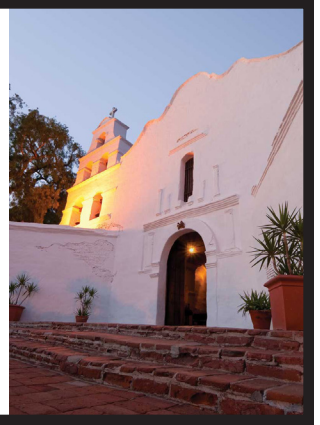


# Old Mission Rotary

Meets Every Tuesday at noon at the  
Best Western Seven Seas Hotel  
Hotel Circle South  
[oldmissionrotary.org](http://oldmissionrotary.org)

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## Bea Halk YMCA Hall of Fame



Bea Halk has been inducted into the YMCA Hall of Fame for her amazing 30 year career with the organization here in San Diego.. The National YMCA Hall of Fame recognizes YMCA professionals and volunteers who have had a lifetime of commitment to the mission and cause of the YMCA and is housed on the Springfield College campus in Massachusetts. Bea has also been hired by the Church of The Immaculata at the University of San Diego to run their Religious Education program. So much for retirement!

### Program Calendar

"Why not invite a friend?"

- **Sid Vivek of Junior Achievement in San Diego** on June 4th
- **Diana Ross of the Mid City Community Advocacy Network** on June 11th
- **Dr. K. B. Lim** on Nutrition on June 18th

## Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary Grant to San Ysidro Health



(L-R) Old Mission Rotary President Bob Chalfa, Geraldo Perez of San Ysidro Health, Art Pratt Foundation board members Gary John Collins, Eric Benink, Judi Copeland and Mark McAnelly. Jacqueline Perez is also with San Ysidro Health.

On April 30th, the Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary presented a grant of \$8,830 to San Ysidro Health. The non profit provides extraordinary care to those that need help regardless of their insurance coverage, their status or their ability to pay. They serve some 95,000 patients from all walks of life along the border in Otay Mesa. The grant will be used to purchase equipment for Physical Therapy programs in their PACE program for the elderly.

## Memorial Day

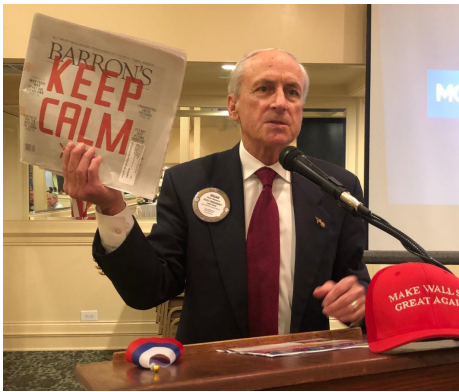


District 5340 was represented at the Memorial Day service at the Mount Soledad National Veterans

Memorial. (L-R) Sitting is Torrey Pines Rotarian Max Gurney who served in the US Army in WWII in North Africa and Italy. In the red shirt is Tim McCully of Point Loma Rotary who rose to the rank of Captain and Matt Risi of Old Mission Rotary. Both served as a Surface Warfare Officers in the US Navy. Gordon Shurtleff of Torrey Pines Rotary was a "scope dope" in the US Air Force and served along the DEW Line in Greenland.



## Stock Market Report



Brian Dempsey urged us all to remain calm in view of the wild swings of the stock market! Brian's props included the latest edition of Barron's as well as his "Make Wall Street Great Again" cap.

## From Siberia with Love!



Russian Rotarian Karim Mukhamadeev (R) exchanges a Russian Federation flag for an Old Mission Rotary banner with Matt Risi (C) and Old Mission Rotary President Bob Chalfa (R).

On May 21st, a Russian Rotarian from the Siberian city of Irkutsk visited Old Mission Rotary. Irkutsk is on the shores of lake Bakhail. Karim Mukhamadeev is an artist and sculptor in ice, sand, snow with his own school and a score of successful students. His art includes monumental sculptures and every winter he creates an impressive ice palace melts in the spring. He is also an inventor, mechanic and businessman. Karim has traveled the world and he is most troubled by the plight of poor and sick children.

## Club Host



On May 14th, Steve Nunez served as club host. Steve joined Old Mission Rotary in 2006 and has served in many leadership positions including president. Steve noted that his law practice focuses on representing people hurt by crooked investment schemes and he is feeling the pressure as he is wrapping up a case involving a notorious Ponzi scheme. Steve assumed the massive responsibility of serving as the chair of our "So You Think You've Got Talent San Diego" gala fund raiser. The event was a great success!

## Rotary Calendar

- Saturday, June 1st to Wednesday, June 5th- **Rotary International Convention** in Hamburg Germany.
- Saturday, June 22nd- **Demotion Dinner** at 5pm at the Hosenkamp residence in Tiersanta.
- Thursday, June 27th- **Governors Dinner** at the La Jolla Marriott at 6pm
- Tuesday, July 23rd- **District Governor Visit**- Club Board of Directors to meet with Marta Knight at 11:15am at the Best Western Seven Seas.
- Friday, August 2 - Saturday, August 3rd- **Thousand Smiles Summer Clinic** in Ensenada.

## Autism



On May 21st, Chantal Sicly-Kira delivered an inspiring program to Old Mission Rotary. Chantal is an autism advocate and an award-winning author who lives in San Diego with her family.

When Chantal's son, Jeremy was diagnosed with autism, over 20 years ago, she was told to find a good institution for him. Little did the doctors know that her professional experience was in teaching young adults the skills they needed to leave institutions and live in homes in their community. Years later, Jeremy graduated with a full academic diploma from his local high school. Today, Jeremy is creating the self-determined life he wants to have as a productive young man. His success is due to his own hard work, his family, educators, and service providers working together to help him reach his goals.

Jeremy is a talented painter that can see the color aura of people and then translate his vision to a portrait on canvas.

Chantal has told her son's story in Newsweek and on NPR, PBS, Fox, and MTV's True Life "I have Autism,"