



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

## Board Members

President Becki Schwartz  
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Bonnie Welch  
Past President Jen Flynn  
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## Board Members

### Directors

Dale Bailey  
Marsha Darling  
Mary Elington  
Louise Herr-Marshall  
Gabriella Misirlioglu

## Membership

Mark Matthews

## Youth Service

Mark Matthews

## Speaker Chair

Bill Ashman



## Technology in the Classroom



Dan McDowell, Professional Development Coordinator at Helix Charter School and SDSU Adjunct Professor, addressed the topic of technology in the classroom from both the student and staff perspective.

McDowell, a proponent of technology, pointed out how technology has created challenges for the students of today. He referenced the book, *The Anxious Generation*, by Jonathon Haidt. Haidt recommends no smart phones before high school, no social media before 16, phone free schools, and more unsupervised play and childhood independence.

Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) has created challenges for the educational community such as cheating, plagiarism, bias, misinformation and malinformation, and data privacy.

AI benefits teachers by assisting with lesson planning, auto grading feedback, routine task automation, analyzing data, and personalized learning.

Teachers need assistance with professional learning about AI, ethical and responsible use of AI by students and hands-on AI experience. The Helix Charter School has developed Artificial Intelligence Guidelines for both staff and students.

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## La Mesa Rotary Centennial Celebration



We will be celebrating the Club's 100<sup>th</sup> 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 26, 2025**

**Elizabeth Schultz**

**California Golf Events**

### Lunch Time Service

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

**March 26, 2025**

**Greeter Marsha Staar**

**Pledge Jack Dargitz**

**Thought Greg Erickson**

**4 Way Test Ryan Barnhill**

**April 2, 2025**

**Greeter Mary Elington**

**Pledge Marsha Darling**

**Thought Gabriella Misirlioglu**

**4 Way Test Martin Brickson**

**April 9, 2025**

**Greeter Jylene Ledesma**

**Pledge Keith Dindinger**

**Thought Jack Dargitz**

**4 Way Test Gabriella Misirlioglu**

**April 16, 2025**

**Greeter Maggie Eggers**

**Pledge Julene Ledesma**

**Thought Marsha Darling**

**4 Way Test Jack Dargitz**

## 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.

## 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:**



## NOTICE NEW DATE

## Mexican House Build



**Mark your calendars! Soon we're off to Mexico to build our 8<sup>th</sup> house on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Mark Matthews is coordinating this very worthwhile and rewarding service project.**

**Watch the Tattler for more details as the time gets closer.**

March 2025
<b>Water, Sanitation &amp; Hygiene</b>
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
3/15 Charitable Giving Opens
3/23 Model UN Event – Del Mar
3/29 District Training Assembly
April 2025
<b>Environmental</b>
4/10 Lunch for Urban Angels
4/17 Mexican House Build
4/25-4/27 RYLA
4/26 NAMI Walk at Liberty Station

## New Member Proposal



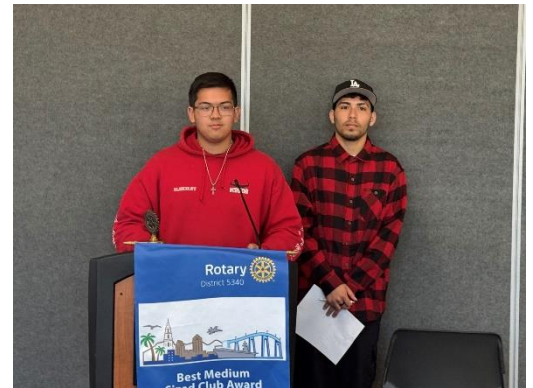
Kursat Misirlioglu has been proposed for membership to the Rotary Club of La Mesa by Ryan Barnhill. Scan the QR code below to learn more about Kursat.



## CHARITABLE GIVING

Spring Charitable Giving application opens on March 15<sup>th</sup> closing on April 16<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## MODEL UN



Mark Bermejo and William Blakeley of the Mt. Miguel Interact Club will be participating, along with 49 other teams, at the Rotary District 5340 Model UN Program. The Program will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at the Del Mar City Hall.

Mark and William, representing the country of Seychelles, presented their resolutions to the club today. They received valuable feedback on their presentation style and resolutions.

## **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](mailto:kolsen@rcpblock.com) by April 15, 2025.**