



Old Mission Rotary

Meets every Tuesday at noon at the
Best Western Seven Seas Hotel
Hotel Circle South
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April 1 2014

Mission Valley and Copley YMCAs



YMCA superstars! (L-R) Rick Wilson of the Mission Valley YMCA, Development and Communications Department Head of the Greater San Diego YMCA Sidd Vivek and Omar Calleros from the Copley YMCA.

The Old Mission Rotary and the Art Pratt Foundations have supported the Mission Valley and Copley YMCAs here in San Diego for many decades. On April 1st, Rick Wilson and Omar Calleros thanked Old Mission Rotary and briefed us on how our donations have helped them support our community. Sidd Vivek of the Greater San Diego YMCA gave a nuts and bolts presentation on exactly how many people are helped by the YMCA. The YMCA is so much more than a gym. The YMCA provides services from exercise to education, from volleyball to volunteerism, from preschool to preventive health. The

YMCA doesn't just strengthen bodies but strengthens our community and is determined to develop young people and encourage healthy living. Sidd Vivek explained how the YMCA provides \$1,176,808 worth of programs and services but only raised \$798,000 last year. Youth outreach programs cost \$600,000, financial assistance \$ 400,000, camps \$ 100,000 and teen sports and community health \$ 100,000.

The Associate Executive Director of the Copley YMCA, Omar Calleros, was late to the meeting as he was side swiped on Hotel Circle South as he was arriving at the Best Western. Omar even brought the other driver from the accident, Esteban, with him into the meeting as his excuse for his tardiness. Omar thanked Old Mission Rotary for all of the contributions to the Copley YMCA.

Old Mission Rotary currently gives \$2,500 to the Mission Valley YMCA and \$4,500 to the Copley YMCA for their Annual Support Campaigns. Old Mission Rotary also supports the Copley YMCA annual Christmas party with donated presents, gift wrapping and decorations.

The Art Pratt Foundation has contributed to the Mission Valley indoor pool roof enclosure project back in 1997 and donated \$125,000 towards the current large outdoor

playground.

The Art Pratt Foundation has also donated \$300,000 to the new impressive Copley/Price YMCA teen center that will open in November. The Art Pratt Foundation also donated \$80,000 for a new bus. The YMCA and it's community programs are near and dear to dear Old Mission Rotary hearts and we are proud to support their important work!



Mike Rogers was our host on April 1st and he and Vesta led the club in a rousing chorus of "It's a Grand Old Flag!" Mike's April Fool's joke was his announcement that he was donating a half million dollars to the Art Pratt Foundation! Later, President Steve Nuñez announced that due to a set back at his law firm he was resigning as president!

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Tyler Silva announced that for our Rotarians at Work project we will be working at the home of a 92 year old WW II veteran named Edward King. Edward has lived in his Golden Hill home since 1950. Please save Saturday, April 26th as a day for hands on work. Friends and family 16 years or older can participate.

Got Talent?

On Monday, April 21st the Gala Committee will be reviewing all of the talent entries! This meeting is always great fun as we watch videos of some wonderful and not so polished videos of hopeful candidates for our show. The committee will meet at 5:30pm at the Rotary District office in Old Town.



So You Think You've Got Talent Chair Bob Self (L) with Eric Benink.

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Bernadette Castro with a bottle of aged whiskey donated by Mike Rogers for the gala silent auction. Please keep your donations coming! We especially need gift certificates for such experiences restaurants, hotel stays and golf outings. Bob Chalfa of National City Rotary has even donated a flight in his private plane to Catalina Island!

The best portion of a good man's life is his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love.
-William Wordsworth,
poet (1770-1850)

April is Magazine Rotarian Month

All Rotarians have a subscription to one of 32 official magazines authorized by the RI Board of Directors. **The Rotarian**, the flagship publication, is a monthly magazine published by RI in English, and is available in print or online. Each Rotarian is a paid subscriber to **The Rotarian** with the \$1.00 per year cost included in the member dues paid to RI. During April clubs are encouraged to promote **The Rotarian** as a convenient and useful communication tool for informing current and prospective club members. Rotarians are encouraged to send stories, queries, tips and photographs by email to rotarian@rotary.org.

Rotary Calendar

- 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

Program Schedule

- April 8 **Model UN** by Bunmi Esho, from the Mission Valley Sunset Rotary Club with two students from Clairemont High School
- April 15 **How did Rotarians Change my Life** by Evan Lai.
- April 22 **John Brockington Memories of Ohio State and the Green Bay Packers**
- April 29 **Do Pigs Fly?** by Susan Taylor