



Chartered October 26, 1925  
Wednesday 12:00 noon  
La Mesa Community Center  
4975 Memorial Drive  
La Mesa, CA 91942

## Urban Street Angels Highlights Pathways to Hope

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Dr. Jerry Troyer, Marsha Starr, Kathy Olsen  
Bill Ashman, and Bonnie Welch

At a recent meeting of Rotary Club of La Mesa, members were inspired by a compelling presentation from Jerry Troyer, who shared the mission and impact of Urban Street Angels, a local organization dedicated to supporting troubled and at-risk youth.

Mr. Troyer spoke about how Urban Street Angels works directly with young people who are often navigating instability, trauma, or a lack of positive support systems. Rather than focusing solely on short-term intervention, the organization emphasizes long-term transformation through relationship-based outreach, mentoring, and practical life skills.

A key focus of the presentation was the social and work-related programs Urban Street Angels has developed to help youth build confidence, accountability, and employable skills. These programs are designed to meet young people where they are, offering structured opportunities to learn responsibility, teamwork, and the value of meaningful work—often for the first time.

Rotarians learned how these initiatives not only provide immediate guidance but also help participants envision a different future for themselves. By pairing encouragement with real-world experience, Urban Street Angels creates pathways toward stability, self-worth, and independence.

The Rotary Club of La Mesa appreciates Mr. Troyer for sharing his passion and insight, and for highlighting how community-driven organizations can make a lasting difference. His presentation served as a powerful reminder of Rotary's commitment to service above self and the impact that collaboration and compassion can have on the next generation.

## Upcoming Programs

### February 4, 2026

Brooke Walsh  
AED Demonstration

### February 11, 2026

4 Way Speech Contest

## Lunch Assignments

### February 4, 2026

Greeter Mike Fellows  
Pledge Dale Bailey  
Thought Kathy Olsen  
4 Way Test Marsha Darling

### February 11, 2026

Greeter Greg Erickson  
Pledge Mike Fellows  
Thought Dale Bailey  
4 Way Test Ron Morrell

### February 18, 2026

Greeter Gabriella Misirlioglu  
Pledge Greg Erickson  
Thought Mike Fellows  
4 Way Test Dale Bailey

**Please exchange with someone if you're unable to perform your assignment.**

## Model UN

La Mesa Rotary will be participating in the District's Model UN program for the third year on March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be supporting two teams from Grossmont High School this year. Bill Ashman and the students will be participating in a training session this weekend.

## Peacebuilding & Conflict Resolution

Rotary District 5340 will focus on **Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution** in February.

The month of February is very special in the Rotary calendar because it includes the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905, in Chicago.

## La Mesa Rotary Nursing Spring 2026 Scholarship



Amber S., a second-semester nursing student at Grossmont College, is the recipient of the **La Mesa Rotary Spring 2026 Scholarship**. Amber is working toward her long-term goal of becoming a flight nurse. Her goal is to gain experience as an emergency room (ER) OR intensive care unit (ICU) nurse, which she hopes will prepare her to perform under pressure as a flight nurse.

Amber wrote the following thank you note to us:

***Thank you for your generosity and for choosing to invest in students like me. Being considered for this scholarship is truly meaningful, and I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity, your generosity not only supports my academic journey but also reinforces my desire to give back to my community as a future nurse, in the same way you have chosen to give back to students like me.***

### Service Opportunities

Event	Date/Time	Location
4 Way Speech Contest	February 11, 2026	
District 5340 Foundation Dinner <b>Register on District Website</b>	February 12, 2026; 5- 9 PM	The Secret Garden 17025 Avenida De Acacias Rancho Santa Fe
District 5340 Instrumental Music Competition	March 15, 2026 1:30 - 4 PM	Coronado Library
Model UN	March 21 - 22, 2026	
Camp Enterprise	April 23 - 25, 2026	
Epic Day of Service	May 16, 2026	TBD

