



Old Mission Rotary

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

June 23, 2015



Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary Grant to Big Brothers and Big Sisters



Big Brothers Big Sisters accepted an \$8000 grant from the Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary on June 23rd. The funds will be used to upgrade the computer and network systems at their City Heights headquarters. (L-R) Art Pratt Board members Bob Self and Bernadette Castro, Big Brothers Big Sisters CEO Deborah Condon, Art Pratt President Stan Vogelsang, Bill Turnquist, Matt Risi and Larry Edwards.



Bruce Kahn, made a surprise presentation of a first Paul Harris Fellowship to his daughter Angela at the June 23rd meeting! Bruce is a member of the Strongsville Ohio Rotary Club. There was not a dry eye in the house!

District 5340 Assembly



Bob James Jr. served as the Master of Ceremonies at the June 22nd District Assembly at the La Jolla Marriott. At the standing room only event, District Governor Louise Andres passed the torch to Incoming DG Janice Kurth from the Del Mar Club. Bob was quick on his feet and kept the crowd laughing!



President Matt accepted a Presidential Citation for Old Mission Rotary at the June District Assembly. The Rotary International Award recognizes excellence across the board for the club's accomplishments over the past year. Jerry Hosenkamp was sworn in as our new club president.

A rock pile ceases to be a rock pile the moment a single man contemplates it, bearing within him the image of a cathedral.
-Antoine de Saint-Exupery, author and aviator.

Shelter Box for Nepal

Old Mission Rotary appealed to urgent requests for shelter boxes for Nepal by funding a third shelter box for this Rotary year! Members pledged \$700 at our June 16th meeting to add to \$300 in our Shelter Box reserve fund. ShelterBox typically includes a disaster relief tent for a family, thermal blankets and groundsheets, water storage and purification equipment, solar lamps, cooking utensils, a basic tool kit, mosquito nets and children's activity pack.



Tom Sandler with Tilly the dog and Tom's grand daughter Eva. Tom will be giving Tilly back to Canine Companions in August for evaluation and training as a service dog. Tom and his family as well as the members of Old Mission Rotary will miss Tilly dearly!

**Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, July 9 at 7:30am
Copley-Price YMCA**

Rotary Programs

- July 7- **Televisionaries: Inside the Chaos and Innovation of the Digital Revolution** with Marc Teyer
- July 14- **Home Start Inc.** with Laura A Mustari, LCSW
- July 21- **Home Start Inc.** with Laura A Mustari, LCSW
- July 28- **Western Service Workers Association** with Brandon McDonald
- July 28- **An Alternative to SDG&E** with Bill Powers
Alternative to SDGE with Brandon McDonald

Climate Change



Dr. David Pierce of Scripps Institute of Oceanography presented a sobering program on climate change on June 23rd.

Our program on climate change presented on June 23rd by Dr. David Pierce of Scripps Institute of Oceanography may be the most important program of the year. The phenomenon of global warming was first described by the third Nobel Prize winner in chemistry, over 100 years ago! When the sun's radiation penetrates our atmosphere and reflects off of the surface of the earth it is reflected back into space. Layers of greenhouse gasses trap the reflected energy and reflect it back to the surface. The evidence for global warming is the result of measured air temperature (including aloft), measured ocean temperature (including subsurface), reduction in glaciers, snowpack, and permafrost behavior of plants and animals "proxy indicators" include Borehole temperatures, tree rings and corals. Greenhouse gasses, such as carbon dioxide, warm the planet and atmospheric concentrations are increasing. Roger Revelle started measuring carbon dioxide levels in 1956 and since then these concentrations have increased exponentially. The gasses released by human activity can account for the increased concentration of these gassed and

explain increased air temperature as well as increased ocean temperatures. Natural factors (sun, volcanoes) can account for a medieval warm period, a little ice age and warming in the 1940s but do not match the magnitude of the warming since the 1950s. Other factors such as sun spots and cosmic rays are also discounted as they have been relatively constant over the last century.

Global warming is real and 97% of all climate scientist accept the scientific evidence. Since the start of the Industrial Revolution some 200 years ago, mankind's use of fossil fuels has been damaging our fragile ecosystem. Dr. Pierce urges us to take action!

Bob Chalfa



Bob and Gloria Chalfa were spotted at the Rotary International Convention in Sao Paulo Brazil. At a luncheon meeting they won a bottle of the local liquor called Cashasa.

Bob Chalfa served as club host on June 23rd. Bob has been in Rotary for 40 years and recently transferred into Old Mission from the National City Club. Bob was also one of the original members of Thousand Smiles (Operation Smile) that was founded in 1985 by members of the National City Rotary Club. Bob has lived in San Diego since he was 15 years old and has linked his life to Mexico! He has been married to Gloria for 54 years, speaks Spanish fluently. He has made a living in Mexico as a heavy equipment dealer.