

# The Old Mission Bell of Old Mission Rotary

Meetings Every Tuesday at noon at the Legacy Resort Hotel and Spa oldmissionrotary.org



March 2023- Edition Three

## **Project Rebound**



James Phillips (R) from Project Rebound which is a remarkable program to get formerly incarcerated individuals into college.

Project Rebound offers an alternative outcome to the revolving door of mass incarceration and increases community strength and safety. The program supports the higher education and successful reintegration of formerly incarcerated individuals who are connected with help and resources so that they can enroll into the California State University (CSU) system.

Today, 14 CSU campuses have Project Rebound programs that work with formerly incarcerated students.

While the recidivism rate for the State of California is 50%, the percentage for Project Rebound students that returned to prison was 0% between 2016 and 2020. Consider that annual cost to keep a person in prison is \$62,300 while the cost for a year at a CSU School is \$9100.

Clearly, Project Rebound, is an amazing success and needs to be expanded!

### Four Way Test Speech Contest Rotary District 5340 Sub-Regional 4



(L-R) Sandy Sarabia, Abigail Pearson, David Zuniga and Vanessa Durante. competed in the Sub-Regional 4 round of the Four Way Test Speech Contest at Old Mission Rotary on March 21st.

Old Mission Rotary conducted the Sub-Regional 4 Round of the District 5340 Four Way Speech Contest on March 21st.

Old Mission Rotary is one of many clubs across our Rotary District 5340 to sponsor the contest and the rules are all the same throughout the district. Students have between five and seven minutes to deliver a talk that is judged on content, organization, delivery and application of the of the Rotary Four Way Test. Once again, Eric Benink organized a flawless event. Our judges were Michelle Malin, Lee Kaminetz, Shari Stauder and Charlotte Cofield. Abigail Pearson- Sponsored by Coronado Rotary

Abigail discussed the anticipation and anxiety of waiting for her older sister to leave home and move away to college in the fall. Abigail attends Coronado High School and is a dedicated dancer. She would like to become a Physical Therapist.

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#### 4 Way Test Speech Contest Continued from Page One Sandy Sarabia- Sponsored by San Diego Club 33

Sandy was passionate that "All You Need is Love" and urged us to love each other and ourselves.

Sandy is a student at Hoover High School. She wants to go to college in San Diego and study Speech Therapy.

#### Vanessa Durante- Sponsored by Brawley Rotary

Vanessa discussed her struggles with social anxiety and feelings of isolation

Vanessa attends Brawley Union High School and her sport is Taekwondo. She wants to become a Pathologist.

#### David Zuniga- Sponsored by San Diego Club 33

David grew up in an immigrant family from Guatemala where his strong father worked tirelessly to make the American Dream a reality. David discussed the pain of losing his father to illness.

David attends Hoover High School loves to cook, work out and play video games. He would like to get into the restaurant business.

#### **Contest Results:**

-First Place: Sandy Sarabia- \$150 prize

-Second Place: Abigail Pearson-\$100 prize

-Finalists- Vanessa Durante and David Zuniga each received \$75. Sandy and Abigail will go on to the next regional round of the District 5340 competition.

The final contest will take place on April 26th at Coronado Rotary.

#### **Program Calendar**

Why not invite a friend to an Old Mission Rotary meeting?
Tuesday, April 4th- Home Start, Inc., a non-profit child abuse prevention and treatment agency presented by CEO Laura A. Tancredi-Baese



Rod Taylor (L) of Coronado Rotary is the District 5340 Chair for the Four Way Test Speech Contest. Eric Benink has organized the event for Old Mission Rotary for many years.

# Model UN

The Rotary Model United Nations program is a partnership between our Rotary District 5340 Pathways to Peace Committee and students from San Diego County and Baja California. As Model United Nations delegates, High School students will become exposed to and engaged in major world issues, while meeting and working alongside their peers from different socio-economic groups, cultures, and backgrounds. This experience is very similar to the situations encountered by actual delegates to the United Nations. Students will strengthen their leadership qualities while applying their studies in such areas as history, geography, and science to practical real-world situations. Most importantly, they will learn how to peacefully resolve conflicts and reach consensus on various issues. They will develop critical tools to become peacebuilders and community leaders. The Old Mission Rotary Foundation partnering with Mission Valley Evening Rotary is funding eight high school students from Madison High School. Later this spring, the two teams will present a club program on their experience.

# District Training Assembly

On Saturday, March 25th, President Don Krupp, President-Elect Stan Vogelsang, Steve Nuñez and Matt Risi attended the annual District Training Assembly.

This impressive event was free and was a wonderful opportunity for officers, committee chairs and club members, new and old, to learn how to manage programs, projects and best practices from other Rotarians.

District Governor Chuck Pretto and District Governor Elect Don Fipps kicked off the morning in the general session before Rotarians split off to attend seminars on a variety of topics.

### **Rotary Calendar**

• Saturday and Sunday, April 1st and 2nd- Rotary Youth-Model United Nations

• Monday, April 3rd- **Talent Show Planning Meeting** at the Clairemont Boy's & Girls Club at 5:30pm.

• Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 14th-16th- **RYLA Rotary Youth Leadership Awards** 

• Thursday-Sunday, April 13th- 16th **VIDAII Public Health Program** San Quintin Baja

• 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.

• Monday, May 8th- **Talent Show Planning Meeting** at the Clairemont Boy's & Girls Club at 5:30pm.

• Saturday, May 13th at 5:30pm- **So You Think You've Got Talen San Diego** Francis Parker School.