

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

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Operation Flags For Vets









600 District 5340 Rotarians gathered at Marimar National Cemetary on Saturday, May 24th, to place flags on the over 30,000 veteran graves. Five La Mesa Rotarians and five Grossmont High School Interact students participated remembering our fallen heros. Flags were meticulously placed 12 inches from the grave and the veteran's name and rank were read to honor them. Very moving event, consider participating next year.

La Mesa Rotary Centennial Celebration



It's time to register for 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. Please use the QR code below to sign up.



May Birthdays

May 4th Scott Elam
May 24th Guy Elam
May 25th Ben Hamilton
May 27th Melvin Jacobson
May 31st Mark Matthews

Upcoming Programs

June 4, 2025

Ron Lee Skydiving

June 11, 2024

Lunch Time Assignments

June 4, 2025

Greeter Keith Dindinger Pledge Marsha Darling Thought Jack Dargitz 4 Way Test Gabriella Misirlioglu

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June 18, 2025

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Centennial Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 18th at 11 AM

Prior to Regular Meeting

La Mesa Spring Valley School District



Dan Young, Executive Planning & Facilities, Tina Douglas, Assistant Superintendent Business Services, and Megan Jacobsen, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, represented the LMSVSD at our meeting today. LMSVSD includes 17 K to 5th grade schools and 4 middle schools. They brought us up to date on how the funds from Measure B were utilized. Measure B funds were used to improve security by having one point of entry at each school, this process was facilitated by installing cameras at the door of each school and moving the school office to the front of the building. The LMSVSD schools are old so improvements were also made in curb appeal at each school and playgrounds were replaced with "squishy" soft surfacing with turf overlay.

Megan discussed declining enrollment and the challenges with attendance since Covid. The District received a Mental Health Grant which permitted them to hire a social worker for each school. They have partnered with the La Mesa Police to teach students on the appropriate and safe use of technology.

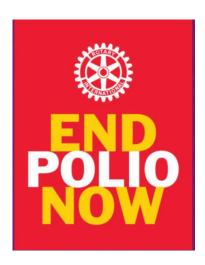
Our "Fill A Bag Projects" and donations to school food pantries are helpful since 65% of the school district's student are at or below poverty level. They also have received a Community School Grant that is used to bring services, such as dentistry, to the schools.

La Mesa Flag Day Parade



Saturday, June 14th, the city of La Mesa will be holding its annual Flag Day Parade. La Mesa Rotary Club will be the Grand Marshall in honor of our 100 years of service. Plans are under way to have some members ride in convertible cars. More details to come, watch the Tattler.

Polio Plus 2025



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Polio Statistics & Polio Plus 2025 Updates:

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May 8, 2025 Whew! No new cases of wild polio type 1 reported from Pakistan. (5 weeks since the onset of paralysis in the last case). Still hoping the last case of wild polio will happen in 2025!! 2 children, this week, confirmed paralyzed by variant polioviruses—1 from cVDPV2 in Chad and 1 from cVDPV3 in Guinea. 7 positive environmental samples of WPV1 reported this week in Afghanistan; 3 positive environmental samples for cVDPV2 reported from 3 countries—1 sample each from Cameroon, Central African Republic, and Djibouti. Onset most recent wild poliovirus cases: Afghanistan: 03/09/25 Pakistan: 04/02/25.

Human cases confirmed	As of 05/5/25	At the same time in	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	2025	2024	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
WPV (Wild Poliovirus)	10	4	99	12	30	6	140
WPV-Afghanistan	2		25	6	2	4	56
WPV-Pakistan	8		74	6	20	1	84
WPV- Other countries	0		0	0	8	1	0
Variant (cVDPV) poliovirus caused cases	43	29	310	539	878	699	1117

Polioviruses reported from other sources(environmental) this week, in brackets [] is year to date total for 2025; in parentheses () is the total for 2024; and in curly brackets{} are the total reported for 2023. Wild poliovirus: 7; [260]; (768); {190}



Please see Maggie Eggers for any questions regarding this event.