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

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## Membership

Mark Matthews

## Youth Service

Mark Matthews

## Speaker Chair

Bill Ashman



## Instrumental Music Contest



### Bodhi Landin - First Place

### Rhys Dann - Second Place

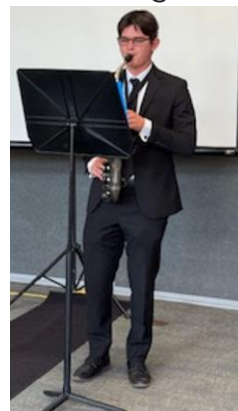
The first level of the 2024-25 District-wide Rotary Youth Instrumental Competition kicked off today for the Rotary Club of La Mesa. The purpose of the competition is to determine and recognize the student contestant demonstrating La Mesa's greatest level of excellence in talent.

We were privileged to have 5 students participate today, four were from Grossmont High School and one was from Bishop's School.

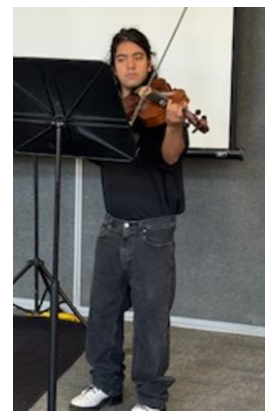
Prize money was awarded to each participant. The first and second place participants will move on to the Regional Semi-finals contest in February.



**Declan Ewbank**



**Allen Partain**



**Adriel Rodriguez**

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## Open House Tomorrow 1/23/25

Jylene Ledesma invites you to her Grotarian Meeting to held tomorrow:

**Date: October 23, 2025**

**Time: 6 pm**

**Location: Diamonds Forever Jewelry  
4685 Dale Avenue**

Wine and tapas will be served.

## Swap Meet



Look around your garage for items such as tools, lawn motors, etc. that you no longer want or use. Mark Matthews will pick them up from you. The Mt. Miguel Interact will be the items at the Swap Meet on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Money earned at the Swap Meet will go toward the money needed for the Mexican House Build project on March 29, 2025.

## 100 Anniversary Meeting

**Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM**

**La Mesa Community Center prior to regular meeting.**

## Upcoming Programs

### January 29, 2025

Nikki Shubert

Wheelchair Foundation

### February 5, 2025

Watercolor Artist - Balboa Park

### February 12, 2025

4-Way Speech Contest

## Lunch Time Service

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

### January 29, 2025

Greeter Bonnie Welch

Pledge Dr. Jay

Thought Marsha Starr

4 Way Mary Elington

### February 5, 2025

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### February 12, 2025

Greeter David Petri

Pledge Mary Elington

Thought Bonnie Welch

4 Way Dr Jay

## January Birthdays

**1/19 Martin Brickson**

**1/23 Steve Looser**

**1/30 Dale Bailey**

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## Community Service

Rotarians from Coronado, La Mesa, Chula Vista and several Rotaractors gathered on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> to assist the Coronado Generate Hope home. The Generate Hope home is a source of hope, healing and security for women recovering from human sex trafficking.

Rotarians cleaned up the outside grounds while others spent time in doors dusting and mopping.

Thank you to all who participated.





## Welcome Greg Erickson to La Mesa Rotary



Keith Dindinger, Rotary Past District Governor, inducted Greg Erickson our newest member today. Greg is the Executive Director of the San Diego YMCA. Greg has been employed with the "Y" for the past twenty-five years.

Welcome Greg, we're glad to have you as a new member.

## Little League Opening Day - March 1<sup>st</sup>



La Mesa Rotary will be supporting the La Mesa Nationals Little League Opening Day event by holding our annual barbeque. **All hands on deck for this event.....many hands are needed to feed the 300+ people.**

The event will be held on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at the field below the La Mesa Community Center. Lots of fun is always had by all.

## Mexican House Build



Mark your calendars! Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, we're off to Mexico to build our 8<sup>th</sup> house. Mark Matthews is coordinating this very worthwhile and rewarding service project.

Watch the Tattler for more details as the time gets closer.

### January 2025

#### Vocational Service

1/15 Interact Bake Sale for Mexican House  
1/18 Generate Hope Event 8 am  
1/22 High School Music Contest  
1/25 Model UN Training

### February 2025

#### Peace Building and Conflict Prevention

2/6 Rotary District Social  
2/12 4 Way Speech Contest  
2/12 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party  
2/15 Mission Valley Rotary Food Packing for LA Fire Victims at Torrey Pines Church – 9 AM  
2/21 RYLA applications due  
2/22 Interact Swap Meet Interact fundraiser