

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

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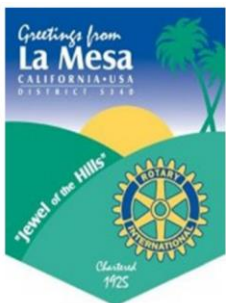
Mark Matthews

### Youth Service

Mark Matthews

### Speaker Chair

Bill Ashman



## The Great American Banjo



Deering Banjos



Greg Deering

**Deering Banjo Company** was founded by Greg & Janet Deering in 1975 and continues to be family owned & operated in Spring Valley. Greg got the banjo bug when he received one as a gift from his father. Wanting a new banjo a few years later, Greg used the wood crafting skills he learned from his father to make a new banjo. Using his wood crafting skills along with the support of his wife, Janet, The Great American Banjo Company was founded in Spring Valley. The company philosophy of providing quality, affordable banjos made in the US remains unchanged from its founding 50 years ago.

Today the Deering Banjo Company has 37 employees makes about 10,000 banjos per year. The banjos, made of 3-ply violin grade maple, are made with 4 strings, 5 strings, and 6 strings.

We were privileged to hear Greg play the guitar to demonstrate the Scrubbs and the Clawhammer style of playing.

Notable musicians who play the Deering banjo are Jens Kruger, Winston Marshall of Mumford and Sons, Keith Urban, Zac Brown and Taylor Swift. Interested in attending a banjo festival? Summergrass Festival will occur from August 15 - 17, 2025 in Vista.

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## District Training Assembly

The District Training Assembly will be held on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at Liberty Station. Registration starts at 7:30 - 8:30 am with the conference starting at 9 am.

We need to have 2 club members attend the District grant breakout and 2 club members to attend the global grants breakout.

District Grants has 2 sessions to select from while the global grants session will be held once from 11 am to 1 pm.

Registration is on the District website.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> at the field below the La Mesa Community Center. Lots of fun is always had by all.

## Upcoming Programs

**March 5, 2025**

**Bob Chalfa  
Thousand Smiles**

**March 12, 2025**

**District 5340 Sub Regional Speech  
Contest**

**March 19, 2025**

**Jacqui Palhegyi  
Cloth Fabrics**

## Lunch Time Service

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

**March 5, 2025**

**Greeter Jylene Ledesma  
Pledge Ryan Barnhill  
Thought Dale Bailey  
4 Way Greg Erickson**

**March 12, 2025**

**Greeter Greg Erickson  
Pledge Jylene Ledesma  
Thought Dale Bailey  
4 Way Mary Elington**

**March 19, 2025**

**Greeter Jack Dargitz  
Pledge Greg Erickson  
Thought Jylene Ledesma  
4 Way Test Dale Bailey**

## Swap Meet



Mark Matthews updated us on the Mt. Miguel Interact successful Swap Meet event. After gathering items from many members homes, went above and beyond to arrive at the Spring Valley Swap Meet at 4 AM. Three Interact students assisted him with the unloading process when the swap meet opened at 7. The successful morning earned over \$600 toward the cost of the home for the Mexican House Build on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to those of you who cleaned your garages to provide items. A great big thank you to Mark for his many efforts.

## 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.**

### March 2025

#### Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

- 3/1 Little League Opening Day
- 3/5 La Mesa Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- 3/12 District Sub Regional Speech Contest to be held at LM Rotary
- 3/23 Model UN Event – Del Mar
- 3/29 District Training Assembly
- 3/29 Mexico House Build
- Charitable Giving Opens

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