San Diego River Park Foundation
Ally Welborn,
Community Engagement Manager

In 2000, the largest sewer spill in California’s history dumped 34 million gallons of untreated sewage into the San Diego River. This spill ran for almost a week, while few people noticed or cared. Out of this tragedy, a group of concerned citizens formed the San Diego River Park Foundation on July 18, 2001.

Since this tragedy, the San Diego River Park Foundation has worked with the community to change San Diego’s relationship to its namesake waterway. We remain a local, grassroots non-profit organization and we rely on donations, support from the community, and public and private grants for our work creating the San Diego River Park, connecting people to the River, and conserving local resources.

We are not a foundation built upon an endowment or other source of funding. We are a foundation in name because we are built on a foundation of people that have come together to create the San Diego River Park system from the mountains to the ocean.

We are working to achieve this goal by partnering with government agencies such as the San Diego River Conservancy, business and civic leaders, and a wide range of public organizations. By promoting stewardship of the River, facilitating a better understanding of the River’s natural systems, and creating appropriate access to this incredible historic resource, the San Diego River Park Foundation is endeavoring to enhance the quality of life in San Diego.

We are dedicated to making the project a truly treasured regional asset that is valued by all members of our community. We welcome and encourage everyone who is interested to join us in this effort.
Important Dates:

- Apr 28<sup>th</sup>  Rotarians At Work Day: 8:30 am
- Apr 29<sup>th</sup>  Rotary Day at the Ballpark – Padres vs. New York Mets
- May 1<sup>st</sup>  Board of Directors Meeting – 5:30 pm
- May 2<sup>nd</sup>  Ally Welborn, SD River Park Foundation
- May 4<sup>th</sup>  Courtney Patterson – Grotarian Meeting at 5:30 pm
- May 4-5  District Conference – Knotts Berry Farm Hotel
- May 8<sup>th</sup>  Board of Directors Meeting 5:30 pm – Pres Jack’s house
- May 9<sup>th</sup>  Lambert Awards – La Mesa / Spring Valley Teachers & Students
- May 16<sup>th</sup>  District Attorney Summer Stephan

Charitable Giving Committee

Is Accepting Requests

The Charitable Giving Committee is now accepting requests from Club members until April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

The requirements for a proper submission:

- Request must be accompanied with a letter from the club sponsor specifying why we should consider this request.
- A letter from the charity specifying on how they plan on utilizing the funds requested.
- The Charity must be a 501(c)(3)
- Amount of request cannot be greater than $1,000 per fiscal year.
- Their Federal Tax Number and their California Tax Exempt number.
- The charity must be able to make an appearance at a club meeting to be presented with the donation.

The more information provided by the charitable organization on how the funds will be utilized, the more likely the better chance they have.

Please forward all the required documentation to Rose.hurst@unionbank.com
La Mesa Rotary
Board of Directors Meeting

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be
Tuesday, May 8th
5:30pm at President Jack’s House

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

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Rotarians at Work Day
Saturday April 28, 2018

We need your help! Many hands make light work! This is a national Rotarians at Work day – this is a great opportunity to get out in the community and help out!

Please come out and help paint over graffiti and plant some bushes – all at the request of the La Mesa Police Department! Wear your grubbies and bring some gloves and hand tools.

Saturday, April 28th
8:30 am – 11:00am (ish)
5186 Randlett Dr
La Mesa, CA 91942

Courtney Patterson’s Grotarian Meeting

Come out and meet one of La Mesa Rotary’s newest members – Courtney Patterson! The Grotarian meetings are the best way to really get to know our newer members. Courtney has invited all of La Mesa Rotary to come to her Grotarian meeting at Benchmark Mortgage.

Friday, May 4th at 5:30pm
Benchmark Mortgage
8530 La Mesa Blvd #206
La Mesa CA 91942

Please RSVP to Courtney! (619) 872-2544 or Courtney.patterson@benchmark.us
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: