



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

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Greg Erickson

Youth Service

Mark Matthews

Speaker Chair

Bill Ashman



Club Assembly



President Bonnie led today's Club Assembly, guiding members through several important updates and celebrations of our club's work.

Bill Ashman, President of the Rotary Club of La Mesa Foundation, shared that the Foundation remains strong and financially healthy. He also reported on last week's **RYLA** program in Idyllwild. The four Grossmont High School Interact students who attended described it as an outstanding experience, especially enjoying the interactive team-building activities, leadership speakers, and the new friendships formed.

The club also reviewed highlights from the recent **District Training Assembly**, including updates on requirements for both District Grants and Global Grants.

Mike Fellows announced exciting news: La Mesa Rotary is currently **#1 in District 5340** for participation in the Rotary Foundation. Our 30 members have contributed **\$34,000** so far this Rotary year, along with **\$2,530** to Polio Plus. Impressively, **73% of our members** have given to *Every Rotarian Every Year*.

Mark Matthews provided an update on the **2026 Mexican House Build**. In partnership with Project Mercy, Mark led more than 15 volunteers to complete the home on Good Friday, April 3rd. He shared that the family was deeply engaged in the build and expressed their gratitude by preparing a wonderful meal for the volunteers. Thank you, Mark, for your leadership and generous heart.

Lunch Assignments

April 22, 2026

Greeter Jim Kline
Pledge David Petri
Thought Marsha Darling
4 Way Test Mary Elington

April 29, 2026

Dark - no meeting

May 6, 2026

Greeter Marsha Darling
Pledge Louise Herr-Marshall
Thought Marsha Starr
4 Way Test Ron Morell

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

April Birthdays

4/16 Marsha Darling

Camp Julian Oaks Beautification Workday Saturday, May 2nd

Volunteers are needed for the Camp Julian Oaks beautification workday. Volunteers will help prepare the campgrounds and facilities to receive foster kids for summer camp.

Please connect with Becki if you can help.

Happy Birthday, Marsha



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



La Mesa Earth Day Fair

CITY OF LA MESA
JEWEL OF THE HILLS

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

FREE!

**SATURDAY
APRIL 18, 2026
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**MACARTHUR PARK
4900 MEMORIAL DRIVE**

AMERICA 250



3rd Annual **OPERATION FLAGS FOR VETS** Miramar National Cemetery

★ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ★
Place Flags on Saturday, May 23 (arrive at 12 p.m.)
Remove Flags on Tuesday, May 26 (arrive at 3 p.m.)

The Military Coordinating Committee of Rotary District 5340 is proud to sponsor "Operation Flags for Vets" on Memorial Day weekend. Volunteers will place 23,000 American Flags on gravesites to honor the military men and women, and their families, lying at rest at Miramar National Cemetery. This project is 100% funded by donations.

Rotary District 5340

All volunteers must register to participate

To volunteer or donate, please scan the QR code, or click on: www.bit.ly/4tzzG7k

For questions, contact Mike Fuqua at (858)382-3297 or via email at: mifuqua.r Rotary@gmail.com

SCAN HERE!



Memorial Day weekend, we have an opportunity to do something simple, beautiful, and deeply meaningful. Rotary District 5340 is proud to support Operation Flags for Vets at Miramar National Cemetery, where volunteers will help place 3,000 American flags on the graves of our military heroes, veterans, and their families. Each flag is a symbol of gratitude. Each grave tells a story of sacrifice. Each moment of service is a reminder that freedom is never free. Our District 5340 Rotary family and our community come together to honor those who gave so much for our nation.

- 📍 Place Flags: Saturday, May 23, arrive at 12 p.m.
- 📍 Remove Flags: Tuesday, May 26, arrive at 3 p.m.

2026 Mexican House Build



Mark Matthews coordinated another house build in Mexico. The photos above show the completed house and the crew who accomplished this wonderful feat. Mark is shown giving the keys to the happy family.

Service Opportunities

Event	Date/Time	Location
Kids Zone	April 18 9 - 4 PM	Mc Arthur Park
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
Operation Flags for Vets	Place Flags May 23 rd 12 - 3 Remove Flags May 26 th 3pm	Miramar National Cemetary