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

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Free Wheelchair Mission



Nikki Shubert, Development Officer, Major Gifts, for Free Wheelchairs Mission spoke to us today. The Free Wheelchair Mission organization is an international faith based non profit organization providing wheelchairs for people with disabilities in developing nations who do not access or the resources to obtain one. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates 80 million people need a wheelchair. The organization was started 25 years ago when the found, Dr. Don

Schoendorfer, a biomedical engineer, witnessed a lady crawling across a busy road in Moracco. Crawling was the only way for her to get around. Dr. Schoendorfer, holder of 60 patents, developed a cost effective wheelchair that changes lives by providing independence to those without mobility. Providing a wheelchair to one individual has a trickle down effect to family members who are released on the burden to carry, care for, etc. for these persons. The wheelchairs are developed, packaged and shipped at the cost of \$96 each. The organization has 49 vetted distribution partners serving 33 countries. In 25 years the organization has distributed 1.5 million chairs. Rotary is one of the distribution partners. There goal is to provide 3 million wheelchairs by the year 2035.

La Mesa Rotary Board Meeting

The Board will be meeting in person at 5:30 pm on Monday, February 3rd. The meeting will be held at the Torrey Pines Bank at 8379 Center Drive, La Mesa.

Thank you, Louise for hosting us.

Upcoming Programs

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 22nd. Money earned at the Swap Meet will go toward the money needed for the Mexican House Build project on March 29, 2025.

District 5340 Rotary Foundation

Click on the following link to review the District's Foundation Report. La Mesa Rotary is currently #1 in per capita giving.



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Service Opportunity.



Great opportunity to represent La Mesa Rotary at the La Mesa Chamber of Commerce is meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Great networking opportunity. Let Becki know if you can help out.

February 5, 2025

Drew Bandish
San Diego Watercolor Society

February 12, 2025

4-Way Speech Contest

February 19, 2025

Jill Thomas and Susan Schulte
Home of Guiding Hands

Lunch Time Service

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

February 5, 2025

Greeter Mary Elington
Pledge Bonnie Welch
Thought Dr. Jay
4 Way Marsha Starr

February 12, 2025

Greeter David Petri
Pledge Mary Elington
Thought Bonnie Welch
4 Way Dr Jay

February 19, 2025

Greeter Dale Bailey
Pledge David Petri
Thought Bill Ashman
4 Way Bonnie Welch

100 Anniversary Meeting

Wednesday, February 12th at 11 AM

La Mesa Community Center prior to regular meeting.

Grotarian Meeting



Jylene Ledesma and her best friend and owner of Diamonds Forever, Jenny, welcomed us into her beautiful store. A great time was had by all as we learned how Jylene got into the construction and interior design STS Construction business. We had the opportunity to see Jylene's handiwork as the designer of the Diamond's Forever shop and hear how she became interested in Rotary. Jylene, we're happy to have you in La Mesa Rotary.



Bill and Bonnie Ashman



Mike Fellows Gabriella and her Father



Dino and Sue Richardson



Mark and Becki Schwartz and Kathy Olsen



Little League Opening Day - March 1st

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 serve the 500 burgers and dogs.**

The event will be held on Saturday, March 1st 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 29th, we're off to Mexico to build our 8th house. Mark Matthews is coordinating this very worthwhile and rewarding service project.

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



Grossmont High Interact

The Grossmont High Interact Club is growing in numbers and excitement. They are preparing to develop 60 "goody bags" for the residents of the Westmont Assisted Living Facility.

If you have small items representative of your business, tooth brushes, candy, or other appropriate items they would appreciate your donation to help fill the bags.

February 2025

Peace Building and Conflict Prevention

- 2/3 Board Meeting
- 2/6 Rotary District Social
- 2/12 4 Way Speech Contest
- 2/12 100th Anniversary Party Meeting
- 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