

## **Old Mission Rotary**

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

July 11, 2017



## **Welcome Back!**



Niles Sharif returns as a member of Old Mission Rotary!

Welcome back! Niles Sharif was inducted into Old Mission Rotary on July 11th. Niles was not only a member of Old Mission Rotary in the past but was also the President of the La Mesa Sunrise Rotary Club! Niles is the Founder and President of Global Care Alliance with projects in Baja and the African nation of Burundi.

If you would be a real seeker after truth, it is necessary that at least once in your life you doubt, as far as possible, all things.

-Rene Descartes, philosopher and mathematician (31 Mar 1596-1650)

## **Homes for Troops!**



Wounded Warrior Isaac Blount with his daughter Izzy.

Wounded Warrior Isaac Blunt is a great friend of Old Mission Rotary and we are all thrilled that he was presented with the key to his new home provided free by the non profit Home For Our Troops. The house is totally adapted for his needs as a double amputee. It's always such an inspiring occasion to see Americans truly thank our young veterans who have sacrificed so much. The "thank you for your service" line doesn't go very far when a young person is faced with a lifetime of struggle.

Isaac lost both legs, his left eye and most of his left hand in Af-

Isaac Continued side two

# A Tribute to Wynn Bishop



Bob Bishop thanked Old Mission Rotary for managing his late father's Scholarship Award funds. Bob Bishop is the son of Wynn Bishop who was a founding member of Old Mission Rotary. Bob came to our meeting on July 11th to thank the Old Mission Rotary Foundation for administering a scholarship in his father's name. For many years, the Wynn Bishop Scholarship for \$1000 has been awarded to a deserving student from Madison High School who has overcome adversity.

#### **Club Program for July 18**

Daniel Aguirre Fleet Science Center 52 Weeks of Science

#### **Club Host**



Julian Villegas was our club host on July 11th. -

Our host on July11th was Julian Villegas. Julian assumed duties as Executive Director of the Copley-Price YMCA one and a half years ago after being transferred to San Diego from Lawrence Massachusetts to take the challenging job... He reported on a very successful year at the sparkling new facility that primarily serves the inner city neighborhood of City Heights and the affluent neighborhoods of Kensington and Talmadge. New this year at the YMCA will be Urbanlife Cafe & Garden that will open soon.. The cafe will feature healthy and fresh, food and drinks on the bottom floor, with a community garden on the rooftop of the facility. Fund raising is always a challenge but Julian reported that the annual charity golf tournament was very successful. Old Mission Rotary is proud of our affiliation with San Diego YMCA. The Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary funded the teen center at the Copley-Price Family YMCA.

#### Isaac Continued

ghanistan as a young Marine. Now he is doing very well and has his 7-yr-old daughter Izzy visiting with him from Wisconsin for about a month before going back to her mother. Isaac rode on a float for the Coronado 4th of July parade and recently enjoyed a night cruise and dinner for wounded warriors sponsored by the San Diego Yacht Club. Rotarian Hugh Kramer has forged a life long friendship with Isaac after first meeting him at the San Diego Naval Hospital. Hugh met Isaac during one of our Old Mission Rotary Wounded Warrior Dinners years ago when Isaac first returned from combat.



Isaac Blount's new home in Fallbrook. Homes for Troops builds and presents homes to severely injured Wounded Warriors!

## **Rotary Calendar**

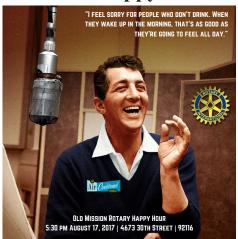
- Tuesday June 18th Art Pratt Foundation Board of Directors Meeting after our Rotary Meeting
- Saturday July 22nd District 5340 Membership Rally at the Joan Kroc Institute at USD from 8:30-11:30am.
- Sunday July 30th District 5340 Padre Baseball Game at 1:40pm at PETCO Park.

## **Visiting Rotarian**



Rotarian Ruth Sallade of Coudersport Pennsylvania, exchanged club banners with President Bob James Jr. on July 11th. Coudersport is located approximately 110 miles southeast of Erie on the Allegheny River and has a population was 2,546. Ruth described her town and her very active club as untouched, unspoiled and untamed!

## 1950's Happy Hour



Old Mission Rotary will enjoy a 1950's style Happy Hour at the Air Conditioned Lounge in North Park. Old Mission Rotary will celebrate Happy Hour at the Air Conditioned Lounge in North Park on Thursday, August 17th starting at 5:30pm. Enjoy fellowship with your fellow Rotarians in a 50's throw back style! The Air Conditioned Lounge is at 4673 30th St, San Diego, CA 92116

(Just south of Adams Avenue on

30th Street).