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

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THE MAGIC
OF ROTARY



Clicbitz Brings Creative STEAM Learning to Local Youth



Our speaker today was Tracey Herriot—designer, fashion enthusiast, sewing teacher, and founder of Clicbitz, a hands-on education company serving youth ages 8-18. With twelve years of classroom experience in both Canada and the U.S., Tracey has built a program that blends creativity with STEAM learning while promoting sustainability.

Clicbitz introduces students to Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics through fun, project-based activities. A core part of the curriculum teaches the textile circle of sustainability, helping kids understand how to keep fabric out of landfills.

Tracey delivers these classes in unforgettable style—traveling the county in a refurbished bus stocked with 30 portable sewing machines and all the supplies needed for sewing and craft projects. In partnership with the county library system, Clicbitz offers two-hour classes where students create their own pajamas, hoodies, or even Barbie outfits. They also run a Coding and STEAM Maker Lab class.

This summer, Clicbitz will host camps for the **City of La Mesa** at the Community Center from **June 22 to July 31**. For more information, call **619-667-1300** or email **recreation@cityoflamesa.us**.

Lunch Assignments

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

May 13, 2026

Greeter Ron Morrell
Pledge Ryan Barnhill
Thought Becki Schwartz
4 Way Test Mary Elington

May 20, 2026

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May Birthdays

5/25 Ben Hamilton
5/27 Melvin Jacobson
5/31 Mark Matthews

Memorial Service

Memorial Service for Ron Welch will be held at Miramar National Cemetery on Friday, May 22nd, at 3:30 pm.

Address: 5795 Nobel Drive, SD.

Upcoming Programs

May 13, 2026

Scott Evans
Sharp Grossmont Hospital CEO

May 20, 2026

Madeline Anderson
SD Youth Services

May 27, 2026

Amy Reardon
Patrick Henry HS Scholarship

EPIC DAY OF SERVICE



Gabriela needs your help!
We will be building two **Little Free Libraries** for placement at Dale and Avondale Elementary Schools. The kits have been purchased; we need to paint and assemble them on the 16th of May.

The East County Rotary Clubs will be gathering at 8:30 AM, Saturday, May 16th at the **La Mesa United Methodist Church**. Church is located at 4690 Palm Ave, La Mesa.

A drill, a few paint brushes, and an Exacto knife to open the box is all that is needed.

This is an opportunity to socialize with East County Rotarians and complete a worthwhile community project.

Please see Gabriela is volunteer!

Operation Flags 4 Vets



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.

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.

Governor's Dinner

Please see [Bonnie](#) before **May 15th** if you're interested in attending the Governor's Dinner. We need five more attendees to have a second La Mesa Rotary table. Connect with Bonnie.

Governor's Dinner

LAUNCH NIGHT

DON'T MISS THE BUS TO:

TOP FUN

Rotary District 5340

FRIDAY, JUNE 26 • 6:00PM

San Diego Air & Space Museum, Balboa Park

REGISTRATION & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES COMING SOON

Event	Date/Time	Location
Epic Day of Service	May 16, 2026 8:30 AM	La Mesa United Methodist Church
Operation Flags for Vets	Place Flags May 23 rd 12 - 3 Remove Flags May 26 th 3pm	Miramar National Cemetary
Govenor's Dinner	Friday, June 26 th 6 pm Registration & Cocktails 7 pm Dinner	Space & Air Museum Balboa Park
Bonnie Welch Demotion	June 24 th	