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THE MAGIC
OF ROTARY



Calgary was Beautiful



Past-president Becki Schwartz is shown wearing an African kimono that she acquired at the Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Canada. Becki was one of 15,000 Rotarians from 190 countries attending the convention. Becki had a wonderful time at the Rotary Convention learning more about Rotary and meeting new friends.

Becki talked to us about "generational motivation" in other words why people join Rotary and why they stay in it by age group.

Polio outbreaks and challenges persist but we are closer than ever in ending polio. That said, Rotary would like to add one of the most preventable cancers to our goals. Cervical cancer is considered one of the most preventable cancers. It's caused primarily by the human papillomavirus (HPV), the most common viral infection of the reproductive tract. Ninety percent of deaths from cervical cancer occur in low- and middle-income countries, where cancer screenings and routine HPV vaccinations aren't available and cultural misconceptions may deter women from seeking care.

We're happy you're home and had a great time at the RI Assembly.

Sundays at Six - Concert Series



Meet us at Harry Griffen Park on **Sunday, July 27th**, at **6 PM** for the last Concert in the Park. Bring your chair, drink and dinner if you want to hear the local band **Sonic Epidemic**.

Sonic Epidemic is a 12-piece band, inspired by legendary horn bands of the 70's bands like Tower of Power, Earth, Wind and Fire, Chicago, and Steely Dan.

Harry Griffen Park is located behind Grossmont High School at 9550 Mildred Street, La Mesa.

2025-26 CLUB PLANNING CALENDAR

July 2025

Maternal Child Health

7/16 Centennial Party Meeting – 11 AM

7/27 Club Social – Concert at Harry Griffen Park

6 PM, 9550 Mildred Street

7/30 Club Dark – No Meeting

August 2025

Membership & New Club Development

8/9 Padres vs. Boston (last Rotary game for yr)

8/13 District 5340 Governor Luis Carranza visit

8/13 Club photograph

Lunch Time Assignments

July 23, 2025

Greeter Mike Fellows

Pledge Dale Bailey

Thought Kathy Olsen

4 Way Test Ryan Barnhill

July 30, 2025

Club is Dark – No Meeting

August 6, 2025

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Upcoming Programs

July 23, 2025

**YMCA Drowning Prevention -
LMPD Summer Camp**

Greg Erickson

July 30, 2025

Dark - No Meeting

July Birthdays

7/28 Bill Ashman

7/30 Bonnie Welch

100th Anniversary Meeting

**Wednesday, August 20th, 11 AM
Prior to Regular Meeting**

La Mesa Rotary Centennial Celebration



It's time to register for the Club's 100th Anniversary on **Saturday, October 18, 2025**. The event will occur on the Hornblower Harbor Cruise from 5:30 pm to 9 pm. Please use the QR code below to sign up.



Time for a Photo!

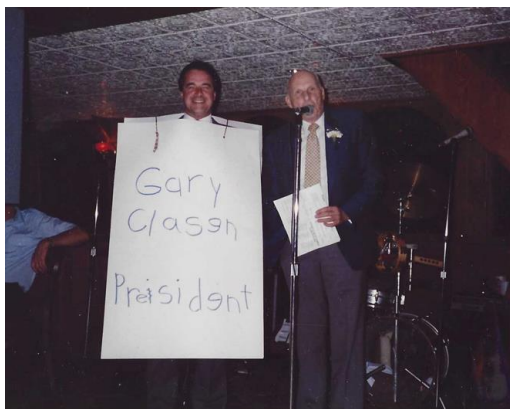
We need a new photo of the club!! In honor of our Centennial Party, we want a photo for the booklet we're developing about the club's history. The last photo was taken 7 years ago.

We would like all members to attend the August 13th meeting during which the photograph will be taken. BTW, Luis Carranza, District 5340 Governor will be our guest speaker also on the 13th.

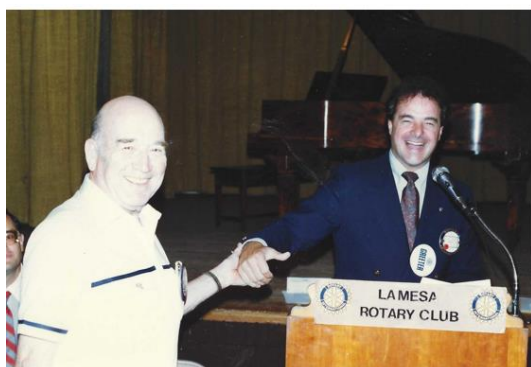
Please plan on attending this meeting for a great club photo.



A Look Back to Rotary Year 1987-88



Gary Classen campaigning for Club President.



President Gary Classen and Julius Acevez. Julius, LM Rotarian was also the La Mesa Mayor in 1958.



President Gary Classen inducting Dr. Jay Thompson on December 31, 1987. Dr. William Thompson, Jay's father and fellow La Mesa Rotarian is proudly watching.



Gary Classen in his lederhosen with Keith Dindinger.