



# Old Mission Rotary

Meets Every Tuesday at noon at the  
Best Western Seven Seas Hotel  
Hotel Circle South  
[oldmissionrotary.org](http://oldmissionrotary.org)

December 16, 2014



## Alfonso Fierro Welcome to Old Mission Rotary!



*Alfonso Fierro (C) was inducted into Old Mission Rotary on December 16. Bob Chalfa (L) sponsored Alfonso and Club Executive Secretary Stan Vogelsang conducted the ceremony.*



*Club Executive Secretary Stan Vogelsang spoke about the importance of Rotary as an avenue to serve mankind. Stan presented Alfonso with his Rotary pin.*



*Alfonso Fierro started as a bus boy and a waiter some 32 years ago at the restaurant that now bears his name! Alfonso's of La Jolla is a family-owned and operated establishment located in the center of beautiful La Jolla on Prospect street. Has anyone not eaten at this landmark restaurant??*

## International Relief Teams



*Paula Kelly updated Old Mission Rotary on the distribution of back packs filled with food to school children in Linda Vista.*

On December 16, Paula Kelly updated Old Mission Rotary on the distribution of back packs filled with food by International Relief Teams (IRT) to school children in Linda Vista. The Old Mission Rotary Foundation gave a grant of \$3000 for the project. Paula is a member of Old Mission Rotary and works for the IRT. The non profit is most often associated with sending medical teams to disaster sites around the globe but was compelled to respond to the great need right here in our own city.

## Francis Parker Interact Christmas Family



*Semper Fi Marines you've reached friendlies! (L-R) Interact Students Haley Gale, Charlie Haynes, Spencer Collins, Brian Gale and Advisor Victoria Helms.*

Francis Parker Interact adopted a Marine Corps enlisted family for Christmas and delivered gifts and good cheer. The presentation to the grateful Marine families was very special as over 40 Marines and their families were there.

**OMR Board Meeting  
Thursday  
January 8  
Starting at 7:30am  
Mission Valley YMCA**



*Past President Steve Nuñez (L) with long time friend Bruce Peterson. Bruce has just retired from the Navy having served as a Naval Officer across the globe.*



*Lydia Stewart (R) with Chris Chase of the Mission Valley Sunset Club. Chris volunteers at our Wounded Warrior dinners.*

***Never let your sense of morals get in the way of doing what's right.***

***-Isaac Asimov, scientist and writer (1920-1992)***

## Charter Schools

Our speaker on December 16 was our very own Old Mission Rotarian Miles Durfee. Miles is the Managing Regional Director for Southern California of the California Charter School Association.

Miles manages the team responsible for charter school policy in San Diego, San Bernardino, Riverside, Orange and Imperial Counties. Additionally, he leads the information and advocacy program in San Diego County with nearly 100 charter schools in the County and over 40

authorized by San Diego Unified School District.

California has the highest number of charter schools of any state in the country with 1,130 schools serving over 500,000 students. Parents, educators and community members decide to start charter schools for a variety of reasons. Some start schools to address the needs of an under-served population, to create a new option in their community that serves students differently, or to innovate and find new ways of educating students that will forever change the way they learn. Charter schools are public schools. They are tuition-free and open to any student who wishes to attend. Charter schools allow parents, organizations, or community groups to restore, reinvent, and reenergize our public school system. Charter schools are designed, tailored, and governed by each local community, rather than by a central bureaucracy. Charter schools are open to all children and they are committed to serving a student body that reflects the local community. Research evidence shows that charter school students are just as diverse (racially and economically) as non-charter students.



*Miles Durfee briefed the club on the Charter School program in California. Miles is a past president of Old Mission Rotary*

## Rotary Calendar

- Thursday, January 8- **Old Mission Rotary Board of Directors Meeting** at the Mission Valley YMCA starting at 7:30am
- Thursday, January 15- **Art Pratt Foundation Board of Directors Meeting** at the Copley-Price YMCA starting at 7:30am
- Sunday, January 18- Saturday, January 24- **International Assembly** at the Manchester Hyatt
- Saturday, January 31- **Pre-Pets Meeting for Jerry Hosenkamp** from 8am to 3pm
- Tuesday, February 17- **District Assembly** at the La Jolla Marriott featuring Richard Lederer with a program on Presidential Trivia.
- Friday, February 20 to Sunday February 23- **PETS at the LAX Marriott for Jerry Hosenkamp**
- Saturday, March 21- **District Training Assembly** from 8am to noon at the Joan Kroc Center at USD.

## Program Schedule

- January 6 2015  
Tyra Hawthorne  
**Heartbeat Music Academy**
- January 13 2015  
**VIIDAI**  
Stan Vogelsang as Jose Sanchez
- January 20 2015  
**Project Peanut Butter**  
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