Lambert Awards Ceremony

Tolly Lambert joined the La Mesa Rotary Club in 1964 and attended Rotary meetings in the far corners of the world to keep his attendance record. He became a multiple Paul Harris Fellow in Rotary International. In 1988-89, he served as President of La Mesa Rotary and later as Lt. Governor under District Governor Keith Dindinger. Also he served on the La Mesa-Spring Valley Education Foundation Board. Other activities, as his three sons grew up, were in the American Field Services Board, Little League, the local homeowners association, the session in his church, photography and gardening. In the 1990’s, when his grandson in Oklahoma was honored by the Rotary Club of Altus, Oklahoma, as their “Junior Rotarian of the Month” Tolly liked the idea of honoring youth so much that he took it home to his own club.

Tolly sadly passed away in 1999. To honor their father, Tolly’s son Alan began the Tolly Lambert Scholarship Award with La Mesa Rotary, to honor outstanding local high school teachers and students in memory of Tolly.

Helen Lambert, a true southern lady and wife of Tolly was an honorary La Mesa Rotarian and stayed in the Club after Tolly's passing. Helen was born in S. Carolina and earned her B.A. degree in religion and music. They married in 1947 and moved to San Diego in 1962. Helen loved music and stayed involved in several local organizations including the Music Metit Foundation, Grossmont Community Concert Association as well as the Women's Committee of the Grossmont Concert Association where she served as music chairman for over 40 years. Her leadership led to the acquisition of a beautiful Steinway Grand Piano for the East County Performing Arts Center. She loved teaching piano and that love continued to the end of her life. She also had enjoyed traveling the world with Tolly and hosting exchange students throughout the years.

Helen delighted the La Mesa Rotary Club with her piano playing at each meeting, carefully selecting a theme song for each club president. Helen passed suddenly in 2007 and has been greatly missed.

With the family's blessing, La Mesa Rotary re-named the award to include Helen. We now honor this lovely couple with the "Helen & Tolly Lambert Award". It is our pleasure to present exceptional teachers and outstanding students with this award.
Important Dates:

May 8th  Board of Directors Meeting 5:30 pm – Pres Jack’s house
May 9th  Lambert Awards – La Mesa / Spring Valley Teachers & Students
May 16th District Attorney Summer Stephan
May 30th Andy Tarkas – Principal, Albert Einstein Academy Middle School
June 4th 2018 Governors Dinner – La Jolla Marriott
June 23rd 2018 RI Convention – Toronto, Ontario, Canada
July 15th Rotary Day at the Ballpark: Padres vs. Cubs

La Mesa Rotary donates to San Diego River Park Foundation

President Jack Dargitz and Bill Ashman present a check for $500 to Ally Wellborn from the San Diego River Park Foundation
In case you missed it, our new member Courtney Patterson held her Grotarian meeting Friday May 4th at Benchmark Mortgage.

These gatherings are always a great time to get together with other members from the club to learn more about our newest members and even more about Rotary in general. Don Jenkinson does a great job of bringing questions for everyone there to help open the dialogue about Rotary!

Don’t miss the next Grotarian meeting – I guarantee you will learn something new about Rotary!

Visit the La Mesa Rotary online! [www.LaMesaRotary.org](http://www.LaMesaRotary.org) Or find us on Facebook! Just search for La Mesa Rotary.
A message from Rotary International President Ian Riseley in this month’s The Rotarian Magazine:

“Currently there are 1.2 million members of Rotary worldwide, 35,633 clubs in nearly every country in the world. Hundreds of thousands or participants are involved in Rotary programs such as Rotaract, Interact, Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Rotary Community Corps, Rotary Peace Centers and a host of local and Foundation-supports projects and programs at the national, district, and local levels. The name of Rotary is attached to countless projects every year, from blood banks to food banks, school sanitation to polio eradication. One hundred thirteen years after the first Rotary club was founded, Rotary service reaches literally around the globe.”

In an update on Rotary’s End Polio campaign it shows that in the country of Afghanistan in March of this year 10 million children received the Polio vaccine by 70,000 volunteers and workers in a matter of 5 days! It’s not that many months ago that volunteers trying to administer the vaccine were being murdered in the field while doing their good work! (Thanks to Don Jenkinson for this submission)
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: