



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

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Mark Matthews

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THE MAGIC
OF ROTARY



Mayor Mark Arapostathis



We were honored to have La Mesa Mayor Mark Arapostathis as our first speaker for the new Rotary Year 2025-26. Mr. A. as he is commonly called was born and raised in La Mesa, attended Lemon Avenue Elementary, Helix High School, graduated from SDSU and has a PhD from USD. Mr. A. just retired from the LMSV School District after 34 years of service. A little known tidbit is that he was the catcher on the La Mesa Rotary Little League team, proudly wearing #9.

Mark thanked us for our 100 years of service to the City of La Mesa.

Mark educated us on the limitations that cities have based on California law such as the City Manager hires the Police Chief but all other responsibilities of the police department are independent of the city. We learned that Proposition L that had 88% of the La Mesa citizens support has helped the city purchase a fire engine and a ladder truck to the tune of \$3.5 million. Life expectancy of a fire truck is 20 years taking 5 years to have one built. La Mesa's homeless population is around 50. The city uses clinicians, not police, to contact them regularly until they can get them the assistance needed.

Mr. A. reminded us of the following summer opportunities:

- Classic Car Show each Thursday evening that also includes food and music.
- Farmer's Market on Friday evenings
- Concerts in Harry Griffin Park on Sunday from 6 - 7 PM

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.



July Birthdays

7/28 Bill Ashman
7/30 Bonnie Welch

**100th Anniversary Meeting
Wednesday, July 16th, 11 AM
Prior to Regular Meeting**

Lunch Time Assignments

July 9, 2025

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

July 16, 2025

Greeter Dale Bailey
Pledge Ron Morrell
Thought Ryan Barnhill
4 Way Test Becki Schwartz

July 23, 2025

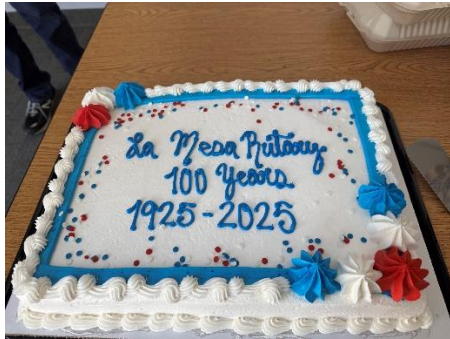
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Thought For the Day



Ron Morrell thought today was on the history and progression of Rotary's motto "Service Above Self".

100 Years of Service

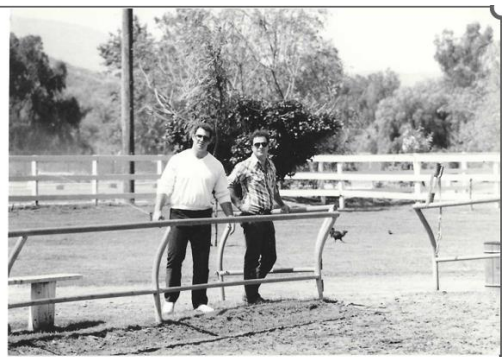


As we begin our 100th Year, I plan to go into the La Mesa Rotary's vault (also known as Keith's stash) or the La Mesa Historical Center to find photos of the club's activities over the years.

This week I have photos of the famous Horse Shows, once a profitable fundraiser for the club.



Keith Dindinger, Bob McClellan, and Ed Thalmayer



Marty Schwartz and Gary Classen



Safety First! Unknown Rotarian manning the press box from a high spot.



Show Participants!



Bob McClellan's daughter.