



Old Mission Rotary

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

February 3 and 10, 2015



New Member! Bob James Jr.



Bob James Jr. (R) was inducted into Old Mission Rotary on February 3rd. Bob James Sr. (C) beams with pride and Executive Secretary Stan Vogelsang (L) presided over the ceremony.

This year, Old Mission Rotary has been fortunate enough to induct several new dynamic members! The latest is Bob James Jr. who is a seasoned 22 year veteran of Rotary. At the District 5340 level, Bobby has served as an Assistant District Governor and as Membership Chair. He was also the charter president of the La Jolla New Generations Club.

Bobby has already volunteered to serve as the Old Mission Public Relations Chairman and his goal is to ramp up our Facebook presence and to start an aggressive Twitter campaign.

**Wounded Warrior Dinner
Naval Hospital
Tuesday, February 24th
4:30pm-6:30pm**

Four Way Test Speech Contest Reality Changers



The Four Way Test Speech Contest at Old Mission Rotary featured students from the Reality Changers Program. (L-R) Student Mohamed Ismael, Judges Wayne Meyer and Bob James Sr., Student Najmo Abdi, Contest chairman Eric Benink, Judge Hugh Kramer, Student Mujahid Al-Amin, Judge Lydia Stewart, Student Eyasu Moloro, Judge Angela Kahn, MC Bob James Jr., Student Yasmin Salah and Old Mission President Matteo Risi. Old Mission has a long history of supporting Reality Changers.

Eric Benink once again organized an amazing Four Way Test Speech contest. On February 10th, Old Mission Rotary welcomed five students and three staff members from the Reality Changers program. The Reality Changers staff present were Carlos Gomez who is the Chief Grant Writing Officer, Alice Chen who is the Director of Volunteer Opportunities and Jordan Harrison who is the Director of Programs. Having been inducted into Old Mission last week, Bob James Jr. served as the Master of Ceremonies for the contest. Club members Angela Kahn, Hugh Kramer, Wayne Mayer, Lydia Stewart and Bob James Sr. served as judges. The winner of the contest was Eyasu Moloro who related the Four Way Test to the need to volunteer in his City Heights community. Eyasu will continue to the next level of District competition.

Catholic Charities Homeless Women



Michele Tondreau of Catholic Charities presented a very important program on homeless women.

Michelle Tondreau of Catholic Charities was our speaker on February 3rd. Catholic Charities provides a multi-faceted array of programs for the community. In 1980, the non profit opened **Rachel's Homeless Women's Walk-in Day Center** as the first transitional residence for homeless women in San Diego County. Rachel's provides day and night shelter for women and their children, as well as transitional housing for women over age 50 and pregnant women. Services include work readiness, medical, substance recovery, clothing, laundry, showers, counseling, parenting classes, transportation and more. Michelle also introduced us to **The Tomorrow Project**. This Catholic Charities program provides work readiness training for homeless women. The social entrepreneurial program was developed in 1994 to give homeless women worthwhile work and to provide them opportunities to change or to improve their circumstances, and to earn a small stipend.

At The Tomorrow Project, homeless women have the opportunity to learn work skills while creating gourmet food products and selling them in the community.



The Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary awarded Reality Changers with a grant for \$13,608. Reality Changers transforms lives, schools, and communities by providing youth from disadvantaged backgrounds with the academic support, financial assistance and leadership training to become first generation college students. The funds will be used for tables, chairs and digital tablets for the Reality Changer's 1004 square foot study room that serves over 500 students per week. The presentation was made before five Reality Changer students participated in the Old Mission Four Way test Speech contest during on February 10th.



Jim Green (L) stocks up on Girl Scout cookies that he purchased from Rosemary Nuñez. Proud dad Steve handles the bookkeeping!

Program Schedule

- February 17, 2015
LEAD Students- Farb Middle School and 60 Minutes Wounded Warrior Feature
- February 24, 2015
San Diego Education Fund- Dr. Sharon Whitehurst Payne
- March 3, 2015
Social Media- Scott Carr.

Rotary Calendar

- Tuesday, February 17- **District Assembly** at the La Jolla Marriott Reception with Dinner from 5:30pm - 8pm.
- Thursday, February 19 at 7:30am- **Art Pratt Board Meeting at the Copley-Price YMCA**
- Friday, February 20 to Sunday February 23- **PETS at the LAX Marriott for Jerry Hosenkanp**
- Saturday, February 21- **District 5340 Peace Forum** Joan Krock Institute at USD from 8am-12pm.
- Tuesday, February 24- **Wounded Warrior Dinner** at the Naval Medical Center from 4:30-6pm.