



Old Mission Rotary

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



December, 17
2013

Old Mission Christmas Party

Our Christmas luncheon was a great success as Rotarians and their families enjoyed a wonderful meal and Christmas cheer at the Best Western Seven Seas! Hugo the Elf served as an animated and hilarious host. He entertained us with a plethora of painful puns and led the club in Christmas song! Many children attended and it warmed our hearts to see them enjoy Hugo's program. We were overjoyed to see Vesta and Lyall return to our club after so many months away. Vesta was as talented as ever at the key board and we enjoyed her wonderful music. Once again, Santa Claus made a cameo appearance to the delight of the Rotarian children! Poor Dave Blum was called away on business and missed Santa's visit!



Santa Claus arrived to distribute presents to Old Mission Rotary children. Above, Santa sits with little Nicholas Trefflich!



The highlight of our Christmas Party was the return of Vesta to a club meeting! The 99 year old pianist entertained us with lovely Christmas music!



Hugo the Elf travelled down from the North Pole to serve as club host for our Christmas luncheon.



(L-R) Arnie Kachok, Omar Caleros, Gil Kleecan with Lyall Young. We were so happy to see Lyall again after a long absence.

Collection for Homeless Veterans

On the day of our club Christmas Party, Old Mission Rotarians presented a variety of personal items for distribution to homeless veterans. We collected such items as toothbrushes, deodorant and socks to donate to **Friends of Homeless Veterans**. Bob James organized the effort for our club and he was quite pleased at the generosity of our membership.

Veterans account for 25% of the homeless population nationally. The reasons for this high percentage includes post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). **Friends of Homeless Veterans** was established to make sure that San Diego's homeless veterans get help when they need it most. Their very first act in 2007, was to give a new pair of socks to 150 homeless veterans in a winter shelter.



Jill Klemann thanked Old Mission Rotary for donating to Friends of Homeless Veterans.

Old Mission Rotary Families



The Trefflich family! (L-R) A very shy William, Diana, Ricardo, Richard, Nicholas and Lorenzo. Richard has assumed the duties of Program Chair for our club!



President Steve with his family! (L-R) Gabriel, Dawn, Steve and Rosemary.



Family Kaminetz! (L-R) Gannon, Lee, Lila and Cass.

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Tuesdays at 12:30 PM
Best Western Seven Seas
411 Hotel Circle South
San Diego, CA 92108

Rotary International Hospitality Event

District Governor Elects from all over the globe are once again descending on San Diego for the International Assembly! The Mission Valley Sunset Rotary Club has organized a hospitality event for these international Rotarians on the evening of Wednesday January 15 starting with a social hour at 5:30pm. The theme is our "Southwestern Heritage" and Rotarians will enjoy a Mexican dinner and Mariachi music! **Lydia Stewart is coordinating our club attendance for the meeting. Please call her at (858) 576-9176 to make a reservation.**

Past RI President Rich King to Speak

On Wednesday, 15 January 2014, Rotary International President (2001-02), Rick King will be the keynote speaker for District 5340 Rotary Clubs. Mr. King will be addressing the Rotary Clubs of El Cajon, El Cajon Sunset, La Mesa, La Mesa Sunrise, Lemon Grove, Old Mission, Ramona, Rancho San Diego/Spring Valley, and Santee-Lakeside.

Rotarians and their guests are cordially invited to attend. Catering will be provided by Continental Catering. This joint meeting will be at La Mesa Community Center, 4975 Memorial Drive, La Mesa, CA 91942 at the intersection of University Avenue and Memorial Drive. Meeting starts at 12:00 Noon.

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Art Pratt Foundation Canine Companions



On November 12th The Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary presented a check for \$10,000 to Canine Companions for Independence. The non-profit enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs. Our very own Tom Sandler has raised puppies for Canine Companions over the years.

Rotary Calendar

- Tuesday, December 24
Dark for Christmas Eve
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Dark for New Year's Eve
- Tuesday, January 7
Got Talent Gala Committee
Rotary District Office at 5:30pm
- Thursday January 9
Board of Directors Meeting
at the Mission Valley YMCA at 7:30am
- Wednesday, January 15 Lunch
Past RI President Rich King
La Mesa Community Center at noon
- Wednesday, January 15
International Assembly Hospitality
Crowne Plaza Hotel at 5:30pm