



Chartered October 26, 1925
Wednesday 12:00 noon
La Mesa Community Center
4975 Memorial Drive
La Mesa, CA 91942
President Bonnie Welch
President-elect
Gabriella Misirlioglu
Past President
Becki Schwartz
Secretary Kathy Olsen
Treasurer Ryan Barnhill

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Mary Elington
Greg Erickson
Mike Fellows
Louise Herr-Marshall

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Greg Erickson

Youth Service

Mark Matthews

Speaker Chair

Bill Ashman



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Happy 100th Anniversary



President Bonnie Welch with thirteen past La Mesa Rotary presidents recognized at the 100th Anniversary party aboard the Hornblower cruise ship, Inspiration on Saturday, October 18th.



La Mesa Rotarians wore red in recognition of the **"End Polio Now"** campaign.

Foundation Chair, Mike Fellows, passed the plate during lunch today. Over \$1600 was collected for the Polio Plus campaign.

Bill Gates is matching donations to Polio Plus 2 to 1.

Upcoming Community Projects



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

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 a local program that helps homeless youth. We will be assisting with providing 120 youth with a Thanksgiving meal. The Thanksgiving meal will be held on Monday, **November 24th** from **5PM to 7PM**. We have agreed to serve and provide the side dishes.

We are in need of cranberry sauce, potatoes, green beans, pies, dinner rolls, salad dressing, butter, and gravy. **Please tell Marsha Starr if you are able unable to provide food but are able to donate money.**

East County Rotary Social

Come to the East County Rotary Club Social. Thursday, October 30th at Hooley's Grossmont Center. The event will be held on the patio from 5 to 7 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

Lunch Time Assignments

October 29, 2025
Dark - No Meeting

November 5, 2025
Greeter Keith Dindinger
Pledge Guy Elam
Thought Scott Elam
4 Way Test Marsha Starr

November 12, 2025
Greeter Don Jenkinson
Pledge Keith Dindinger
Thought Guy Elam
4 Way Test Mary Elington

November 19, 2025
Greeter David Petri
Pledge Don Jenkinson
Thought Keith Dindinger
4 Way Test Guy Elam

November 26, 2025
Club is Dark - No Meeting

Upcoming Programs

November 5, 2025
Alexandra Keagen
SD Youth Symphony
November 12, 2025
Casey Castillo
SD Food Bank

November 19, 2025
Laura Hook
Lemon Grove Historical Society

Centennial Party

92 Rotarians from District 5340, La Mesa Rotary, La Mesa Sunrise Rotary, Santee Lakeside Rotary, spouses and friends set sail at 6:30 PM on Saturday, October 18, 2025 to celebrate 100 years of La Mesa Rotary. Dale Bailey, Centennial Chair and President Bonnie Welch served as emcees for the evening. We were happy to welcome past Club members, Eddy Gosschalk, John Price, and Joel Tzinberg to the event. Also in attendance was Mary England, President of La Mesa Chamber of Commerce and Moana Alo, Field Representative for CA Senator Akilah Faizah Weber Piersen. Moana Alo presented a proclamation on behalf of Senator Weber and Mary England presented a gift from Monica Montgomery Steepe.

Becki Schwartz, Past President, read the proclamation from the City of La Mesa.

5340 District Governor, Luis Carranza, congratulated the club on 100 years of community service and dedication to the Paul Harris Foundation.

Marge Cole, 5340 Past District Governor, was the keynote speakers.

Becki Schwartz developed lovely centerpieces using the Rotary Club Flags and boxes with candy that has been in existence since 1925. Ryan Barnhill, did a great job with coordinating registration, designing gift bags with gifts from Barnhill Wealth Management and Elam Hallmark. Mary Elington developed a booklet covering the Club's history by the decades with photos from the various projects for each decade. The night ended with dancing.

Kathy Olsen, Bill Ashman, Mary Elington, and Keith Dindinger were recognized with Rotarian of the Century Awards for all their club efforts on behalf of the club.



Past President Becki Schwartz and President Bonnie Welch with the La Mesa City proclamation.



Mary England presented proclamation from Monica Montgomery Steepe.



Moana Alo presenting proclamation on behalf of Akilah Faizah Weber Piersen.



Marge Cole, 5340 Past District Governor, key note speaker.



Proclamations from the City of La Mesa, the La Mesa Chamber of Commerce, CA Senator Akilah Weber Piersen, and Rotary International.



Ryan and Heather Barnhill with Past President Becki Schwartz.

Ryan has made a video of the many photos taken at the Anniversary Party. I will post in the Tattler when it is available to watch.

Thank you, Ryan, for all of your many hours of hard work on our very successful party.

Becki, thank you for the lovely centerpieces and boxes of candy. Great job!

Thank you to your spouses, Heather and Mark, for jumping in and helping with whatever needed to be done.



The club has three families who are third generation Rotarians. All nine members were president of their respective Rotary Clubs. Shown above is Dr. James Thompson, Guy Elam and Michael Fellows.



Keith Dindinger, Bill Ashman, Kathy Olsen and Mary Elington Centennial Recognition Award recipients.

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 by October 31, 2025.

Service Opportunities

Event	Date/Time	Location
Camp Julian Oaks Annual BBQ Fundraiser	October 25 th	Camp Julian Oaks, Julian
Fall Charitable Giving Closes	October 31, 2025	
Bike Build	November 8 th	Christian Brothers Restoration 10176 Riverford Road, Lakeside
Bike Give Away	November 18 th	La Pressa Elementary School
Thanksgiving Meal Servers	November 24 th 5 PM - 7 PM	Urban Street Angels
Club is Dark	November 26 th	
Club is Dark	December 24 th	
Club is Dark	December 31 st	