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Wednesday 12:00 noon
La Mesa Community Center
4975 Memorial Drive
La Mesa, CA 91942

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Mark Matthews

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The Magic of One



Tracy Soltz, a resident of Mt. Helix, and member of the La Mesa Historical Center was our guest speaker today. Tracy spoke to us about the La Mesa Historical Center, a non-profit who is dedicated to preserving the greater La Mesa area heritage for future generations. The Rev. Henry McKinney House, located at the Pine and University Avenue, houses the La Mesa Historical Center.

The Mc Kinney House, open every Saturday from 1 -4 pm, is available to be toured. The house includes the original furnishings of the family from the period of 1908-1920.

One of the rooms in the house includes a rotating exhibit to showcase event or items pertinent to La Mesa. Starting December 8th from 3 - 6 pm, the La Mesa Rotary will be featured here to commemorate our 100th Anniversary. Our Rotary Club are enjoyed a rich collaboration with the Historical Center over the years. The Historic Plaque project is one those projects.

The Archives section of the Center is coordinated by 2 nationally known and well-respected archivists, Jim Newland and Veronica Martzahl. Jim is the Historian and Planner for the California Parks Service. Veronica, an Archivist from Massachusetts, joined the group in the last several years. They are also supported by several SDSU History Interns.

New Member Proposal

Greg Erickson is proposed as a new member for the Rotary Club of La Mesa. Greg, the Executive Director of the YMCA of San Diego County, is located at the Davis YMCA on Dallas Street in La Mesa.

Jylene Ledesma is proposed as a new member for the Rotary Club of La Mesa. Jylene is the co-owner of STS Construction on La Mesa Blvd.

November Birthdays

11/3 Sue Richardson

11/8 Jim Kline

11/23 Rose Hurst

11/27 Ron Morrell

The next **100 Year Anniversary Committee** meeting will be at 11 am on Wednesday, December 11th.

Upcoming Programs

November 27, 2024
Club is Dark - No Meeting

December 4, 2024
Jacob Sexton
La Mesa Library

December 11, 2024
Carl Nettleton
Open Oceans. org
Holiday Party

Lunch Time Service

Please trade with someone if you are unable to perform your assignment.

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Pledge Mark Matthews
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Seventh Paul Harris Fellow



Mark Matthews received his 7th Paul Harris Fellow from Foundation Chair, Mike Fellows. Congratulations to Mark who also donates much of his time to community service through our projects, sponsoring the Mt. Miguel Interact and travels many times with Disaster Aid, USA.

BIKES FOR KIDS



Mark your calendars, Saturday December 14th, at 7 am, we will gather at Christian Brothers Restoration to put bikes together. We need everyone that can participate to show up as we will be building 202 bikes. We will be building 52 bikes for Avondale Elementary and Christian Brothers will be building 150 bikes for Lakeside elementary students.

Bike Build at Christian Brothers Restoration, 10176 Riverford Rd, Lakeside.

The bikes will be delivered to Avondal Elementary on December 17th at 10:30.

Join us for both of these fun events.

Homeless Project



Saturday, November 16, 2024, President Becki, Bill Ashman and the Grossmont High School Interact students served at the Legacy Church Thanksgiving dinner for the Homeless. The Rotary Club of La Mesa and the Interact Club gathered blankets and jackets for the participants to take. In total 75 meals were served to all.

The Mount Miguel Interact Club will be participating in a second homeless event with the Legacy Church on Saturday, December 21st. We are still collecting blankets and jackets for this event.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Since we dark next Wednesday, below are several service opportunities to consider with other Rotarians from District 5340.



This "Green Friday," let's skip the shopping and give back to nature instead! Join San Diego County Parks in a rewarding day of volunteering as we come together to plant trees, restore natural habitats, and support our local parks.

It's a perfect way to spend time outdoors, connect with others, and make a real impact in preserving San Diego's beautiful landscapes. Activities are open to all ages and abilities—bring your friends, family, and your love for nature! We'll provide the tools, and you bring the energy and enthusiasm.

Let's make Green Friday a day for giving back to the land we love. Reserve your spot today and help us keep San Diego's parks and preserves thriving for generations to come!

Volunteer Opportunities:

Friday, November 29

8 a.m.- [Habitat Restoration at Louis A. Stelzer County Park, 11470 Wildcat Canyon Road, Lakeside, CA 92040](#)

9 a.m.- [Tree Planting at Dos Picos County Park, 17953 Dos Picos Park Road, Ramona, CA 92065](#)

9 a.m.- [Tree Planting at Felicita County Park, 742 Clarence Lane, Escondido, CA 92029](#)

9 a.m.- [Tree Planting at Lindo Lake County Park, 12660 Lindo Lane, Lakeside, CA 92040](#)

9 a.m.- [Tree Planting at Potrero County Park, 24800 Potrero Park Drive, Potrero, CA 91963](#)

9 a.m.- [Tree Planting at San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, 2710 Manchester Avenue, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, CA 92007](#)

10 a.m.- [Tree Planting at Sycamore Canyon/Goodan Ranch County Preserve, 16281 Sycamore Canyon Road, Poway, CA 92064](#)

Saturday, November 20

8 a.m.- [Louis A. Stelzer County Park, 11470 Wildcat Canyon Road, Lakeside, CA 92040](#)

9 a.m.- [Live Oak County Park, 2746 Reche Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028](#)

Sunday, December 1, 2024

8 a.m.- [Louis A. Stelzer County Park, 11470 Wildcat Canyon Road, Lakeside, CA 92040](#)