



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



Home of Guiding Hands



Jill Thomas, Bill Ashman, & Becki Schwartz

Jill Thomas, Home of the Guiding Hands (HGH) Marketing Manager provided us an update of the HGH happenings. Bill Ashman and Becki Schwartz presented Jill with a \$1000 check from our Charitable Giving Program. La Mesa Rotary has been a long-time supporter of HGH starting back in the day when Dr. Glen Kellogg, La Mesa Rotarian and pediatrician, provided care for the HGH clients.

(HGH) was founded in 1961 by a Lutheran Businessmen's Club who had the desire to have better care for loved ones with developmental disabilities. At the time, it was common for children with disabilities to be sent to live in large institutional facilities far away from their families. In 1967, when Home of Guiding Hands began operations, the comfortable 15-person homes and serene campus setting were welcome changes from the large and clinical state institutions of the day. Children with disabilities thrived as a result of the compassionate care they received from Home of Guiding Hands. As care evolved for these developmentally and intellectually clients with disabilities the campus was sold in early 2000's. Today HGH consists of 31 residential group homes caring for a total of 160 clients in east county neighborhoods.

Service Opportunities



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.

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.

Upcoming Programs

February 26, 2025

Deering Banjo Company

March 5, 2025

Bob Chalfa

Thousand Smiles

March 12, 2025

District 5340 Sub Regional Speech Contest

March 19, 2025

Jacqui Palhegyl

Cloth Fabrics

Lunch Time Service

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

February 26, 2025

Greeter Ryan Barnhill

Pledge Dale Bailey

Thought David Petri

4 Way Bill Ashman

March 5, 2025

Greeter Jylene Ledesma

Pledge Ryan Barnhill

Thought Dale Bailey

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Excellent Parenting



No good deed goes unpunished! Gabriella's daughter did an outstanding job in the 4 Way Test Contest last week. Today Gabriella was fined for receiving Mirshah's certificate from the contest.

Grossmont High Interact



Members of Grossmont High Interact Club purchased and collected items to make 60 Valentine bags. The bags were delivered to the Westmont Senior Living facility on Saturday, February 16th.

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.

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

March 2025

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

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

East County Rotary Mixer

50 plus members of the East County Rotary Clubs enjoyed a mixer on Thursday, February 13th, at Hooley's in Grossmont Center. A great time was had by all in attendance.

