

The Old Mission Bell of Old Mission Rotary

Meetings Every Tuesday at noon at the Legacy Resort Hotel and Spa **oldmissionrotary.org**

May 2023- Edition One



Farewell Bob James, Sr.



Bob James was a wonderful man and the quintessential Rotarian. Bob always said that there is no rule that says you can't have fun while doing good.

Bob James, Sr. passed away quietly on the morning of May 4th with his family by his side.

Bob James was an amazing man and Rotarian and an inspiration to all of us. Jerry Hosenkamp described Bob as "larger than life and always with a smile and quick wit."

Stan Vogelsang remembered that when Bob transferred to Old Mission Rotary in 2007, he introduced the VIIDAI public health program to the club. With Bob's leadership, Old Mission Rotary sent teams down to the Salvador Diaz Miron School in San Quintin Baja in the spring and fall every year since.

When dispensing charity, Bob never told anyone what they needed but instead patiently listened until he

Bob James, Sr.
Continued on Page 2

Welcome to Old Mission Rotary! John Glick-Scroggins



John Glick-Scroggins was inducted into Old Mission Rotary on May 2nd.. John was proposed for membership by Stan Vogelsang who met him at a San Diego Chamber of Commerce evening social event. John attended a club meeting and was so impressed that he soon asked to join the club!

John graduated from San Diego State University with a Bachelors Degree in Applied Science in Mathematics and Statistics. He started, operated and sold a tutoring business and today he works as a Financial, Business and Real Estate Consultant.

Even before his induction, John visited the Encinitas Rotary Club to promote our Talent Gala Fund Raiser and made the trek to the Spring Thousand Smiles Clinic in Ensenada where he offered his services as a volunteer!

IRS Criminal Investigative Agency



Jason Powell is an IRS Special Agent who started his career in law enforcement at the IRS recruitment table at a college job fair many

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Special Agent Jason Powell joined us on Tuesday, May 2nd to talk about the Criminal Investigation Unit of the Internal Revenue Service. Jason was quick to admit that he was no accountant but that his job is to put tax evaders behind bars in federal prison. He also carries a gun as part of his job.

The IRS-Criminal Investigative Agency is staffed by 2000 agents operating in 21 field offices across the United States

Typical crimes involve tax fraud, money laundering, narcotics-related financial crimes and even counterterrorism and espionage.

Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others.

-Booker T. Washington

VIIDAI Team Back from Baja



Stan Vogelsang (L) and Jerry Hosenkamp just returned from the VIIDAI spring public health project in San Quintin Baja.

VIIDAI is an acronym in Spanish for a unique, international public health field program in Baja Mexico that was started in 1998 by Dr. Miguel Fraga of UABC Medical School in Tijuana..

The VIIDAI mission is to facilitate collaborative projects that integrate the faculty and students from the UABC Medical School in Tijuana, the UCSD School of Medicine and the SDSU School of Public Health. Since 2007, Old Mission Rotary has become an integral part of the VIIDAI team by funding projects that compliment their public health effort.

The VIIDAI public health teams travel twice a year to help a community of migrant farmers in Colonia Lomas de San Ramon near the town of San Quentin some 200 miles south of the border. The farmers, who work on huge tomato plantations, are mostly Mexican-Indians from Oaxaca.

Projects funded for the Salvador Diaz Miron School by Old Mission Rotary over the years include:

- A full kitchen at the school
- A library with stacks
- A computer center with 15 PCs
- Extensive electrical, lighting and plumbing improvements

- Painting the interior and exterior of the school in dramatic and bright Mexican Indian colors!
- An enclosed patio with a metal roof for protection of the students from sun and rain
- A state of the art water recycling system to provide safe drinking water to the school
- A full size van to the UABC Medical School in Tijuana.
- Soccer uniforms and equipment for a youth league.

The latest public health threat is the deadly Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever which is transmitted by ticks to dogs and then to people. Jerry explained how Old Mission Rotary is working on a Rotary Global Grant to fund powerful flea and tick dog collars to be placed on the dogs living in and around the community. Old Mission Rotarians Stan Vogelsang and Gerry Hosenkamp have been the driving force in the project but any member of Old Mission Rotary, including friends and family, can volunteer to help and witness the amazing success of this collaborative effort to help the people of this desperately poor area.

Bob James, Sr. Continued from Page One

learned from them what they wanted.

Bob was a commercial real estate appraiser and during one appraisal he met the founder of Workshops for Warriors, a non-profit that trains veterans for careers in industry. Bob was so impressed that they eventually received two large Art Pratt Grants with Bob's encouragement. Bob was very active in Rotary District 5340 and was even awarded District Rotarian of the Year. Another impressive achievement was when Bob was selected by the District to lead a Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team of educators to East Africa.

Bob will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

Rotary Calendar

- Saturday, May 13th at
 5:30pm- So You Think
 You've Got Talen San Diego
 Francis Parker School.
- Tuesday, May16th- Art
 Pratt Board of Directors
 Meeting immediately after the regular club meeting.
- Tuesday, June 6th **Board of Directors Meeting** immediately following the regular meeting.
- Monday, June 26th- **District Governors Dinner** at 6pm at the Del Mar Hilton.

Club Host Paula Kelly



Paula Kelly served as club host on May 2nd and she was very excited to announce that she and her husband Paul will soon be travelling to Indonesia and Thailand. Southeast Asia is one of their favorite spots in the world and highlights will be Bankok and Bali.

Paula and Paul just recently attended the TCM (Turner Movie Classic) Film Festival in Los Angeles and had a great time at screenings of celebrated movies and attending seminars and discussions.