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

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Youth Service

Mark Matthews

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San Diego Watercolor Society



Drew Bandish, an artist and teacher of popular art classes in San Diego, spoke to us today about the San Diego Watercolor Society. Drew, a retired teacher of popular art classes, teaches art classes at Foothills Adult Center in El Cajon, the La Mesa Adult Enrichment Centers and previously at the Mira Costa College's Community Service programs.

This year the San Diego Watercolor Society (SDWS) proudly celebrates its 60th anniversary, honoring six decades of promoting watermedia art within the community. Since its founding in

1965 with just 16 charter members, SDWS has grown to nearly 700 members and evolved into a vibrant gallery and education center located in The Arts District Liberty Station in San Diego. To commemorate this milestone, SDWS will host a variety of events throughout the year. As a nonprofit organization, SDWS remains committed to nurturing artists and providing a broad range of programs and activities that enrich both its members and the community.

Today, over 50 years later, with its dedicated all-volunteer staff, SDWS operates a major gallery and education center located in The Arts District Liberty Station in the Point Loma area of San Diego.

The artist from this organization can be seen painting in Balboa Park, Coronado or perhaps a medium strip near you.



One of Drew's pieces that he brought with him today.



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.

Upcoming Programs

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 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

February 26, 2025

Greeter Ryan Barnhill
Pledge Dale Bailey
Thought David Petri
4 Way Bill Ashman

100 Anniversary Meeting

Wednesday, February 12th at 11 AM

La Mesa Community Center prior to regular meeting.

Service Opportunities



Great opportunity to represent La Mesa Rotary at the La Mesa Chamber of Commerce 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.

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

Mt. Soledad Memorial Veteran's Memorial Park

Keith Dindinger, Past District Governor, honored his father with a plaque on Mt. Soledad. Below is a photo of the memorial plaque that has been installed at the Mount Soledad Veterans Memorial Park. Plaque location is " **Wall CC, Side 1, Row 5, Plaque number 25**" .



Last week Nikki Shubert of Free Wheelchair Mission presented on their mission to provide wheelchairs for those in need.

If you're interested in donating \$100 for a chair, please let Bill Ashman know by February 19th.

