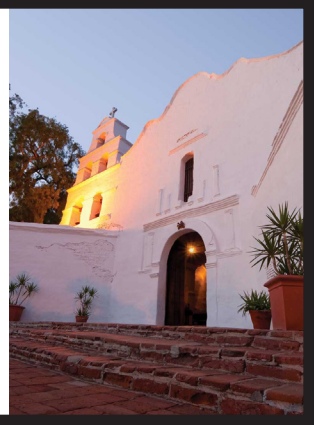




# Old Mission Rotary

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

June 2019- Edition One



## District VIPs !



*District 5340 Area 8 Assistant District Governor Luis Carranza (L) with District Governor Nominee for 2020-2021 Steven Weitzen. The two über Rotarians attended our May 28th meeting.*

*The visit of these two district leaders is a clear example of our Rotar District 5340 support to individual clubs.*

## RYLA Chairman



*Tom Sandler served as our club host on May 28th. Tom is our Old Mission Rotary RYLA chair. He told the story of how his famous Swedish politician grandfather, Rickard Sandler, allowed him as a young teen to sit in his chair in the UN General Assembly!*

## Model United Nations Pathways to Peace Youth Event



*(L-R) Old Mission Model UN Chair Lydia Stewart, Madison HS Advisers Nikon Chen and Whitney Chase, Laine Wells (UK), Luaks Svendsen (UK), Natalie Marrewa (Brazil), Angelina Aleman (Malaysia), Rara Watanabe (Malaysia), Meg Brown (UK), Sam Juarez (Brazil) and Model UN chair, Marianne Bernaldo, for Mission Valley Sunset Rotary.*

Old Mission and Mission Valley Sunset Rotary were thrilled to welcome our Model United Nations Students on May 28th.

Old Mission Rotary and Mission Valley Sunset sponsored four teams of two students each from Madison High School in Clairemont. The cost to participate is \$750 per team. Our District 5340 Pathways to Peace Committee started our Model UN program thirteen years ago. Rotary International has a long and proud association with the U.N. and we are partners with the U.N. in our PolioPlus initiative.

The 2019 Model UN Conference was held April 6-7 at USD's Institute for Peace and Justice. Lydia Stewart serves as the Model UN Chair for Old Mission Rotary and

Marianne Bernaldo for Mission Valley Sunset Rotary. Students spoke to the club about their experiences. Each team represented one country and took the point of view of that nation when presented with issues such as climate change and the Rohingya genocide in Myanmar.

### Program Calendar

*"Why not invite a friend?"*

- July 2nd- Marcella Bothwell, San Diego Parks Foundation Building a World Class Parks System in San Diego
- July 9th- Club Assembly
- July 16th- Brian Butler and Steve Walker from the USS Midway Museum

## Club Host



Niles Sharif served as club host on June 18th. Niles is back from Lebanon where he was on a scouting mission for his non-profit Global Care Alliance.

Niles attended UC Berkeley as an undergraduate and earned a law degree at the University of Texas at Austin.

Niles practiced law for 25 years but his heart directed him to help humanity full time. He was inspired by the great work of the VI-DAI project in San Quentin Baja in 2001 and teamed up with a local woman named Frances. Together, they constructed a kitchen to feed people. Since then, Niles organized a fresh water project in the African nation of Burundi. Niles family is originally from the northern Lebanese city of Tripoli and his relatives there urged him to lend a helping hand. Niles completed two trips to Lebanon and found the Hezbollah controlled cities of Beirut and Tyre to be friendly and very busy. Tripoli, however, is a Sunni city and was very hostile.

Niles is now formulating plans for charitable work in Lebanon. He and his wife just celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary.

## Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Another Amazing RYLA Year!



(L-R) Raul Lopez (Saint Augustin), Alfonso Arballo (Saint Augustin), Daniel Gutierrez (Saint Augustin), Jacob Sevilla (Saint Augustin), Vicente Huang (Madison), Caitlin Rowlings (Francis Parker), Old Mission Rotary RYLA Chair Tom Sandler, Meg Braun (Madison), Tautinei Jameson (Madison), Gillian Brown (Madison), Giovanni Aceves (Madison) and Cassidy Kirk (Madison).

Old Mission Rotary has a proud tradition of sponsoring high school juniors for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). RYLA encourages servant leadership in youth by recognizing and rewarding deserving 11th grade students who are chosen to attend RYLA as an “award” for their past and present leadership and service activities. These select young people attend an all-expenses-paid camp in Idyllwild where they are inspired by a diverse group of exceptional speakers, make life-long friends through fellowship activities, and discuss the ethical and social issues of today. These activities are conducted in an atmosphere of trust and respect. The result is that these students return to their schools and

communities motivated to take on additional leadership roles and to find additional ways to serve. This year, Old Mission Rotary sponsored 18 students who came from Saint Augustin, Madison and Francis Parker. Tom Sandler organized our club efforts and many members served on interview selection panels.

*The tax which will be paid for the purpose of education is not more than the thousandth part of what will be paid to kings, priests, and nobles who will rise up among us if we leave the people in ignorance.*  
-Thomas Jefferson, third US president, architect, and author (1743-1826)

## Rotary Calendar

- 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.
- Sunday July 28th starting at 1pm- **Rotary Padres Game vs. San Francisco Giants.**
- Friday, August 2 - Saturday, August 3rd- **Thousand Smiles Summer Clinic** in Ensenada.
- Saturday, August 10th from 8am to noon- **District Membership Seminar** at USD Joan Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice