



Old Mission Rotary

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

November 4- 2014

November is Rotary Foundation Month!



Katherine Willey is our Rotary International Foundation Chair and she has challenged Old Mission Rotary to donate to the RI Foundation!

Katherine Willey is so determined to make Old Mission Rotary a **Every Rotarian Every Year club** that if you won't contribute then she will contribute \$10 for you! She reminded us that our gifts to the Rotary International Foundation help Rotary clubs take action today to create positive change in communities around the world. The **Every Rotarian Every Year** initiative asks every Rotarian to contribute. This can best be done by contributing directly from a credit card or bank account. Katherine distributed brochures that included a form to fill out for monthly, quarterly or annual direct giving. As little as \$10 per month will make you a Sustaining Member of the RI Foundation.

Katherine recognized the many RI Foundation superstars in the club including Darlene Bates, Dr. Bob Callicott, Jim Green, Joe Harris, Bob James, Mark McAnelly, Matt Risi, Elizabeth Ruch, Bill Turnquist and Stan Vogelsang.

Who Am I? Bea Halk



On November 4th, Bea Halk served as our club host!

Bea Halk was born in Mexico and became a US citizen at the age of 15. Bea enjoyed a career with the YMCA. She retired recently as the head of the Human Resources Department of the San Diego area YMCA which is the third largest YMCA region in the country. She is in active volunteer in her community and church. Her husband Arthur has been battling cancer. We are very grateful of Bea's commitment to club service as week after week she staffs our check in table. She even now feels comfortable processing credit cards on our club ipad!

Bob James is Back!



Bob James has recovered from his very scary stroke and writes: "I want to thank everyone who wrote, sent cards and gifts and stopped by Grossmont Hospital. I finished my rehab and the professionals I spoke to were amazed by my recovery. I am not! Your prayers and best wishes had a great deal to do with my recovery. I think our work in Baja was a large part of my come back. The same week I had my stroke, a good friend of mine, five years younger, dropped dead of the same stroke I had. There is something there I can't explain. I want to thank all of you for your good wishes.

Rotary Foundation Seminar
Saturday, November 22
Great Hall - International
House - UC San Diego
Breakfast at 7:30am
Programs from 8:30am-
12:00pm
Register at rotary5340.org

OMR Board Meeting
Thursday, November 13
Starting at 7:30am
Mission Valley YMCA

Wounded Warrior Dinner
Naval Hospital
Tuesday, November 25
4:30pm-6:30pm

Showers to Flowers! City of San Diego Pure Water Program



Mehdi Khalili is a civil engineer for the City of San Diego Water Department. On November 4th he spoke about the city's Pure Water Program.

The City of San Diego is addressing the need for a new locally controlled, drought-proof water supply. The City currently depends on importing 85 percent of its water from Northern California and the Colorado River. A Water Reuse Study, Recycled Water Study and Water Purification Demonstration Project determined that it is feasible for San Diego to use water purification technology to produce one third of San Diego's drinking water supply locally by 2035.

Pure Water San Diego is the City's 20 year program to provide a safe, reliable and cost-effective drinking water supply for San Diego. Proven technology will be used to purify recycled water.

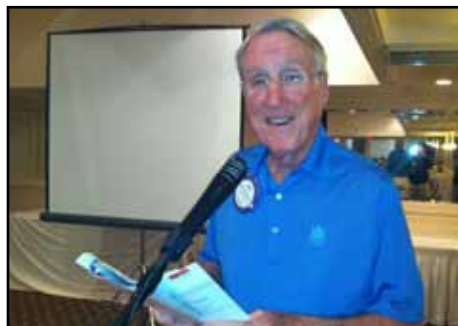
The program is environmentally friendly and will make San Diego more water independent and more resilient against drought, climate change and natural disasters. Pure Water San Diego (PDF) program components include the construction of water purification facilities, continued operation of the test Advanced Water Purification

Facility, research for a potential direct potable reuse project, regulation and legislation development, and an education and outreach program.

An initial 15 million gallon per day water purification facility is planned to be in operation by 2023. The long term goal, producing 83 million gallons of purified water per day, is planned to be reached by 2035.

Mehdi also pointed out that "Toilet to Tap" is now called "Showers to Flowers!"

Medical Minute



The *Journal of the American Medical Association* contains a report analyzing what happens when hospitals convert from not-for-profit to for-profit status. This matters because health economists have worried that to satisfy investors, for-profit hospitals may short-change patients. Researchers from Harvard School of Public Health compared 237 converting hospitals with 631 matched control institutions from 2003 to 2010. Converting hospitals were often rural and small or medium in size. Few were teaching organizations. Results indicated that conversion usually led to improved financial margins related to lower costs and better access to capital. The study did not reveal any differences in measures of quality, including mortality rates. In addition, there were no changes in the proportion of poor or minority patients cared for.

Rotary Calendar

- Thursday, November 13- **Board of Directors Meeting** at 7:30am at the Mission Valley YMCA
- Thursday, November 20- **Art Pratt Foundation Board of Directors Meeting** at 7:30am at the Copley YMCA
- Friday, November 22- **District Foundation Seminar** at UCSD from 8am to noon.
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- Tuesday, December 9- **Club Meeting at the Copley YMCA** for gift wrapping and holiday decorating.

Program Schedule

- November 11, 2014
Susan Thorning
Community Campership Council
- November 18, 2014
Cindy Goodman
Rotary Worldwide Fellowships
- November 25, 2014
Frank Caperino
Traveling the Globe as a US Navy Tech Rep.