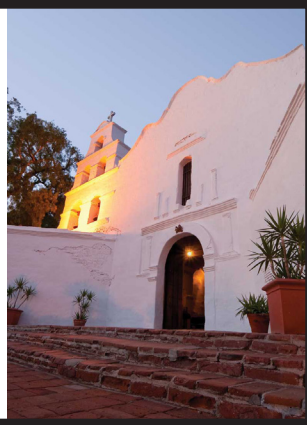


Old Mission Rotary

Meets Every Tuesday at noon at the
Best Western Seven Seas Hotel
Hotel Circle South
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December 13, 2016

Christmas Present Wrapping at the Copley- Price Family YMCA



*Diane Love wraps a dinosaur set
Christmas present for a soon to be
thrilled young boy!*

On December 13th, Old Mission Rotary met at the Copley-Price Family YMCA to support the efforts of their annual holiday party. More than 1,000 children from the YMCA and local schools enjoyed the event on December 17 at Copley-Price Family YMCA. Each child received a toy while their families enjoy the fun and festivities. Rotarians brought toys and wrapped them after our luncheon.

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Old Mission Rotary Foundation Supports the Copley-Price Family YMCA



On December 13th, the Old Mission Rotary Foundation presented \$4500 to the Copley-Price YMCA. (L-R) Bernadette Castro, Julian Villegas is the Executive Director of the Copley-Price YMCA, Stan Vogelsang is the President of the Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary and Bob Self is President of Old Mission Rotary. Bernadette, Stan and Bob are all long time members of the Copley-Price Family YMCA Board.



Homes for Our Troops!

On Saturday, December 17th, Mark McAnelly with Hugh and Carol Kramer attended a ground breaking ceremony for a new home for Wounded Warrior Isaac Blount in Fallbrook. Homes for Our Troops is a nonprofit organization that builds mortgage-free, specially adapted homes nationwide for severely injured Veterans Post – 9/11, to enable them to rebuild their lives. Most of these Veterans, like Isaac, have sustained injuries including multiple limb amputations, partial or full paraly-

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YMCA- Continued



Bea Halk and Bernadette Castro dressed in holiday gear for the gift wrapping party!



Alfonso Fierro and Mike Lewis with Michele Tondreau of the San Diego Children's Choir. Michele helped wrap gifts at our YMCA meeting and has been proposed for membership in Old Mission Rotary!

**Old Mission Rotary
Family Christmas Party
Tuesday, December 20th
Bring your children and
grand children and a
wrapped gift for Santa to
give out after lunch!**

Rotary Calendar

- Tuesday, January 10th- **Old Mission Rotary Board of Directors Meeting** after our Rotary Meeting.
- Tuesday January 17th- **Art Pratt Foundation Board of Directors Meeting** after our Rotary Meeting

HFOT- Continued

sis, and/or severe traumatic brain injury (TBI). These homes restore some of the freedom and independence our Veterans sacrificed while defending our country, and enable them to focus on their family, recovery, and rebuilding their lives. One of these Wounded Warriors, Isaac Blount, has been selected to receive a home through the HFOT program. As a young Marine, Isaac was severely wounded in Afghanistan. After years of struggle Isaac has inspired us at Old Mission Rotary with his attitude and achievements. He even climbed the tallest mountain in Australia, Mount Kosciuszko, in a driving snowstorm with the Heroes Project. We also remember the Wounded Warriors we have met that still struggle and in one case committed suicide.

Old Mission Rotary is thrilled for Isaac and his new home. He is a member of the Old Mission Rotary family and we will always be available to help him!

Rotary Programs

- Tuesday, December 20th- **Family Christmas Party**
- Tuesday, December 27th- **No Meeting- Rotary is Dark for the Christmas Holiday**
- Tuesday, January 10th- **Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)** with Rob Reddeg.

*Those who can make you
believe absurdities can make
you commit atrocities.*

*-Voltaire, philosopher
1694-1778*

Wounded Warrior Dinners

Thanks to the efforts of Hugh Kramer and our Wounded Warrior volunteers, Old Mission Rotary has been serving monthly dinners at the San Diego Naval Medical Center for five years. Over this period, Old Mission Rotary has enjoyed the privilege of meeting and developing friendships with many of the Wounded Warriors we have met. At the height of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts we were shocked and heartbroken to see so many wounded. We hope to never witness such suffering again.

The Wounded Warrior Thanksgiving Dinner on November 28th was amazing! Michel Malecot of the French Gourmet once again donated a full course holiday dinner that fed over 150 Sailors and Marines. Our December dinner was pizza and salad and was served early in the month as so many are travelling home on leave for the holidays. There was even a raffle for gift cards.

Special thanks to the Interact Club students of Francis Parker School and to the Knights of Columbus of Our Lady of Confidence Catholic Church in University City for their service over the years at our Wounded Warrior dinners!



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*Special thanks to Michel Malecot
of the French Gourmet Restaurant
for donating an entire Thanksgiving
dinner for 125 sailors and ma-
rines for our November Wounded
Warrior Dinner!*