



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

President Becki Schwartz
President-elect
Bonnie Welch
Past President Jen Flynn
Secretary Kathy Olsen
Treasurer Ryan Barnhill

Board Members

Directors

Dale Bailey
Marsha Darling
Mary Elington
Louise Herr-Marshall
Gabiella Misirlioglu

Membership

Mark Matthews

Youth Service

Mark Matthews

Speaker Chair

Bill Ashman



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OF ROTARY



Installation Dinner Rotary Year 2025 - 26



Bonnie Welch was inducted by Keith Dindinger, as the 2025 - 26 Rotary Club of La Mesa President on Monday, June 16, 2025. We had a wonderful turnout of members and spouses for a dinner of pizza, pasta, and salad served by the mobile pizza company, Brothers in Pizza. The Board of Directors Dale Bailey, Mary Elington, Mike Fellows, Greg Erickson, Louise Herr-Marshall, and Marsha Darling were also installed. Others installed were Gabriella Misirlioglu, President-elect, Kathy Olsen, Secretary, and Ryan Barksdale, Treasurer.

Becki thanked everyone for their support and exhibited her creative side by honoring each member with a certificate of their participation and accomplishments for the year. Mary Elington was honored as the club's Rotarian of the Year.

We were pleased to also celebrate Keith's 89th birthday. Kathy, thank you for your hospitality.

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.



June Birthdays

6/16 Keith Dindinger
6/23 Don Jenkinson
6/29 Kathy Olsen

Upcoming Programs

June 25, 2025

Herb Barrack
Limbs of Freedom

July 2, 2025

Mark Arapostathis
Mayor of La Mesa

Lunch Time Assignments

June 25, 2025

Greeter Mary Elington
Pledge Mike Fellows
Thought Bonnie Welch
4 Way Test Jim Kline

July 2, 2025

Greeter Ryan Barnsdale
Pledge Kathy Olsen
Thought Ron Morrell
4 Way Test Louise Herr-Marshall

July 9, 2025

Greeter Ron Morrell
Pledge Ryan Barnsdale
Thought Becki Schwartz
4 Way Test Marsha Darling

Becki's Demotion



Becki Schwartz was demoted and presented her much anticipated Past-president pin on Wednesday, June 18, 2025. Bill Ashman emceed the event which included a baseball themed competition (Becki is a Padres season ticket holder) between two teams. One team pitched questions to Becki from the first half of the Rotary year's accomplishments while the other half of the room pitched on the second half of the year. If Becki responded correctly, she received a yellow rose. If she was incorrect the rose went to incoming President Bonnie Welch and Becki received a deadly looking rose. Members of the club also threw small squishy balls at Becki in the batter's box. Of course, many of the balls missed the box and hit the batter, Becki. Bonnie went home with a beautiful bouquet of yellow roses which Becki ended up with a few. 😊

Becki, thank you for a wonderful two years. Like a seasoned pitcher you didn't just throw the ball, you set the pace, inspired our team and made every play count. You led with heart, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to service.



Guy Elam, song leader extraordinaire, led the members in the welcome song to start the meeting.



La Mesa Rotary, Grand Marshall La Mesa Flag Day Parade



