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Wednesday 12:00 noon
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Alexandra Keegan, East County Youth Symphony Executive Director (ECYS), informed us of the program today. The ECYS was founded in 2007 by Alexandra, her husband, Todd. ECYS's mission is to provide free, high quality orchestral education and performance opportunities to young musicians and share the spirit of classical music with new audiences.

Membership of East County Youth Symphony is free; there are no fees or tuition required. The program has over 112 students enrolled between the ages of 7 and 25. The East County Youth

Symphony orchestras rehearse weekly and perform 8-10 concerts a year, while the Chamber Orchestra and Ensembles perform year-round at a variety of venues.

Three of their previous students have gone on to graduate from high quality advanced music programs such as Juilliard School. One graduate is a composer and won an Emmy.

The group's next concert is 7 PM on November 15th at the Joan Kroc Center.



Community Giving

Maggie Eggers, delivering a check for \$500 from our Community Giving program. Feeding the Flock is an outreach program that helps connect people with the appropriate services, safe shelter, food, rehab, jobs while gaining life's skills. October 27th the group passed out over 5700lbs of food to the families in Jamul and 2700 lbs. of food went to seniors in East County!!

Lunch Time Assignments

November 12, 2025

Greeter Martin Brickson for Don
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

December 2, 2025

Greeter Dr Jay Thompson
Pledge David Petri
Thought Don Jenkinson
4 Way Test Keith Dindinger

November Birthdays

11/8 Jim Kline

11/23 Rose Hurst

11/27 Ron Morrell

Upcoming Programs

November 12, 2025

Casey Castillo
SD Food Bank

November 19, 2025

Laura Hook
Lemon Grove Historical Society

November 26, 2025

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Holiday Party



The holiday party will be a New Year Party this year. We will be holding the New Year Party on Friday, January 9th, at RCP Offices. Food will be catered by the Pizza Brothers again.

LEAD



Kalo Du Hart, eight grade student at Parkway Sports and Health Science Academy, gave a great report on her experience at Rotary District 5340 LEAD program. LEAD is a free, two-day leadership program for 8th graders, focusing on ethical responsibility, leadership, and personal development, held at Camp Cuyamaca. Kalo is shown with her parents and Parkway Sports and Health Science Academy, Daniel Root.

Trick or treating at Grossmont Center



Marsha Starr with daughter and granddaughter.



Grossmont College, potential Rotoract student, Jade, helping kids with Cornhole.



Bill Ashman playing Cornhole with Trick or treaters at Grossmont Center.

President Bonnie Welch, Marsha Darling, Gabriella Misirlioglu, Mary Elington, Marsha Starr with her family helped with Trick or Treaters at Grossmont Center on Friday, October 31st. The project helped get our Rotary Club seen in the community. Looking forward to seeing our star, Marsha Starr, as a princess next year. Thank you to each of you.



The La Mesa Police Department had two officers present at the Grossmont Center Trick or Treat event. Many children were excited to get their photos taken on the police motorcycle.

Bike Build Project



This **Saturday, November 8th**, the Bike Build will be held at 8 AM at Christian Brothers Restoration. Christian Brothers is located at **10176 Riverford Road, Lakeside.**

If possible, please bring the following tools with you: Box Cutter, Phillips Head Screwdriver, 15 mm crescent wrench, Allen wrenches, 13 mm socket wrench.

Bikes will be delivered to La Pressa Elementary on **November 18th**. The address is **519 La Pressa Ave, Spring Valley, CA.** Join us for both fun events.

Urban Street Angels Thanksgiving Dinner



We have committed to providing the sides and serving a Thanksgiving meal for the Urban Street Angels on **Monday, November 24th, from 5 to 7 PM.** The event will be held at the La Mesa location for Urban Street Angels at **7911 University Avenue, La Mesa.** This location is next to the Social Security Office and was previously a Travelodge Hotel.

Please sign up with Marsha Starr to assist with the sides and serving.

Annual Fill-A-Bag Project



The Rotary Club of La Mesa Board has decided to move the Fill-A-Bag project to December this year. Our November service projects are the Bike Build and Thanksgiving for the Urban Street Angels.

The Fill-A-Bag project will benefit children and their families in the La Mesa Spring Valley School District. The goal is to make **100 bags** for distribution to children in need and assist with food over their three-week break. The need may be greater this year due to the current impact on SNAP.

Please bring your food items to any meeting up and by the December 17th meeting. We will be stuffing the bags at the December 17th meeting.

The following is a list of suggested items for the bags:

- Box of cereal
- Oatmeal
- Mac and Cheese
- Pasta
- Cans of chili
- Peanut Butter
- Refried beans
- Rice
- Spaghetti sauce
- Hearty soup
- Canned meat

Service Opportunities

Event	Date/Time	Location
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 9711 University Ave, La Mesa
Club is Dark	November 26 th	
Fill-A-Bag	December 17 th	
Club is Dark	December 24 th	
Club is Dark	December 31 st	
Holiday Party	January 9 th ; 5:30 PM	RCP Offices 8240 Broadway, Lemon Grove
High School Instrumental Contest	January 21 st	