

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

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District 5340 Sub-regional 4-Way Speech Contest



The Rotary 4 Way Test created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy. The 4-Way Test is an ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. Each year Rotary Clubs hold 4-Way Speech contests for high school students. The purpose of the speech is to apply the principles of Rotary's 4 Way Test to a current ethical issue.

District 5340's sub-regional contest was held at our club today. The 5 students applied the 4 Way Test to alcoholism, depression, suicide, self-worth, and friendship. Several club members served as judges. The student who came in first will move on to the regional contest in April.



Jonathon Hernandez
1st Place



Aren Ekubaseclose
2nd Place

La Mesa Rotary Centennial Celebration



We will be celebrating the Club's 100th Anniversary on Saturday, October 18, 2025. The event will occur on the Hornblower Harbor Cruise from 5:30 pm to 9 pm.

Registration is now available on the website which can be reached by scanning this QR code with your phone.



Upcoming Programs

March 19, 2025

Dan McDowell

Technology in Schools

March 26, 2025

Elizabeth Schultz

California Golf Events

Lunch Time Service

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

March 19, 2025

Greeter Jack Dargitz

Pledge Greg Erickson

Thought Jylene Ledesma

4 Way Test Dale Bailey

March 26, 2025

Greeter Marsha Staar

Pledge Jack Dargitz

Thought Greg Erickson

4 Way Test Ryan Barnhill

April 2, 2025

Greeter Keith Dindinger

Pledge Marsha Darling

Thought Gabriella Misirlioglu

4 Way Test Martin Brickson

District Training Assembly

The District Training Assembly will be held on Saturday, March 29th 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.

NAMI WALK

Once again, Rotary District 5340 is a major sponsor for NAMI Walks San Diego. The National Alliance on Mental Illness in San Diego (NAMI San Diego) is the community's voice on mental illness. Join the District 5340 Team for a 1 loop walk around NTC Park, approximately 1.5 mile.

Date & Time: Sat. April 26th | 8:00am-11:00am

Location: NTC Park in Liberty Station

2455 Cushing Road, San Diego, CA 92106

Scan QR code to register:



Mexican House Build



Mark your calendars! Soon 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.

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

New Member Proposal



Kursat Misirlioglu has been proposed for membership to the Rotary Club of La Mesa by Ryan Barnhill. Scan the QR code below to learn more about Kursat.



CHARITABLE GIVING

Spring Charitable Giving application opens on March 15th closing on April 16th. You can submit your request letter to Kathy Oisen along with a letter from the organization you're supporting. Please see the guidelines for this program on the last page of this Tattler.

Chamber Meeting



Becki, Bill, Ryan and Mary manned the Rotary Club of La Mesa's table at the La Mesa Chamber meeting on March 5th. It was a great networking opportunity for potential new members and connections for the 100th Anniversary Celebration.

Spring CHARITABLE GIVING CAMPAIGN – Deadline 04/15/2025

The Rotary Club of La Mesa, California, Foundation (the “Foundation”) is proud to support deserving programs in need through its Charitable Giving Program. Through the generous contributions of community members and members of the La Mesa Rotary Club, the Foundation offers semi-annual donations following a review and approval process for each Charitable Giving Request submitted to the Foundation by the Rotary Club of La Mesa. The following are the Foundation’s guidelines for Charitable Giving Requests. The Foundation reserves the right to waive, amend or supplement these guidelines at any time or as circumstances may require.

- 1. Charitable Giving Requests may be made be submitted by any person on behalf of a charitable organization qualified as a charitable entity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.**
- 2. Each Charitable Giving Request must be accompanied by a separate letter from a member of the La Mesa Rotary Club who shall serve as the sponsor for the Request. Each sponsor letter shall specify why the Foundation should consider the Request.**
- 3. Each Charitable Giving Request shall specify how the charity will use the funds being requested.**
- 4. The combined amount of Charitable Giving Requests submitted by any one charitable organization during each fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) shall not exceed the sum of \$1,000.00.**
- 5. Each Charitable Giving Request must contain the organization’s federal and state tax identification numbers.**
- 6. Each organization must be able to attend a La Mesa Rotary Club meeting via a representative for the purpose of receiving the donation subject to the deadlines set forth below.**
- 7. Charitable Giving Requests will be provided to the Foundation through the La Mesa Rotary Club.**
- 8. The Foundation will duly consider Charitable Giving Requests recommended by the La Mesa Rotary Club. However, the Foundation reserves the right to increase, decrease, deny, approve, or place any limitations or restrictions on any Charitable Giving Request.**

The La Mesa Rotary Foundation was created as an Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) Foundation to accept donations to support the work of the La Mesa Rotary Club. The La Mesa Rotary Club supports activities to benefit underprivileged, elderly, children, and world-wide projects. Evaluation of competing applications to determine which activities will be funded and the amounts shall be based on “impact”: Relative Impact. Preference shall be given to activities that will be significantly impacted by the amount of the contribution. For example, a contribution of \$1,000 to an organization with a \$25,000 budget has more impact than one to an organization with a \$1,000,000 budget. Impact might, however, be assessed on specific projects within an organization.

Local Impact. Preference shall be given to projects that specifically benefit La Mesa and East San Diego County. Organizations that serve East County shall be given preference even if the organization is located elsewhere.

Member Impact. Preference shall be given to projects in which La Mesa Rotary Club members have invested substantial time and treasure. All submissions need to go to Kathy Olsen, Chair of the Community Giving Committee at kolsen@rcpblock.com by April 15, 2025.