

# **Old Mission Rotary**

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

September 5 & 12, 2017



### **Scott Sherman** Man About San Diego!



City Council Member Scott Sherman of District 7 spoke about the challenges facing Mission Valley and San Diego.

City Council Member Scott Sherman presented a program on September 12th. Scott represents District 7 which includes Mission Valley. His personal top priority is the issue of housing affordability in our city.

We were all interested in the fate of the Quaalcomm Stadium site AND Scott noted that SDSU will be well taken care of even if the Soccer City referendum is approved in the November 2018 election.

Scott also discussed the tensions in

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### **Madison High School Interact Club**



Madison High School Interact is sponsored by the Old Mission and Mission Valley Sunset Rotary Clubs. President Bob James Jr. announced that the new Interact Club had a chartering ceremony on Wednesday, September 13th.

## **Boys and Girls Clubs Backpacks for School**



Michelle Malin is the Vice President of Development at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater San Diego. The Boys and Girls Club just finished a successful program to give children back to school back packs filled with supplies.

### Dinner at Alfonso's!



Mark McAnelly returned from his trip to Machu Picchu and Cartagena Colombia just in time to attend our club dinner at Alfonso's with his guest Susan



At our Alfonso's of la Jolla dinner: Brian and Kay Dempsey enjoyed La Mirador Margaritas from the Alfonso's margarita menu.

On Saturday, September 16th, Old Mission Rotary enjoyed a delightful evening at Alfonso's of La Jolla. After 44 years on Prospect Street, the restaurant moved to Solana Beach into a beautiful spot along the 101 Highway. 18 members of the club enjoyed cocktails and Mexican food as well as great fellowship.

# Can you say Bujumbra Three Times Fast?



Niles Sharif briefed Old Mission Rotary on his upcoming charitable trip to the central African nation of Burundi.

Niles Sharif founded the Global Care Alliance. His vision is to help the forgotten people of the world meet their need for food, shelter, clothing, and medical care so as to end the cycle of poverty. Niles partners with leaders in marginalized communities in order to provide support through spiritual encouragement and physical and financial resources, to better equip those leaders to effectively serve their communities.

Niles has already done wonderful work in San Quentin Baja with his Frances Kitchen Project. He has established a shelter for battered women in this remote and poor migrant farming community.

Now the focus of Nile's work has shifted to the desperately poor and politically volatile nation of Burundi. Niles will be helping create the country's largest fresh water public works project. We are proud of Niles for his selfless spirit of good will and his physical courage to travel to such a forsaken land.

Club Program
San Diego Gulls Hockey
Matt Savant
September 19th

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communities about vacation rentals such as airbnb. He wants to first see enforcement of existing codes, especially on weekends and nights, before laws are passed against vacation rentals.

Mission Valley will face new challenges as the area transforms from business and shopping to more residential. The huge community of Civita continues to be developed and threatens to grid lock Friars Road. The new Riverwalk project will develop 80 acres along the San Diego River with residential, retail and offices. New apartment complexes are springing up that will bring in many new people and many cars into Mission Valley. Scott also discussed the homeless situation. The reality is that the alcoholic, drug addicted and mentally ill prefer the transient life and will not accept help.

We were all impressed by Council Member Scott and came away from the talk shaking our heads over the complexity of the issues facing our city.

I'd prefer to die on my feet than to live on my knees.

-Charb (pen name of Stephane Charbonnier), caricaturist and journalist (21 Aug 1967-2015)

### Rotary Calendar

- Tuesday September 19th, Art
   Pratt Foundation Board of
   Directors Meeting after our
   Rotary Meeting
- Saturday September 23rd
   District 5340 Foundation
   Seminar from 8am to noon at the Poway Center for Performing Arts
- Sunday, October 1st Picnic and BBQ staring at 10am at Presidio Park at 2811 Jackson Street above Mission Valley.

### **Club Host**



Larry Edwards served as club host on September 5th.

Larry grew up in a home for 200 boys located on a 1500 acre farm in North Carolina. Larry joined the Marine Corps and soon found himself in combat along the notorious DMZ in Vietnam at Fire Base Ross. After the war, Larry attended SDSU and eventually found his calling as a commercial real estate agent. Larry now specializes in industrial sites along the Mexican border in Otay Mesa. His daughter Amy is a professor at UCSD and his daughter Kelly teaches sixth grade in Chula Vista.

Recently, Larry connected with cousins on Facebook and discovered that he is a descendant of Stephen F. Austin, the Father of Texas' and the republic's first secretary of state.

### **Happy Dollars**



Gil Klecan paid "Happy Dollars" to warn club memers not to bend over more than 90 degrees after hip replacement surgery!