



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

SKYDIVING INNOVATIONS

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Youth Service

Mark Matthews

Speaker Chair

Bill Ashman



THE MAGIC
OF ROTARY



Ron Lee, CEO and Chief Inspiration Office of Skydiving Innovations, introduced us to his entertainment company. Ron and his wife formed Skydiving Innovations an ariel entertainment company in 1986. They found a way to make a living doing something they love.

Ron emphasized, "there can be enormous value in experiencing fear, risk, struggle and failure". He feels our steps into the realm of repeated risk-challenge helps result in the long-term outcomes we desire.

Skydiving Innovations team members have a combined total of over 250,000 skydives, and three members of their team serve as US Parachute Association (USPA) Safety and Training Advisors. Since 1986, Skydiving Innovations has planned and/or produced more than 500 events, and remains incident/accident-free. Ron, personally, has made 7300 jumps in his forty years of sky diving.

Ron showed several slides of his jumps on the USS Midway, Hotel Del and water jumps. One of his highlights was when their team had 100 jumpers over San Francisco, an operation that included several of the jumpers forming a "T" for the customer T Mobile.

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

Rotary Foundation

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Upcoming Programs

June 11, 2025

Phil Rohkohl
Miracle Youth Production

June 18, 2025

Club President Appreciation Day

Lunch Time Assignments

June 11, 2025

Greeter Louise Herr-Marshall
Pledge Keith Dindinger
Thought Bonnie Welch
4 Way Test Ron Morrell

June 18, 2025

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Pledge Louise Herr-Marshall
Thought Mary Elington
4 Way Test Dale Bailey

June 25, 2025

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

Centennial Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 18th at 11 AM

Prior to Regular Meeting

Installation Dinner

Bonnie Welch will be installed as our 2025-26 Club President on **Monday, June 16th**. All members are invited to attend at **6 PM on the RCP Block and Brick** patio. The RCP Offices are located at 8240 Broadway, Lemon Grove, CA.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the party.

La Mesa Flag Day Parade



In honor of our 100 years of community service, the **La Mesa Rotary Club** will be the **Grand Marshall for La Mesa's Flag Day Parade** on **Saturday, June 14th**. The plan is to have 3 cars to carry several members with mobility challenges. The other members, who are able, will walk the parade route with beads for the parade spectators.

Please meet at the Little League Field parking lot, below the Community Center, at 0830 on Saturday, June 14th. Becki will give each member who shows up a special gift. A fun time will be had by all.

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Grossmont HS Interact Leadership Award



Scott Elam presented Evin McDowell, Grossmont High School Interact President, with a \$300 award at the Grossmont High School Awards Night on May 28th. Under Evin's leadership the club has shown a substantial growth, participated in 20 community service projects this year. Some of those events were participating in the Alzheimer's Walk, NAMI Walk, organizing and presenting gift bags to veterans at Westmont Retired Community, participating in Operation Flags at Marimar, building bikes, and helping at local elementary school fall festivals. Evin was also our 4-Way Speech contestant in 2024.

Congratulations to Evin.

Many thanks to our Bill Ashman who guides them each week on behalf of our club. Scott, thank you for presenting this well deserved award to Evin.



2024-25 Rotary Year Community Service

Pat your self on the back or stand up and take a bow. The following is the list of accomplishments for our Club in this Rotary Year. Congratulations and thank you to each member.

July 2024

- 120 backpacks/school supplies put together for distribution to La Mesa Dale, Avondale, La Pressa, and Camp Julian Oaks
- Participated in Camp Julian Oaks Mentoring Program

August 2024

- **Article with photo in the Union Tribune regarding the Mexican House Build**
- Rotary Table at the La Mesa Chamber of Commerce Mixer
- Article with photo in August 16th edition of the La Mesa Courier

September 2024

- Collection of women's and men's clothing for Homeless Project

October 2024

- La Mesa Rotary pop up tent at Alzheimer's Walk
- Members participated in the Alzheimer's Walk at Liberty Station
- Members participated in the End Polio Walk
- Participated in LEAD

November 2024

- Fill-A-Bag – 65 bags for 3 elementary schools - Joint service project with Lions Club of La Mesa
- Grossmont High Interact – Homeless Project with Legacy Church
- Blanket and Jacket Drive for Homeless

December 2024

- Adopted 2 families and 6 plus Camp Julian Oaks Kids
- Built 175 bikes for Avondale Elementary School and Riverview Elementary School with Christian Brothers Emergency Building Services
- Mt. Miguel Interact – Homeless Project with Legacy Church
- Blanket and Jacket Drive for Homeless
- Distributed food with City of La Mesa for seniors
- 5 members drove to Irwindale to decorate the Rotary Float – Becki's wheel and Bonnie's cat got us the Volunteers Award

January 2025

- Generate Hope Project – Anti Human Trafficking Project at Coronado
- Mt. Miguel Interact Bake Sale for Mexican House
- Instrumental Music Contest – Bodhi Landin First Place

February 2025

- 2/13/2025 East County Rotary Clubs social at Hooley's Grossmont Center
- 2/22/2025 Members cleaned garages, closets, etc. for Mt. Miguel Interact Swap Meet. The earnings went toward Mexico House project
- 2/12/2025 4 Way Speech Contest - Mirshah Misirlioglu First Place
- Sarah Ali awarded La Mesa Rotary Nursing Scholarship

March 2025

- 3/1/2025 Little League Opening Day Barbeque – 400 burgers and 200 hot dogs served to players, families, and friends
- 3/5/2025 Participated in the La Mesa Chamber Meeting
- 3/12/2025 Sub Regional 4 Way Speech Contest held at LMR
- 3/23 – 3/24 Mark Bermejo and William Blakeley from Mt. Miguel Interact participated in Model UN at Del Mar City Hall. They both were recognized with certificate for outstanding research.

April 2025

- Barbeque and games for Urban Street Angels – foster kids program
- Mexican House Build
- Nami Walk
- RYLA
- Easter Sunrise Service
- Bill Klatz Rotary Scholarship Awarded – Patrick Henry High School

May 2025

- Camp Julian Oaks workday
- Operation Flags for Vets



Taste of San Diego - East



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Monday, June 23, 2025



5 - 8 PM VIP Tasting ♦ \$60

6 - 8 PM General Admission Tasting ♦ \$45



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