



Old Mission Rotary

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

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Christmas Party Propells Old Mission Rotary into the Holiday Spirit!

Our Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 20th was a brilliant success! Special thanks to Gary Collins for organizing the event. Old Mission Rotary enjoyed wonderful Christmas ambiance and a delicious luncheon. Our Christmas parties are always best when lots of children can attend. Fortunately, most schools were closed on the day of our party and many families attended. The hotel staff did an amazing job of decorating the Lord Jim banquet room with festive bunting, candles and poinsettia plants. Eric Benink and his daughter Zoe played wonderful Christmas music during the luncheon and led the club in a few Christmas Carols. A highlight was the arrival of Santa Claus and a visit with the children. Old Mission Rotary also collected unwrapped toys for the Mission Valley YMCA to give to underprivileged kids. Our Old Mission Rotary Christmas party was a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season and get all of us into the holiday spirit!



Bernadette and Art Castro invited many family members to the Christmas Party! (L-R) Maddi, Ally, Katie, Art, Bernadette, Bella the dog, Santa Claus (not family!), Vanessa, Paolo, Eve, Manuel and Diego!



Gary Collins organized our Club Christmas party! Gary's wife Kimberley came with their son Cage. Gary is a relatively new member of the club and we all very much appreciate him taking charge and making this an extra special Christmas Luncheon!



Bea Halk with great grand daughter Malia checking in Rotarians and Family!

**Talent Gala Committe
Meeting on Monday,
January 9th at 5:30pm at the
Boys and Girls Club
4635 Clairemont Mesa BLVD.**

*The love of one's country is a
splendid thing. But why should
love stop at the border.
-Pablo Casals, cellist, conductor,
and composer (1876-1973)*

Santa Claus Visits Old Mission Rotary

Rotarians and family were thrilled when Lee Kaminetz received a text on his cell phone that the tower at San Diego International Airport had given Santa's sleigh clearance to land at the Best Western Seven Seas Hotel. Lee works as an attorney at Lindbergh Field.

Santa Claus arrived just in time to our Club Christmas Party and found time to talk with each and every child. Santa certainly made our holiday luncheon extra special!



Young Diego of the Castro clan receives a gift from Sant Claus.



Peyton Benink enjoyed her chat with Santa.



Lee Kaminetz with his daughter Lila. Lee relayed the good news from the airport control tower that Santa was on his way!



Michelle Malin with her two children Joey and Lucy.



Eric Benink and his daughter Zoe serenaded the club with wonderful Christmas music and then led us in the singing of several Christmas carols during the luncheon..



Marv and Diane Love with Marv's daughter Erin.

Rotary Programs

- Tuesday, January 3rd- **Jesse Case, of HandsOn San Diego.** This organization links people who want to volunteer to existing projects in their community.
- Tuesday, January 10th- **Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)** with Rob Reddeg.

Rotary Calendar

- Monday, January 9th- **Talent Gala Committee Meeting** at 5:30pm at the Boys and Girls Club offices at 4635 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard.
- 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

District 5340 Youth Exchange

The District 5340 Youth Exchange Committee is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 year for its Long Term, Short Term, and Summer Camp student exchange programs. The exchange programs offer high school students between the ages of 15 and 18 1/2 years to participate in the experience of a lifetime by living and studying abroad. Youth exchange offers students the opportunity to live abroad, experience new cultures, languages and tremendous personal growth and development.



Bob Chalfa serves as the Old Mission Rotary Youth Exchange Chair and has many years of experience with this amazing youth program.