



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

## Grossmont Interact Leaders Impress at Rotary Speech Contest

### Board Members

President Bonnie Welch  
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### Membership

Greg Erickson

### Youth Service

Mark Matthews

### Speaker Chair

Bill Ashman



### George Chammas, Bill Ashman, & Lya Silva

Two students from Grossmont High School's Interact Club participated in the annual 4-Way Speech Contest today. George Chammas and Lya Silva each applied the principles of Rotary's 4-Way Test to timely and relevant topics—Added Sugars in Food and Book Banning. Both delivered thoughtful presentations that demonstrated a strong understanding of the Test and its values. Lya, who spoke on Book Banning, was selected to represent our club at the next level of competition, hosted by Mission Valley Rotary next month.

George, a junior at Grossmont High School and an active Interact member, is exploring various fields of engineering as he considers his college path. Lya, President of the Grossmont High Interact Club, also serves on District 5340's Interact Council and has a strong interest in art and music.



## Upcoming Programs

### February 18, 2026

Christine Passmore-Cura  
Smile

### February 25, 2026

Tony Zambelli  
Economics in Schools

## Lunch Assignments

### February 18, 2026

Greeter Gabriella Misirlioglu  
Pledge Greg Erickson  
Thought Mike Fellows  
4 Way Test Dale Bailey

### February 25, 2026

Greeter Becki Schwartz  
Pledge Gabriela Misirlioglu  
Thought Greg Erickson  
4 Way Test Mike Fellows

### March 4, 2026

Greeter Kathy Olsen  
Pledge Becki Schwartz  
Thought Gabriela Misirlioglu  
4 Way Test Greg Erickson

**Please exchange with someone if you're unable to perform your assignment.**

## Little League Opening Day



All Hands-on Deck needed for Little League Opening Day on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held at Kuhlken Field from 1:30 to 4 pm.

People are needed to help set-up, take down, serve the expected 500 participants and be great La Mesa Rotary ambassadors.

See you there.

## Early Spring Cleaning



February Service project is collecting and donating clean slightly used clothing items to **"Your Safe Place"**. Please bring your donations to one of the February meetings.

## District 5340 CLLS

What is CLLS, you ask.

**District Training Assembly (DTA)** has a new name- **Club Leadership Learning Seminar (CLLS)**. The event will be held at Liberty Station on **March 28<sup>th</sup> at 8 am**. The focus is on training, engaging and empowering club leaders.

To participate in the District Grant and Global Grants we need two club members to participate.

More information to follow.

## Epic Day of Service

The East County Rotary Clubs will be joining together for Rotary's Epic Day of Service, formerly known as Rotarians at Work. Epic Day of Service is a powerful worldwide movement that brings Rotary clubs, community partners, and volunteers together for one unified purpose – to serve others and create positive change in communities around the globe.

The East County Clubs will build, paint, and install Free Little Libraries to place in local neighborhoods.

Watch the Tattler for more information.

## Mexican House Build



Mark Matthews is busy putting together our annual Mexican House Build project to take place on Friday, April 3, 2026. At this time, the Santee Lakeside Club will also be participating in the very worthwhile event.

Funding for the \$8000 project with Project Mercy is also needed. Mark is coordinating the following funding events:

**March 11<sup>th</sup> - Bake Sale at Club Meeting**

**March 14<sup>th</sup> - Swap Meet**

Clean your garages, take your items you want to donate to Mark or bring them to club meeting.

You can also donate to the La Mesa Rotary Foundation for the project using the following QR code.



## Service Opportunities

Event	Date/Time	Location
Dostrict 5340 Foundation Dinner <b>Register on District Website</b>	February 12, 2026; 5- 9 PM	The Secret Garden 17025 Avenida De Acacias Rancho Santa Fe
Little League Opening Day	February 28, 2026	Kuhlken Field
Bake Sale-Mexican House Build	March 11, 2026	Club Meeting
Swap Meet - Mexican House Build	March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Valley Swap Meet
District 5340 Intrumental Music Competition	March 15, 2026 1:30 - 4 PM	Coronado Library
Model UN	March 21 - 22, 2026	
Music Competition Next Level	March 23, 2026	Carlsbad Sea Retirement
Club Leadership Learning Seminar (CCLS) <b>Formerly DTA</b>	March 28, 2026	Liberty Station
Mexican House Build	TBD	
Mexican House Build	April 3, 2026	
Multi-District Conference Register on line at <a href="http://rotary5340.org">rotary5340.org</a>	April 24 - 26, 2026	Gaylord Pacific Resort & Convention Center 1000 H Street, Chula Vista
Camp Enterprise	April 23 - 25, 2026	
Epic Day of Service	May 16, 2026	TBD