## The Tattler

## Rotary Club of La Mesa

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Meeting Date: 6/5/19

Wednesday's @ Noon, La Mesa Community Center, 4975 Memorial Drive, La Mesa CA 91942



### Back In The Saddle Elisa Peskin

B.I.T.S.- Back In The Saddle is a 501c3 non-profit, PATH (Professional Assn. Therapeutic Horemanship) Certified Center & Instructor. We offer weekly riding or non riding sessions & have worked with many students on varying degrees of the spectrum.

It's not news that hanging out with animals can be good for human health - helping to improve blood pressure and reduce stress, for instance. But now there's a growing interest in Australia in how horses can help treat conditions such as addiction, problems with mental health, PTSD and autism.

It's not just the feel-good factor of being around animals either – there's something about horses that gives them an edge when it comes to helping troubled humans, says Eliza Henry-Jones, an equine therapist with Odyssey House Victoria which provides treatment for problems with alcohol and other drugs.

That "something" is that unlike cats or dogs which are predators, horses are prey animals that evolved to live in herds and for survival's sake they're highly sensitive to changes in body language in other animals that can signal danger. On top of that, thousands of years of domestication has tuned them into human emotions. It's because of these qualities that horses can help teach humans to manage a variety of problems, she explains.

With the help of equine therapy, children in Odyssey House Victoria's Kids in Focus program have become more aware of their emotions and able to regulate themselves better, and often do better at school as a result, Henry-Jones says. These are kids from families affected by drug or alcohol abuse and the horses are part of the treatment that helps the whole family.

## <u>Lunch Time Service</u> <u>Opportunities</u>

#### June 5, 2019

Greeter Marsha Starr
Songs Mark Bagula
Pledge Scott Elam
Thought Don Jenkinson
Raffle Kathy Olson
Fines Courtney Patterson
4-Way Martin Brickson

#### June 12, 2019

Greeter Jay Thompson
Songs Dale Bailey
Pledge Mike Fellows
Thought Dolly Juntilla
Raffle Courtney Patterson
Fines Larry Perna
4-Way Mark Bagula

#### June 19, 2019

Greeter Terrence Young
Songs Gary Clasen
Pledge Ben Hamilton
Thought Dennis Knight
Raffle Larry Perna
Fines Courtney Patterson
4-Way Ray Aguilar

If you cannot perform your assigned duty, please arrange for a replacement.

#### Important Dates:

June 1-5 Rotary International Convention – Hamburg, Germany

June 5<sup>th</sup> Elisa Peskin – "Back in the Saddle" – Therapy Horses for Veterans

June 27<sup>th</sup> 20149 Governors Dinner – La Jolla Marriott

July 28<sup>th</sup> Rotary night with the Padres! Padres vs. Giants 1:10pm

# Installation Dinner May 28, 2019



Passing of the Gavel!

Dani passes the gavel to Jerry, or was it Jerry passing the Gavel to Dani...

#### Visit Another Club Next Week

Do you have the Rotary Locator app on your phone? You can download it for FREE. You can use this to find out where there might be another club meeting to visit. Whether you want to visit a club on a Friday here in San Diego or you are traveling and want to visit a club. You can use this app to find!

Here are a few options:

#### **Tuesdays:**

El Cajon Noon – El Cajon Elks Lodge Old Mission – Noon - Best Western Seven Seas **Wednesdays:** 

Coronado – Noon - Hotel Del Coronado San Diego Downtown Breakfast Club – 7:00am **Thursdays:** 

El Cajon Sunset – 6:00 pm San Diego (the big club) – Noon at Liberty Station

#### **Fridays:**

La Mesa Sunrise – 7:15am at Marie Calendars Point Loma – Noon - SD Yacht Club

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# Installation Dinner May 28, 2019

The Installation dinner is a fun time to get together as a club and thank the outgoing President & Board for the work they have done and to install the incoming President and Board for the coming year. Last Tuesday was our opportunity to do just this!





Rotarian of the Year: Ron Morrell! Larry inducts Jerry as our President for 2019-2020



Your incoming Board of Directors for 2019-2020!