

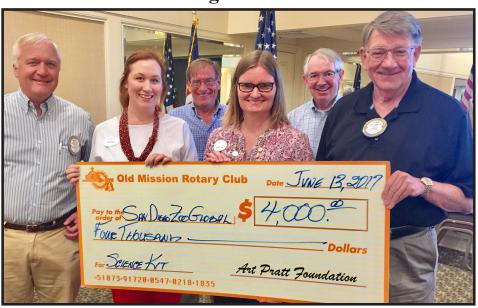
## **Old Mission Rotary**

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

June 2017



## Art Pratt Foundation Award to San Diego Zoo Global



(L-R) Mike Lewis and Gerry Hosenkamp of the Art Pratt Foundation, Maggie Aleksic and Maggie Reinbold of San Diego Zoo Global, Old Mission Rotary President Bob Self and Art Pratt President Stan Vogelsang.

On June 14th, the Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary awarded a grant of \$4000 to San Diego Zoo Global. The mission of the non profit is to save species worldwide by uniting expertise in animal and plant care and conservation science. One aim is to inspire passion for nature and to be at the forefront of wildlife conservation and education. Their work saved the California Condor and their efforts revived the population from 19 in 1987 to 450 birds today!

# Hail to the New Chief at Old Mission Rotary

On July 1st, Bob James Jr. became the new president of Old Mission Rotary!

Bob brings many years of leadership and Rotary experience to Old Mission Rotary. Bob was a charter member and President of the New Generations Rotary Club. Bob is a familiar face in our Rotary District and has served as the Membership Chair for our Rotary District 5340. Bob sent out an e-mail survey to all club members. President Bob is anxious to know what can we do to make our club better and more dynamic in the coming year!

#### **Wecome Back!**



Catherine and Bruce Willey were welcome guests at our Rotary meeting!

On June 14th, Catherine and Bruce Willey stopped by for lunch at Old Mission Rotary. They were in San Diego to visit their son Seth who will soon deploy overseas with the US Navy. We also learned that their daughter Jade just graduated from Bowdoin College in Maine. Catherine and Bruce moved from Coronado to Nashville several years ago and now feel quite at home in Tennessee. We miss both of them dearly and it was wonderful to see them again.



### **Proposed for Membership at Old Mission Rotary**



Niles Sharif has been a member of both the La Mesa Sunrise and Old Mission Rotary Clubs. He served as President of the La Mesa Sunrise Club.

Niles is a first-generation Iraqi American. Born in Dallas, Texas in 1963, Niles has spent most of his life in California. Niles passed the California bar exam in 1988 and immediately began his practice as a business litigator in San Francisco with an international law firm specializing in business transactions and litigation. Niles is a member of the California bar, the United States district courts for the Southern, Central and Northern districts of California, and the United States Supreme Court.

In 2006, Niles founded The Frances Kitchen Project, now known as Global Care Alliance, a humanitarian relief organization with projects in Mexico and Burundi, Africa. Niles spends much of his time in Mexico and Burundi working on GCA projects, which include lunch kitchens at poor schools, YMCAlike community centers, housing for Batwa villagers in Burundi, and clean water initiatives. Under Niles' leadership, GCA continues to grow and expand its humanitarian activities. Niles hopes that GCA will soon be active in Myanmar.



Dr. Noe Crespo is an Assistant Professor in the Graduate School of Public Health at San Diego State University. His academic training is in Public Health and he currently conducts research to reduce health disparities and reduce risk of chronic disease in low-income and underserved communities. Specifically, Dr. Crespo's research focuses on implementing and evaluating behavioral and community-based interventions to promote fitness, physical activity and healthy eating among children and adults. Dr. Crespo is the lead faculty member for the VIIDAI Health Promotion section and is a VIIDAI alumni. Dr. Crespo participated in VIIDAI as a doctoral student at SDSU and has many years of experience working with the community in San Quintin. Dr. Crespo was invited to join Rotary by Stan Vogelsang who met him during a VIIDAII trip to San Ouentin Baja.

Neither great poverty nor great riches will hear reason. -Henry Fielding, (1707-1754)

## Club Program for July 11th

Shana Wentzell of the United Cultural Exchange USA will discuss international youth exchange

#### **Club Host**



Michelle Tondreau received her blue badge from President Bob Self on June 20th.

Michelle Tondreau was born in San Diego and moved to Maine with her dad after her parents divorced. For many years, she spent the school year in Maine and the summers in San Diego with her mother amassing many frequent flier miles! She attended California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo and started as a Nutrition Sciences major. It did not take long for her to realize that her true passion was the theater and she graduated with a degree in Theater Arts. While at Cal Poly SLO, Michelle worked in the campus radio station and organized concerts for the local music scene. After graduation, Michelle moved to San Diego and worked for the La Jolla Music Society, Catholic Charities and is now the Operations Director of the San Diego Children's Choir. She enjoys sailing, biking, hiking and reading

### **Rotary Calendar**

- Tuesday July11th Old Mission Rotary Board of Directors Meeting after our Rotary Meeting
- Tuesday June 18th Art Pratt
  Foundation Board of Directors Meeting after our Rotary
  Meeting