



Old Mission Rotary

Meets every Tuesday at noon at the
Best Western Seven Seas Hotel
Hotel Circle South
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John Brockington A Champion On and Off the Field!



Legendary Running Back John Brockington talked about his battles on and off the Gridiron!

John Brockington was an All-American running back at Ohio State and was the Green Bay Packers' first pick in the 1971 NFL draft. John was in the Packers starting lineup after only his second preseason game and he posted an NFL rookie rushing record of 1,105 yards in 1971 and was also the All-Pro and NFC Rookie of the Year. John went on to become the first running back in NFL history to surpass 1,000 yards in each of his first three seasons (seasons consisting of only 14 games), prompting some to compare him to the great Jim Brown. In just his second year, John helped carry the Packers to the NFC Central Division championship, something they wouldn't do again until 1995. Known mostly for his speed out of

the backfield with a total of 5,024 rushing yards. John also was a first rate blocker as well as a highly capable pass receiver.

In 2001, after a long battle with kidney failure, John received a kidney from his then friend, Diane Scott. They are now married, both in excellent health, and committed to helping others receive a second chance at life through transplantation with the John Brockington Foundation.

The John Brockington Foundation raises funds in San Diego for patients and families facing the challenges of kidney disease and organ transplantation in the Southern California. John urged all of us register online as organ donors at <http://register.donatelifecalifornia.org/FanForLife>.

We truly enjoyed John's great stories about Ohio State and Green Bay Packers Football. We were captivated by his epic battle with kidney disease and his determination to help others through his foundation!

Thousand Smiles Weekend in Ensenada

The next Thousand Smiles weekend in Ensenada is scheduled for May 2nd and 3rd. Please contact Hugh Kramer if you can attend or make a donation.

Wounded Warriors Cinco de Mayo

It's too late to volunteer to serve dinner at the Liberty Center next Tuesday, April 29, but please bring soft drinks and bottled water to our April 29th meeting so that Hugh Kramer can take them to the Conco de Mayo dinner at the Naval Hospital. We are very grateful to **Old Town Mexican Cafe** for donating a wonderful Mexican meal!



Our host for our April 22nd meeting was Tilly the puppy! Tom Sandler is raising the puppy for Canine Companions for future duties as a highly trained assistance dog to people with disabilities. Tilly may also one day be assigned to professional caregivers providing pet assisted therapy.

Reality Changers Scholarship Celebration



Christopher Yanov is the Founder and President, Reality Changers.

Reality Changers transforms lives, schools, and communities by providing youth from disadvantaged backgrounds with the academic support, financial assistance and leadership training to become first generation college students. Chris Yanov, the founder of Reality Changers, visited Old Mission Rotary to promote a Scholarship Celebration on Sunday, May 18th at 4:30pm. The venue is the Jenny Craig Pavilion and the key note speaker will be the 55th President of Mexico, Vincente Fox. For tickets and information visit www.RealityChangers.com. Old Mission Rotary has a long history of support for this great organization.

If a man would register all his opinions upon love, politics, religion, learning, etc., beginning from his youth and so go on to old age, what a bundle of inconsistencies and contradictions would appear at last!

-Jonathan Swift, satirist (1667-1745)

Four Way Test Speech Contest Finals

Our annual Four-Way Test Speech Finals has returned to a District Council dinner event! Six high school student speakers from around our district will be presenting their final speeches at the April 29th District Council at the California Center for the Performing Arts in Escondido. A select panel of university and college administrative judges will evaluate the speeches in what promises to be an evening of talent, fun, and great Rotarian fellowship. Activities begin at 5:30 pm. Register now online at our district 5340 website, to reserve your dinner and the opportunity to see our local youth at their finest! This event is not to be missed!

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Julie Bartlett of the American Cancer Society visited Old Mission Rotary to promote the Relay for Life event. Lee Kaminetz has volunteered to serve as the raffle ticket chair for So You Think You've Got Talent San Diego. A \$20 dollar raffle ticket gives you a chance at an iPad air.

Rotary Calendar

- Friday-Sunday, April 25-27
VIDAII Team to Baja
San Quentin Mexico
- Saturday, April 26
Rotarians at Work Day
- Tuesday, April 29
Wounded Warrior Dinner
Cinco de Mayo at the Balboa Naval Hospital
- Friday, May 2- May 3
Thousand Smiles Clinic in
Ensenada
- Saturday, May 17
So You Think You've Got
Talent San Diego
Francis Parker
Dinner at 5:30pm



Stan and Julie Vogelsang celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary!

Program Schedule

- April 29 **Do Pigs Fly?** by Susan Taylor
- May 6 **San Diego Library Foundation**
- May 13 **San Diego Senior Games** by Blaine Phipps
- June 3 **Maritime Museum** by Ray Ashley