Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. We are motivated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ to cherish, preserve and uphold the sacredness and dignity of all human life, foster charity and justice, and embody Catholic social and moral teaching as we act to:

**PROMOTE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT** by responding to major emergencies, fighting disease and poverty, and nurturing peaceful and just societies; and,

**SERVE CATHOLICS IN THE UNITED STATES** as they live their faith in solidarity with their brothers and sisters around the world.

As part of the universal mission of the Catholic Church, we work with local, national and international Catholic institutions and structures, as well as other organizations, to assist people on the basis of need, not creed, race or nationality.

*Approved by the Catholic Relief Services Board of Directors on September 11, 2008.*

We put our faith into action to help the world’s poorest create lasting change.

**Faith:** Faith is our foundation. We have faith in the people we serve and our shared ability to build a more just and peaceful world.

**Action:** The desire to serve is not enough. We must act collaboratively to bring about real improvements in peoples’ quality of life and genuine engagement in building peace and justice.

**Results:** Demonstrated through measureable outcomes, our actions must be effective in alleviating human suffering, removing root causes and empowering people to achieve their full potential.
Important Dates:

Mar 21<sup>st</sup> Catholic Relief Services – Doug Ryan
Mar 24<sup>th</sup> District Training Assembly – USD
Mar 24<sup>th</sup> Global Grants Management Seminar – USD
Mar 28<sup>th</sup> Patrick Henry High School Interact Club
Apr 6<sup>th</sup> Larry Perna Grotarian Meeting – 5:00pm La Mesa Community Center
Apr 11<sup>th</sup> View from the Dugout: Tales of a Padres Bat Boy – Scott Elam
Apr 12<sup>th</sup> Rotary Baseball Night – Padres vs. Giants
May 4-5 District Conference – Knotts Berry Farm Hotel
May 16<sup>th</sup> District Attorney Summer Stephan

Prospective New Member Bio: Courtney Patterson

We have a prospective new member applying for membership to La Mesa Rotary.

Courtney Patterson is Business Development Manager for Benchmark Mortgage here in La Mesa.

I grew up in Rhode Island, but after 2 decades of the cold, wind, rain and snow I smartened up and moved to the San Diego area post college! I have been a La Mesa resident for the last 6 years with my husband Jeremy and our Carolina Dog named Penny (photo for your amusement here). Last January we opened our Benchmark Mortgage branch office on La Mesa Blvd, right next to Allen’s music. There, I am the Business Development Manager where my main focus is to represent the Patterson Team in the community, and to help our team have an impact on others through relationships with clients, partners and community organizations. Prior to the mortgage industry, I spent close to 10 years working in the non-profit sector for organizations such as the Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation and the American Cancer Society. My heart has always been focused on giving back to the community and I believe the La Mesa Rotary will definitely help me to fill that need.
Larry Perna Grotarian Meeting

Join us for a fun evening for our newest member Larry Perna’s Grotarian Meeting! This is a great chance to get to know our members better and learn more about La Mesa Rotary!

Friday, April 6th
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
La Mesa Community Center
Board Room

Visit the La Mesa Rotary online!  www.LaMesaRotary.org
Or find us on Facebook! Just search for La Mesa Rotary.

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Join Rotary members from across the District as we watch the San Diego Padres beat the San Francisco Giants. District Governor Scott Carr will throw out the honorary first pitch, along with a special Rotary Flag Raising from the Rotary Flag Court.

We have a block of terrific seats in the Section 109 along the first base side. Tickets are only $36.50 plus processing fee. These specially-reduced tickets are now on sale by clicking here:

https://groupmatics.events/event/Rotary0412

Don't delay! Deadline to purchase these specially-reduced tickets is March 30, 2018. Special thanks to Sean Nickelsen, our inside source at the San Diego Padres, for his help in arranging this special evening event.
Join us at Knott's Berry Farm for a District Conference like no other. Meet the People of Action, inspired by the work of Charles Schulz. Featuring compelling speakers, breakout sessions, entertainment and Hospitality Night.

Conference Registration:
$190 for Rotary Members
$95 for Spouses, Guests, Rotaracts, and Kids Over 14

Children 14 and Over Welcome to Join!
For Kids 13 and Under, We've Arranged For an Enormous Amusement Park Right Next Door!

Featuring:
Hospitality Night (All Ages) on Friday, May the 4th
-- PLUS --
Conference and Meals on Saturday, May the 5th

District 5340 has secured a limited number of rooms on May 4th and 5th for $129 per night at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel. Parking is included, with easy access to the park. These rooms are available at this price so that Rotarians may attend the Hospitality Night on May 4th and the full-day District Conference on May 5th. Please reserve your room and book online.

Registration for District Conference is separate from lodging. Click below to book your room at the Knott’s Berry Farm Hotel: