



Old Mission Rotary

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

April 21, 2015



Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary Pro Kids Golf Program Grant

Big Brothers and Big Sisters



The Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary presented a grant for \$2500 to the Pro Kids Golf Academy. (L-R) Susanna Summers Director of Development of Pro Kids, Rotarians Larry Edwards and Bill Turnquist, Roxane Helstrom Communications Manager of Pro Kids, Rotarians Bernadette Castro, Bob Self, Stan Vogelsang and Matt Risi.

The Pro Kids mission is to challenge underserved youth to excel in life by promoting character development, life-skills, and values through education and the game of golf. The program is located at the 14-acre, 18-hole, par-3 Colina Park Golf Course and serves more than 1,500 children per year. Colina park is an oasis in the dense urban neighborhood. The majority of new members are recruited through a partnership with the San Diego Unified School District. In lieu of physical education at their schools, kids from their partner elementary and middle schools choose to be transported to the Pro Kids program in City Heights to receive an average of six hours of golf and life-skills classes. On course golf instruction is coupled with a life-skills curriculum designed by their nationally affiliated organization, Pro Kids also offers programs after school, on weekends, and during school vacations. A Homework Club offers tutoring and access to computers at the Learning Center at the golf course. Pro Kids is pairing sports with education and offering the children of City Heights a path to a college education and success in life.



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On April 21st, President and CEO Deborah Condon presented a program to Old Mission Rotary. She stressed the fact that many of the children they help are average kids who are often overlooked. For more than 100 years nationally and 50 locally, Big Brothers Big Sisters has operated under the belief that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life. As the nation's largest donor and volunteer supported mentoring network, Big Brothers Big Sisters makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers ("Bigs") and children ("Littles"), ages 7 through 18, in communities across the country. They develop positive relationships that have a direct and lasting effect on the lives of young people. Our club members were very impressed!

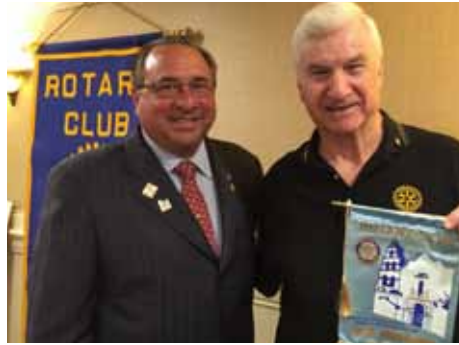


Tom Sandler with Tilley who is a Canine Companion dog in training. Tom reported on the very successful RYLA weekend on April 17-19. Tom is scheduling a club program for our 17 RYLA Students. A highlight of the weekend was a skype call to a Rotary built girl's school in Jalalabad Afghanistan.



Lydia Stewart was club host on April 21st. We were thrilled that Lydia joined Old Mission after years of service in the Mission Valley Club. Lydia serves on the Board of Thousand Smiles and is our Pathways to Peace Chair.

**Got Talent Gala Meeting
Rotary District Office
Monday, April 27
Starting at 5:30**



Gordon Shurtleff of Torrey Pines Rotary visited Old Mission Rotary on April 21st. Gordon has 44 years of perfect attendance in Rotary and has made up at 245 clubs. Gordon has generously donated many valuable memorabilia items for our Gala Silent Auction including artwork and vintage posters!

**Wounded Warrior Dinner
Naval Hospital
Tuesday, April 28th
4:30pm-6:30pm**

Rotary Calendar

- Monday, April 27- **Gala Committee** starting at 5:30pm at the Rotary District Office
- Tuesday, April 28- **Wounded Warrior Dinner** at the Naval Medical Center
- Saturday May 9- **So You Think You've Got Talent San Diego**
- Thursday, May 14 at 7:30am- **Old Mission Board Meeting** at the Copley-Price YMCA
- Thursday, May 21 at 7:30am- **Art Pratt Board Meeting** at the Copley-Price YMCA
- Saturday June 27- **Demotion Dinner** at Casa Castro

Millions for Hope

On April 14th, District Governor Elect Marilyn Sanderson, briefed the club on the new Millions for HOPE campaign started here in our District 5340. HOPE stands for Health, Overcoming Poverty, Education. This is our district's initiative to benefit The Rotary Foundation's mission to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty. These things can only be accomplished with the generosity of our individual club members' time, talent and treasure. The purpose of Marilyn's visit was to make us aware of this new effort. The goal through the Millions for HOPE campaign is to identify \$15,000,000 in donations and bequests to The Rotary Foundation. We anticipate this goal will be primarily achieved by having Rotarians name The Rotary Foundation as a beneficiary in their will or trust. This campaign will culminate in a Millions for HOPE Foundation Gala on October 17, 2015. We are pleased to announce that the featured speaker will be Rotary International President for 2015-2016, Ravi Ravindran. President Ravindran's interest in Millions for HOPE, along with his direct support and attendance at our final program is a great compliment to our District.

Program Schedule

- April 28- Dr. Gary Sneag **Vision Therapy**
- May 12- Marshall B Bubin **Night Moves**
- May 17- Clairemont HS Students; **Model United Nations**