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

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Camp Julian Oaks: A Place of Safety, Growth, and Hope for Foster Youth



Deane, from Camp Julian Oaks (CJO), shared the powerful mission of this Christian camp dedicated to serving teens in the foster care system who have experienced abuse or neglect. CJO welcomes foster youth ages 15-19 to a safe, stable environment where they can experience unconditional love, build confidence, and learn essential life skills.

Each summer, the camp hosts eight one-week sessions, with 20 campers per week attending for just \$30. With an extraordinary 1:2 counselor-to-camper ratio, every young person receives personal attention and support. Days are full—from 7 AM to 11 PM—with activities such as archery, animal husbandry, horseback riding, skits, and singing, all designed to build trust, resilience, and joy.

CJO's impact extends beyond summer. Their mentoring program brings community members together with campers for dinners focused on practical topics like getting and keeping a job, community college pathways, personal growth, and budgeting. The camp also maintains a benevolent fund to support campers' needs throughout the year.

La Mesa Rotary has been a proud supporter of Camp Julian Oaks for many years—helping with spring renovations, participating in the mentorship program, and adopting campers at Christmas. At the conclusion of Deane's presentation, Gabriella and Becki presented CJO with a donation from our Charitable Giving Fund to further their life-changing work.

Lunch Assignments

April 1, 2026

Greeter Marsha Darling
Pledge Mark Matthews
Thought Mary Elington
4 Way Test Mary Elington

April 8, 2026

Greeter Ron Morrell
Pledge Martin Brickson
Thought Jay Thompson
4 Way Test Bonnie Welch

April 15, 2026

Greeter David Petri
Pledge Jim Kline
Thought Marsha Starr
4 Way Test Jay Thompson

Please exchange with someone if you're unable to perform your assignment.

Charitable Giving

The Spring cycle for Charitable Giving is open until March 31, 2026.

Please read the guidelines below.

Model UN



Luis Carranza, District 5340 Governor with LMR UN Team. Team members are Grossmont High Interact Club members.



Team 2: Madi & Lya



Team 1: Anthony & Leo
Many thanks to Bill Ashman, their sponsor and advisor.

Volunteers Needed

Earth Day will be celebrated on Saturday, April 18th at the Grossmont Center Kids Zone.

Please let Bill know if you can help out for a few hours between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM. GH Interact students will be assisting as well.

Earth Day 2026 will be held on Saturday, April 18, from 11 AM - 3 PM at MacArthur



The poster for the La Mesa Earth Day Fair features a green background with the title 'La Mesa Earth Day Fair' in large, stylized letters. The City of La Mesa logo is in the top right corner. Below the title, it says 'CELEBRATE EARTH DAY WITH A DAY DEDICATED TO SUSTAINABILITY AND PROTECTING OUR PLANET FEATURING ECO-FRIENDLY VENDORS, A KIDS ZONE, FOOD TRUCKS, ACTIVITIES, AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FOR ALL AGES'. There are three photo cutouts: one of a group of children, one of people at a table, and one of bicycles. The text 'FREE!' is written in red. The date and time are 'SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2026 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM'. The location is 'MACARTHUR PARK 4900 MEMORIAL DRIVE'. An 'AMERICA 250' logo is also present.

Mexican House Build



Mark Matthews is busy putting together our annual Mexican House Build project to take place on Friday, April 3, 2026. At this time, the Santee Lakeside Club will also be participating in the very worthwhile event.

Funding for the \$8000 project with Project Mercy is also needed. Mark is coordinating the following funding events:

Sunrise Service



Becki Schwartz is looking for volunteers to assist with loading buses at Grossmont High School for the 2026 Sunrise Service on Mt. Helix. Legacy Church of La Mesa is putting on the service. Volunteers are needed at Grossmont High on Sunday, April 5th from 5:30 AM to 6:30 AM. Please let Becki know if you can help.

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SPRING 2026 CHARITABLE GIVING CAMPAIGN – Deadline 03/31/2026

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 March 31, 2026.

Service Opportunities

Event	Date/Time	Location
Swap Meet - Mexican House Build	March 28 th	Spring Valley Swap Meet
Club Leadership Learning Seminar (CCLS) Formerly DTA	March 28, 2026	Liberty Station
Charitable Giving Closes	March 31, 2026	
Mexican House Build	April 3, 2026	
RYLA	April 10-12, 2026	Idyllwild
Kids Zone	April 18 9 - 4 PM	Grossmont Center
NAMI Walk	7 - 11 AM April 25, 2026	NTC Liberty Park
Multi-District Conference Register on line at rotary5340.org	April 24 - 26, 2026	Gaylord Pacific Resort & Convention Center 1000 H Street, Chula Vista
Camp Enterprise	April 23 - 25, 2026	
Epic Day of Service	May 16, 2026	TBD