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Wednesday 12:00 noon  
La Mesa Community Center  
4975 Memorial Drive  
La Mesa, CA 91942  
President Bonnie Welch  
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Gabriella Misirliloglu  
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Becki Schwartz  
Secretary Kathy Olsen  
Treasurer Ryan Barnhill

## Board Members

### Directors

Dale Bailey  
Marsha Darling  
Mary Elington  
Greg Erickson  
Mike Fellows  
Louise Herr-Marshall

## Membership

Greg Erickson

## Youth Service

Mark Matthews

## Speaker Chair

Bill Ashman



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Kristen Iversen, President of Friends of La Mesa Library spoke to us today. Kristen a consultant and program manager owns Zenia Consulting. The La Mesa Library is supported by 3 groups;

1. Friends of the Library who assist with programming and fund raising.
2. County of San Diego who hires the librarians and purchases the books.
3. City of La Mes who owns the land and the structure.

The Friends of the Library raises much of its money from used book sales. The bookstore is

conveniently located just inside the library's front entrance. Their continued success depends on two things: donations of new or gently used books, and volunteers to staff and run the bookstore. Last year the bookstore raised 28,644.97.

The library group is hoping to expand their services but are in need of a larger building for that to occur.

**La Mesa Rotary Wear Red to the meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup> in honor of Polio Day.**



## La Mesa Rotary Centennial Celebration



**10 Days to Celebration Time for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Are you registered for the Centennial Celebration?** The event will be held on **Saturday, October 18, 2025**, on the Hornblower Harbor Cruise from 5:30 pm to 9 pm

### October Birthdays

10/11 Ryan Barnhill  
10/11 Louise Herr-Marshall  
10/17 Mary Elington  
10/28 Marsha Starr  
10/31 Dr. Jay Thompson

### La Mesa History Center Roundtable

La Mesa Rotary is a Jewel Member of the La Mesa History Center. The History Center is holding a Roundtable Previewing the Golden Gems Of La Mesa on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to Noon. The event will be held at La Mesa First United Methodist Church at 4690 Palm Avenue, La Mesa. The event will cover La Mesa's most historic, beautiful, and preserved properties that represent the distinctive architecture, landscapes, and artisanship that sets La Mesa apart as the "Jewel of the Hills". The meeting will go into the history of the seven homes on the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Home Tour on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Lunch Time Assignments

### October 8, 2025

Greeter Marsha Starr  
Pledge Martin Brickson  
Thought Jim Kline  
4 Way Test Scott Elam

### October 15, 2025

Greeter Scott Elam  
Pledge Marsha Starr  
Thought Martin Brickson  
4 Way Test Ron Morrell

### October 22, 2025

Greeter Guy Elam  
Pledge Scott Elam  
Thought Marsha Starr  
4 Way Test Martin Brickson

### October 29, 2025

**Dark - No Meeting**

## Upcoming Programs

### 10/8/2025

Kristen Iverson - Friends of the Library

### 10/15/2025

Roger Haines - Solar Cookers

### **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting**

Wednesday, October 15, 11 AM  
Prior to Regular Meeting

## Upcoming Community Projects



**Bike Build** will be held at **8 AM** on **Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** at Christian Brothers Restoration. The bikes will be given to second graders at La Pressa Elementary School on **November 18<sup>th</sup>**.

Please note this is a month earlier than usual. Due to the rising costs

and tariffs Mark secured the bikes earlier.

Christian Brothers Restoration is located at 10176 Riverford Road, Lakeside.



**Urban Street Angels** is a local program that helps homeless youth. The program offers a unique blend of supportive housing, on-the-job employment training, and holistic mental health services.

We will be assisting with providing 120 youth with a Thanksgiving and

Christmas meal. The Program will provide the turkey and ham; **our part is to serve and provide the sides**. The Thanksgiving meal will be held on Monday, **November 24<sup>th</sup>** and the Christmas meal will be held on **December 17<sup>th</sup>**. Serving time will be from **5PM to 7PM**.

Marsha Starr will be coordinating this event. This may be early for some of us to think about the holidays, but this is to get it on your radar.

## New Membership Chair



Greg Erickson has graciously accepted the position of La Mesa Rotary Membership Chair. While Greg is the Chair, it's up to each of us to find and invite potential new members! Thank you, Greg.

## Good Shepherd Food Pantry



The La Mesa Rotary's September community service project was donating food to the Good Shepherd Food Panty. Becki Schwartz took this photo when she dropped off our donation. The Good Shepherd Ministry receives bruised or unsellable fresh fruit from local merchants that they in turn provide to our community members in need.

## Looking for Volunteers



A few hands are needed to set up the Hornblower event on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Let Dale know if you can show up between 4:45PM and 5 PM to assist with filling gift bags, putting center pieces on the tables or putting registration cards together.

## Walk 4 Alzheimer's



La Mesa Rotarians and Grossmont High School Interact Club members participated in the annual WALK 4 ALZ on Saturday at Liberty Station.

Nationally 280 Rotary groups participate in Walk 4 ALZ. La Mesa Rotary is 41<sup>st</sup> in this group. Locally we were 22<sup>nd</sup> out of 330 groups with our donation of \$3,036.62. The San Diego Walk raised over \$481,000. Great Work!

## Camp Julian Oaks



Camp Julian Oaks will be holding their annual BBQ Fundraiser on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. The BBQ will include a Hike-a-Thon as part of the event. See Becki Schwartz if you're interested in sponsoring a hiker.



## **FALL CHARITABLE GIVING CAMPAIGN - Deadline 10/31/2025**

The Rotary Club of La Mesa, California, Foundation (the “Foundation”) is proud to support deserving programs in need through its Charitable Giving Program. Through the generous contributions of community members and members of the La Mesa Rotary Club, the Foundation offers semi-annual donations following a review and approval process for each Charitable Giving Request submitted to the Foundation by the Rotary Club of La Mesa. The following are the Foundation’s guidelines for Charitable Giving Requests. The Foundation reserves the right to waive, amend or supplement these guidelines at any time or as circumstances may require.

1. Charitable Giving Requests may be made be submitted by any person on behalf of a charitable organization qualified as a charitable entity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
2. Each Charitable Giving Request must be accompanied by a separate letter from a member of the La Mesa Rotary Club who shall serve as the sponsor for the Request. Each sponsor letter shall specify why the Foundation should consider the Request.
3. Each Charitable Giving Request shall specify how the charity will use the funds being requested.
4. The combined amount of Charitable Giving Requests submitted by any one charitable organization during each fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) shall not exceed the sum of \$1,000.00.
5. Each Charitable Giving Request must contain the organization’s federal and state tax identification numbers.
6. Each organization must be able to attend a La Mesa Rotary Club meeting via a representative for the purpose of receiving the donation subject to the deadlines set forth below.
7. Charitable Giving Requests will be provided to the Foundation through the La Mesa Rotary Club.
8. The Foundation will duly consider Charitable Giving Requests recommended by the La Mesa Rotary Club. However, the Foundation reserves the right to increase, decrease, deny, approve, or place any limitations or restrictions on any Charitable Giving Request.

The La Mesa Rotary Foundation was created as an Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) Foundation to accept donations to support the work of the La Mesa Rotary Club. The La Mesa Rotary Club supports activities to benefit underprivileged, elderly, children, and world-wide projects. Evaluation of competing applications to determine which activities will be funded and the amounts shall be based on “impact”: Relative Impact. Preference shall be given to activities that will be significantly impacted by the amount of the contribution. For example, a contribution of \$1,000 to an organization with a \$25,000 budget has more impact than one to an organization with a \$1,000,000 budget. Impact might, however, be assessed on specific projects within an organization.

Local Impact. Preference shall be given to projects that specifically benefit La Mesa and East San Diego County. Organizations that serve East County shall be given preference even if the organization is located elsewhere.

Member Impact. Preference shall be given to projects in which La Mesa Rotary Club members have invested substantial time and treasure. All submissions need to go to Kathy Olsen, Chair of the Community Giving Committee at [kolsen@rcpblock.com](mailto:kolsen@rcpblock.com) by October 31, 2025.

## Service Opportunities

Event	Date/Time	Location
La Mesa City Council	October 14 <sup>th</sup> 6 PM	8130 Allison Avenue
Centennial Anniversary	October 18 <sup>th</sup> ; 6 PM	Hornblower Cruise
LEAD	October 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup>	Camp Cuyamaca
Camp Julian Oaks Annual BBQ Fundraiser	October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Camp Julian Oaks, Julian
Fall Charitable Giving Closes	October 31, 2025	
Bike Build	November 8 <sup>th</sup>	Christian Brothers Restoration 10176 Riverford Road, Lakeside
Bike Give Away	November 18 <sup>th</sup>	La Pressa Elementary School
Thanksgiving Meal Servers	November 24 <sup>th</sup> 5 PM - 7 PM	Urban Street Angels
Club is Dark	November 26 <sup>th</sup>	
Christmas Meal Servers	December 17 <sup>th</sup> 5PM - 7 PM	Urban Street Angels
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