

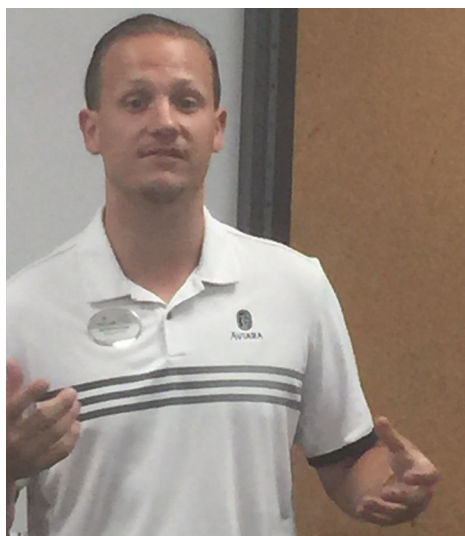
Old Mission Rotary

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

April 18 and 25, 2017



Pro Kids at Colina Golf Course



Daniel Duchene briefed Old Mission Rotary during our club meeting at Colina Golf Course. Daniel's goal is to go back to his home country, Brazil, and make the sport of Golf accessible to all.

On April 25th, Old Mission Rotary met at the Colina Recreation Center. This city golf course is an astonishing gem nestled between the tough urban streets of City Heights.. We enjoyed a wonderful Mediterranean luncheon at the headquarters of Pro Kids. The Communications and Tournament director, Daniel Duchene, presented an amazing program on this unique non profit. The mission of Pro Kids is to challenge under served youth to excel in life by promoting character development, life skills, and



Pro Kids was founded by San Diego Charger Ernie Wright and a group of community leaders in 1994.

values through education and the game of golf. Inner city children from City Heights learn to play golf as a life-long amateur sport, teach them how the rules of the game can be applied to everyday life, and empower them to excel in school, develop successful careers, and become leaders in our community. In addition to teaching golf, Pro Kids promotes academics with an after school academy. They offer high school members comprehensive college and career prep programs, including homework support and tutoring, Members of Old Mission Rotary were very impressed by Pro Kids and their creative approach to help underprivileged children.

Canine Companions



Marilyn Fullen of Canine Companios with Colonel.

Our program on April 18th was presented by Marilyn Fullen of Canine Companions. Founded in 1975, Canine Companions for Independence is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs. The cost of raising and training a dog is

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Club Host



Mark McAnelly served as club host on April 18th.

Mark McAnelly has been in Rotary for decades and Old Mission Rotary for three years. He is a hard working volunteer and has been a member of the Thousand Smiles Foundation for 28 years. He serves on the Thousand Smiles board of directors and travels to Ensenada for every quarterly clinic. He has embraced our Old Mission Rotary Wounded Warrior program and attends and works the monthly dinners that we serve at the Naval Medical Center.

We learned that Mark spent two years in the Philippines as a kid when his father was the police chief of the Subic Bay Naval Station.

Mark is the President of Southwest Landscape. He has been around the construction field since he was 13 years old, building custom homes with his uncle. His first contracting business was started at the age of 19.

In 1993 he established Southwest Landscape which focused on landscape design construction and installation of complete landscapes, using no sub contractors. Mark has developed his business over the years and is well known throughout the landscape and lighting industries. Mark feels by having a

smaller company and working in the field supervising with his crews he can offer his clients better quality and service.

Mark loves to travel and has attended Rotary International Conventions all over the world. He loves Baja and will be a the crew for a drive in the SCORE Baja 1000 off road race. He is also going to Peru to hike to Manchu Pichu. Old Mission Rotary truly appreciates all of the effort that Mark puts into Old Mission Rotary!

Batter up!



Members of Rotary District 5340 enjoyed an evening of fellowship and baseball at PETCO Park on Wednesday, April 26th.

The first District 5340 game of the season was a success with the Padres defeating the Arizona Diamondbacks by a score of 1-0.

Our District Governor, Marilyn Sanderson, threw out the first pitch. She had been practicing for days in advance with her husband and Old Mission Rotarian Jack Cottrell (L). Our very own Gary John Collins raised the flag at the Rotary Flag Court in right field as the national anthem played. Gary is the owner of the Air Conditioned Lounge in North Park.

There will be additional discounted Rotary outings at PETCO Park throughout the baseball season. Tickets may be purchased on the District 5320 website.

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estimated at \$50,000 but the dogs are awarded free of charge.

The assistance dogs they breed, raise and train aren't just the ears, hands and legs of their human partners. They're also goodwill ambassadors and often, their best friends. They open up new opportunities and new possibilities, and spread incredible joy. The dogs are either Labrador or Golden Retrievers that have been bred for a calm demeanor.

Marilyn has raised 10 puppies over her 12 years with the program.

Like Tom Sandler, Marilyn trains the dogs from 16 to 20 months before handing them over to Canine Companions for specialized training. Only about 40% of these dogs actually go on to become assistance dogs.

Some 2100 teams have raised a total of 52,000 dogs for the program over the years. In 2016, Canine Companions gave 366 dogs to people with disabilities.

Marilyn brought an adorable six month old Labrador Retriever named Colonel to Old Mission Rotary.

Rotary Calendar

- Tuesday May 9th **Old Mission Rotary Board of Directors Meeting** after our Rotary Meeting
- Saturday, May 13th- **So You Think You've Got Talent San Diego? Club Fund Raiser** at Francis Parker School
- Tuesday May 16th **Art Pratt Foundation Board of Directors Meeting** after our Rotary Meeting
- Saturday, May 20th- **District Conference** at Liberty Station