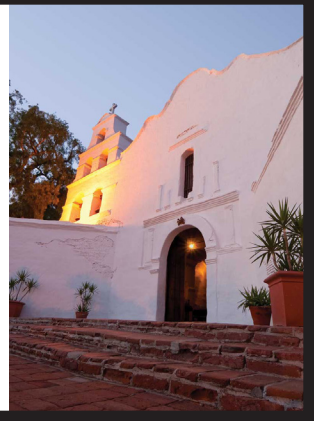




Old Mission Rotary

Meets Every Tuesday at noon at the
Best Western Seven Seas Hotel
Hotel Circle South
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VIIDAI



A child draws drinking water from a Bioelectrochemical water treatment system in the kitchen of the Salvador Diaz Ramon school in San Quintin Baja. The municipal water system is contaminated by agricultural chemicals and sewage and is not safe to drink.

On April 5th, members of Old Mission Rotary traveled 200 miles south of the border to assist the VIIDAI public health program in a settlement of tomato farm workers in San Quentin Baja. Twice a year, 150 faculty and students from San Diego State, UCSD, the UABC Medical School in Tijuana, and members of Old Mission Rotary Club spend several days in Colonia Lomas de San Ramon to provide medical, dental and public health services to the Mexican-Indians who live at the colonia. For 15 years, Old Mission Rotary

has concentrated on the improving the Colonia's school- La Escuela de Salvador Diaz Ramon in Lomas De San Ramon. The strategy has always been to ask the leaders of the community what they needed and Old Mission Rotary has funded a kitchen, a library, an 1800 square foot covered patio, a covered walkway and a computer center. Funds from Old Mission Rotary were used to paint the school.

On Saturday, April 6th, a new water purification system became operational at the Salvador Diaz Ramon school. The Aquacycl system was installed in stages over the last few months. The Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary provided the initial \$6000 in seed money,

The Bioelectrochemical water reclamation system represents the first time ever that this school has unlimited access to safe drinking water and it is the first time that students have been able to serve themselves drinking water from the school kitchen. Given the high incidences of diarrhea and dehydration that are experienced in this community of agricultural workers, this improved access and water quality will work to significantly enrich the quality of life and education for the 300 students and staff at this school.

Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary Grant to Wave Academy



(L-R): Old Mission Rotary President Bob Chalfa, Art Pratt Foundation President Lee Kaminetz, Executive Director of the Wave Academy Elizabeth Berg, Old Mission Rotary Executive Secretary Stan Vogelsang and Art Pratt Board member Judy Copeland.

On April 10th, the Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary presented a grant of \$4000 to the Wave Academy. The Wave Academy seeks to bring the benefits of aquatic therapy to under served individuals who are in need of help to overcome the effects of trauma. Their caregivers have discovered that Aquatic Bodywork can have a particularly profound, positive impact on military personnel diagnosed with post-traumatic stress (PTSD).

Program Calendar

- April 3rd- **The Importance of Wearing Your Rotary Pin** with Rotarian Rob Weinberg

Middle East Update



Our Rotary audience was riveted to Gerry Hosenkamp's third update on the politics of his old stomping grounds- The Middle East.

Old Mission Rotary was treated to a third installment of "The Middle East" by club member Jerry Hosenkamp. Jerry worked as an attorney for much of his career in Saudi Arabia and Lebanon and offers a unique perspective on the troubled region. Jerry called his program on Tuesday, April 2nd, "The Age of Empires in the Middle East." Jerry briefed us on the Persian Empire, Alexander the Great and the Roman Empire. The modern map of the Middle East was created by the Treaty of Versailles. After WWI, the British and French empires were awarded "protectorates" which were essentially colonies in the region. Jerry is pessimistic about peace. Assad has brutally crushed the opposition in Syria and Hamas and Hezbollah still call for the destruction of Israel. He concluded by noting that the Trump administration's recognition of Israeli sovereignty in Jerusalem and the Golan Heights has taken the United States out of the role of a neutral peace broker.



Mark McAnelly drove a van rented by Old Mission Rotary to the VIIDAI public health project in San Quintin Baja. Medical services were provided to the residents of Colonia San Ramon over the weekend of April 5th-7th. Despite his recent brain surgery, Mark chauffeured SDSU medical students 200 miles and five hours south of the border and back!

District Training Assembly



Gerry Hosenkamp (L) and Stan Vogelsang were recognized by the San Diego water technology company Aquacycl for the contributions made towards the Bioelectrochemical water treatment system installed at the Salvador Diaz Ramon school in San Quintin Baja.



Matt Risi and Lydia Stewart at the District Training Assembly on Saturday, March 30th.

Stan Vogelsang, Matt Risi and Lydia Stewart attended the annual District Training Assembly on Saturday, March 30th. The morning training took place at the prestigious Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice on the campus of the University of San Diego. Matt was a facilitator and presented a training session on Club Fund Raising. Stan also staffed a table that promoted the Thousand Smiles Foundation.

Rotary Calendar

- Monday, April 22nd- **Talent Gala Committee Meeting-** Boys and Girls Club in Clairemont at 5:30pm.
- Monday, April 29th- **District Foundation Gala** at the La Jolla Aventura Hyatt
- Friday, May 3rd-Saturday, May 4th- **Thousand Smiles Spring Clinic** in Ensenada.
- Saturday, May 18th-**So You Think You've Got Talent San Diego-** Francis Parker School.

*What wisdom can you find that is greater than kindness?
-Jean Jacques Rousseau, philosopher and author (28 Jun 1712-1778)*