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

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Matthew Clough, Executive Director/Founder of Plastic Beach and Morgan spoke to us today regarding their passion to tackle the environmental challenge: soft plastic pollution. Plastic Beach, an Encinitas based 501 c 3, advocates and enables the recycling of idpe4 plastic film and flex packaging (plastic bags, bubble wrap packing pillows, etc.) in the Southern California communities of San Diego, Orange and Los Angeles counties.

Most of the nonprofit's strategy involves partnerships with businesses and leveraging innovative uses for the collected plastic. Clough has contracts with 40 businesses. The LA Clippers, LA Coliseum, and Padres are on board. The local government and municipalities remain a challenge. Clough admits finding places to hand off these soft plastics is another challenge. Plastic Beach has a contract with Trex plastic decking.

The residential program, us with our bread wrapping, bubble wrap on electronics is a small part of the solution. Back rooms in businesses (furniture wraps, plastics for hospital supplies, wraps on clothing) is where the large part of the issue lies.



Lunch Time Assignments

December 17, 2025

Greeter Mary Elington
Pledge Jack Dargitz
Thought Dr Jay Thompson
4 Way Test David Petri

December 24 & 31st

Club is Dark

January 7, 2026

Greeter Mary Elington
Pledge Bill Ashman
Thought Ryan Barnhill
4 Way Test Dr. Jay Thompson

January 14, 2026

Greeter Marsha Darling
Pledge Mary Elington
Thought Mike Fellows
4 Way Test Jim Kline

December Birthdays

12/8 Becki Schwartz
12/17 Maggie Eggers

Upcoming Programs

December 17, 2025

Paredes Foundation
Youth Hidden Heart Problems

December 24, 2025

Club Dark - No Meeting

December 31, 2025

Club Dark - No Meeting

New Year Party



The holiday party will be a New Year Party this year. We will be holding the New Year Party at 5:30 PM on Friday, January 9th, at RCP Offices. Food will be catered by the Pizza Brothers again.

Annual Fill-A-Bag Project



The Rotary Club of La Mesa completed a very successful community service project today. After gathering and purchasing group came together at 1100 food items the group came together to organize and fill 100 bags of food. Each bag included box of cereal, 10 pack box of instant oatmeal, box complete pancake mix, soup, beans, pasta, pasta sauce, and peanut butter, etc. The group met at 11 AM, before our regular, to fill the bags and Ryan, Mark and Mary's cars in turn. The 100+ bags were delivered to the La Mesa Spring Valley Resource Center for distribution to children in need. Many thanks to all the members who purchased food, filled bags and donated money for this great project.

Special thanks to Greg Erickson for storing the items in his office.



Service Opportunities

Event	Date/Time	Location
Club is Dark	December 24 th	
Club is Dark	December 31 st	
New Year Party	January 9 th 5:30 PM	RCP Offices 8240 Broadway, Lemon Grove
High School Instrumental Contest	January 21 st	