For example, textiles have fallen 63%, communications 47%, motor vehicles 43%, machine tooling 60% and printed circuit boards 74%. Michele focused on the contribution manufacturing makes to the U. S. economy, how manufacturing jobs are the foundation of the middle class. Manufacturing jobs pay significantly more than service jobs and the manufacturing industry serves as an engine of technology. One of her main points was that the loss of our manufacturing sector threatens our national security particularly with regards to an expanding China, Loss of manufacturing is directly related to booming federal and state deficits. The United States has fallen behind China and Germany in exports of manufactured goods. What can be done to save American manufacturing by government, industry, and individuals? Michele asked us all to buy American products and to specifically boycott Chinese goods. Lydia Stewart noted this is difficult when such retailers as Walmart stock their stores with cheap Chinese merchandise! Michele asked us to put pressure on politicians who are often well funded by multi-national corporations with no loyalty to the United States. Can American Manufacturing be saved? After Michele's presentation the answer is maybe!



*Wayne Mayer was our club host on March 18. During Happy Dollars, Katherine Willey announced that she is a full time faculty member at the University of San Diego !*

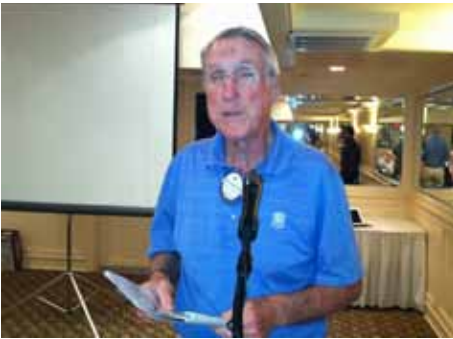
## Wounded Warriors Phil's BBQ Dinner

It's too late to volunteer to serve dinner at the Liberty Center next Tuesday, March 25, but please bring soft drinks and bottled water to our March 25th meeting so that Hugh Kramer can take them to the Phils BBQ dinner at the Naval Hospital.



*Jerry Hosenkamp (L) saw eight basketball games in three days at the Mountain West Tournament in Las Vegas. Eric Benink briefed the club on the regional level Four Way Test Speech Competition.*

## The Medical Minute



*Dr. Kevin Glynn shared some interesting medical news from the latest Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA).*

Stroke occurs more often in women than in men and is their third leading cause of death (the fifth leading cause in men). Kevin noted that female hormones have been linked to higher stroke rates in women.

Public health investigators traced the largest US outbreak of fungal endophthalmitis to environmental mold that contaminated medications produced by a Florida compounding pharmacy. Kevin explained that compounding pharmacies create specific pharmaceutical products to fit the unique needs of patients. Unfortunately, Compounding Pharmacies have been linked to contamination problems when they are tasked with manufacturing mass quantities of standard drugs.

Kevin noted that Whole-genome sequencing (WGS) is increasingly being applied in clinical medicine and is expected to uncover clinically significant findings. It is hoped that WGS will alert individuals to the risk for many medical conditions. Kevin himself had genome testing and did indeed develop macular degeneration as predicted. Recent research shows that genome testing is still an infant science and not completely reliable.



*Amy Gonzalez and her husband are moving to Bay Park from North County and are interested in Old Mission Rotary. Amy hired Lee Kaminetz (R) as an attorney at the Airport Authority eight years ago!*



*Bernadette Castro and her husband Art celebrate birthdays on the same day- March 18!*

### Program Schedule

- March 25 **The Irony of the Island (Presentation on Cuba)** by Richard Trefflich
- April 1 **Mission Valley and Copley YMCA Grants given by the Old Mission Rotary Foundation** by Omar Calleros and Rick Wilson
- April 8 **Model UN** by Bunmi Esho, from the Mission Valley Sunset Rotary Club with two students from Clairemont High School

**Contact Lydia Stewart at [lystewart@att.net](mailto:lystewart@att.net) if you would like a Rotarians at Work T-shirt. The cost is \$9 except for XXL sizes that are \$11 each.**

*It's best to give while your hand is still warm. -Philip Roth, novelist (b. 1933)*

### Rotary Calendar

- Tuesday, April 1  
**Got Talent Gala Committee**  
Rotary District Office in Old Town  
5:30-6:30pm
- Friday,-Sunday, April 4-6  
**RYLA**  
Idyllwild, CA
- Saturday, April 12  
**Rotarian of the Year Dinner** at Casa Castro in Bonita starting at 6pm
- Saturday & Sunday, April 12-13  
**Model UN**  
Joan Kroc Institute at USD
- Monday, April 21  
**Projects Committee Meeting**  
Mission Valley YMCA at 2pm
- Friday-Sunday, April 25-27  
**VIDAII Team to Baja**  
San Quentin Mexico
- Saturday, April 26  
**Rotarians at Work Day**
- Saturday, May 17  
**So You Think You've Got Talent San Diego**  
Francis Parker  
Dinner at 5:30pm

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