



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

President Becki Schwartz  
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### Membership

Mark Matthews

### Youth Service

Mark Matthews

### Speaker Chair

Bill Ashman



THE MAGIC  
OF ROTARY



**Don't miss next week, District 5340 Governor Diane Crawford is our guest, November 13, 2024!**



The La Mesa Park & Recreation Foundation was established in 1999 with a mission to create exceptional park experiences in all of our 14 community parks.

Misty Thompson, Executive Director of the La Mesa Park and Recreation Foundation, works with a passionate group of volunteers to make La Mesa better. The first project the group took on was the Junior Seau Sports Complex adjacent to the La Mesita Park. This 12.85-acre project offers full lighted ball fields and football. The next major project, entitled Child's Play, had the goal of

replacing play equipment at 5 of the La Mesa Parks between 2010 and 2024. The completion of Collier Park this year saw another successful project finished.

The Foundation also designed and built the Community Garden during the pandemic. For the last 22 years the Foundation has also sponsored the "Sundays at Six" during the summer. Sunday at Six are concerts on Sunday evenings at Harry Griffin Park.

The group annually holds Movies in the Park, Art in the Park, Earth Day Event, and a Park Appreciation Day.

## 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.

## Congratulations to Scott Elam



Congratulations to Scott Elam who was honored with the Bernard L. Lewis Humanitarian Award by the San Diego Cystic Fibrosis Association. Scott was recognized for raising \$200,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Association.

## COAT & BLANKET DRIVE

Time to clean your closets again!

The Interact Clubs are holding a coat and blanket drive in conjunction with her feeding the homeless on 11/16 and 12/21 with Legacy Church.

Please bring your items to one of the meetings before December 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Upcoming Programs

**November 13, 2024**

**Diane Crawford**

**District 5340 Governor**

**November 20, 2024**

Tracy Soltz

La Mesa Historical Center

**November 27, 2024**

**Club is Dark - No Meeting**

**December 4, 2024**

Jacob Sexton

La Mesa Library

## Lunch Time Service

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

**November 13, 2024**

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Pledge Rose Hurst

Thought Don Jenkinson

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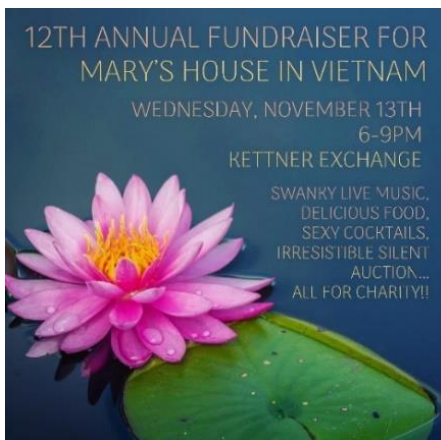
## November Birthdays

11/3 Sue Richardson  
11/8 Jim Kline  
11/23 Rose Hurst  
11/27 Ron Morrell

The **100 Year Anniversary Committee** meeting scheduled for next week is canceled.

The next meeting will be at 11 am on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Mary's House Annual Fundraiser



The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser for Mary's House a home for foster girls in Viet Nam will be held on **Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Kettner Exchange**. Right click on the link below to open the hyperlink. The link is for tickets, to sponsor the event or donate:

<https://fundraiser.support/MARYSHOUSE2024>

## Charitable Giving Recipient



Misty Thompson, Executive Director of the La Mesa Park Foundation received a check from the Rotary Club of La Mesa California Foundation today. The funds were dispried as part of our fall Charitable Giving program.

### November 2024

#### Rotary Foundation

11/13 District Governor Visit  
11/6 **100 Anniversary Committee Meeting 11:30**  
11/13 Fill A Bag Project – 11 am  
11/16 Homeless Outreach Legacy Church & Grossmont Interact @ La Mesa Village Church/Legacy Church  
11/28 Thanksgiving

### December 2024

#### Disease Prevention & Treatment

12/11 100 Year Anniversary Committee Mtg. 11 am  
12/21 Homeless Outreach Legacy Church & Mount Miguel Interact @ La Mesa Village Church/Legacy Church  
Build a Bike  
12/28 Rotary Rose Parade Float DecorationHigh School Music Contest  
Generate Hope Project  
Ivan Nolan Scholarship Contest

# Joint Community Service Project

## Annual Fill-A-Bag Project



The Lions Club of La Mesa will be participating with our annual Fill-A-Bag project that benefits children at La Mesa Dale, La Pressa, and Avondale elementary schools.

The goal is to make **65** bags that we will deliver to the schools next Thursday or Friday for the teachers to distribute to children in need.

You can participate in one of several ways. You can bring your food items before the meeting next week, Wednesday, November 13, 2024. You can also give a donation to assist with the purchase of the food. You can notify Becki Schwartz of your donation in the next several days. We have several shoppers who will use your donation to purchase the food items. We will be filling the bags before the meeting.

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

- Box of cereal
- Oatmeal
- Mac and Cheese
- Cans of chili
- Jars of peanut butter
- Refried beans
- Rice
- Spaghetti sauce
- Hearty soup
- Canned meat

# WALK FOR POLIO

## October 26<sup>th</sup> at Balboa Park



Over 75 dedicated Rotarians, Interactors, Rotaractors, and friends gathered in Balboa Park, united in a powerful cause. Together, they took on a modified version of the park's "Seven Bridge Walk," crossing five bridges to raise awareness and support for a polio-free world.

