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

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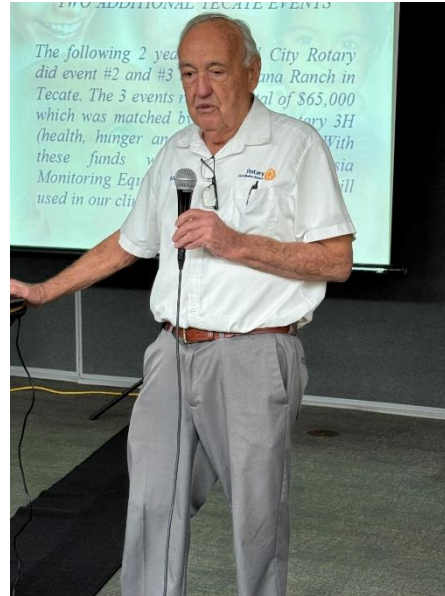
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Thousand Smiles



Bob Chalfa

The Thousand Smiles Foundation (TSF) founded in 1985 by a group of National City and Chula Vista Rotarians has grown over the last four decades. Bob Chalfa, now member of the Old Mission Rotary Club on the forefront of this process, spoke to us today about the TSF program.

TSF is an all-volunteer group of doctors, surgeons, dentists, nurses other medical experts, and Rotarians providing FREE cleft lip/palate surgery, dental, audiology, and speech care to underserved children in the Baja clinic. Since inception, they estimate to have helped over 20,000 dental and 2,000 surgery patients.

The facility began with eight dental chairs and no surgical capabilities. In 2016, they began planning a major expansion, and by 2021, it was completed adding two operating rooms and expanded our dental area. Today, the clinic boasts comprehensive dental, orthodontic, and medical departments, including 12 dental chairs, ENT, speech therapy, and a state-of-the-art audiology unit.

Donations and volunteer help are needed and welcomed.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 12th, 11 AM

Community Center

**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 12, 2025

District 5340 Sub Regional Speech Contest

March 19, 2025

**Jacqui Palhegyl
Cloth Fabrics**

March 26, 2025

**Elizabeth Schultz
California Golf Events**

Lunch Time Service

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

March 12, 2025

**Greeter Greg Erickson
Pledge Jylene Ledesma
Thought Dale Bailey
4 Way Mary Elington**

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**

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.

New Member Proposal



Kursat Misirlioglu has been proposed for membership to the Rotary Club of La Mesa by Ryan Barnhill. To learn more about Kursat use the following is a link to his bio:

<https://www.mirkainvest.com/kursat-misirlioglu>

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.

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 Mexican House Build

Charitable Giving Opens

La Mesa Nationals Little League Opening Day



The La Mesa Nationals Little League Opening Day was a success. Thank you to David for food shopping and coordinating the event. Thank you Ryan, for bringing your tribe to assist you with the cooking for 400 burgers and 200 hot dogs. Thank you to the 15 Rotarians and the 12 Grossmont High Interact students for your assistance. Becki and Maddie, GH Interacter threw out the first pitches. Great day was had by all.



David, coordinator.



GH Interact Group



Louise, Maggie, Bill, Becki with Interact.



Becki winding up.



Food line.



Maddie getting ready.



Ryan's tribe that came out to cook with us. Thank you.



Our new pop-up tent.



T-ballers running the bases.

