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Wednesday 12:00 noon
La Mesa Community Center
4975 Memorial Drive
La Mesa, CA 91942

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It was our privilege to receive a visit from District 5340 Governor Jeb Bakke today. Jeb's Rotary journey first began in 1991 when he joined the Poway Rotary Club. After a few years he took a break from Rotary to raise his children. In 2019, Jeb returned to Rotary "for good" when he joined the Rancho Bernardo Sunrise Club. The one thing he loves about Rotary is the ability to work with like minded community leaders in a non-threatening way.

Jeb shared three of his most memorable Rotary moments he experienced in his journey to become DG 5340.

Jeb also shared his vision for the district under his leadership. He plans to improve the district's infrastructure, fiscal responsibility, work with a public relations group to improve our Rotary image and determine what would be best handled at the club level.

Jeb plans to award one Rotarian at each club visit with then Governor's Award. The awardee is selected by the Club president. We were excited to see Bill Ashman awarded the Governor's Award.



Lunch Assignments

Please exchange with someone if you're unable to perform your assignment.

July 29, 2026

Greeter Bill Ashman
Pledge Mary Elington
Thought Martin Barksdale
4 Way Test Ryan Barnhill

August 3, 2026

Greeter Martin Barksdale
Pledge Marsha Darling
Thought Keith Dindinger
4 Way Test Bonnie Welch

August 10, 2026

Greeter Marsha Darling
Pledge Marsha Starr
Thought Dr. Jay
4 Way Test Keith Dindinger

August 17, 2026

Greeter Keith Dindinger
Pledge Louise Herr-Marshall
Thought Bill Ashman
4 Way Test Marsha Darling

Upcoming Programs

7/29

Gabriela Contreras-Misirlioglu
Backpack project

July Birthdays

7/28 Bill Ashman
7/30 Bonnie Welch

Community Project

Backpack project will take place next week. During our regular meeting time we will assemble and stuff 100 backpacks with school supplies. Following the meeting the backpacks will be delivered to the La Mesa Spring Valley School District Resource Center for distribution to children in need.

No need to purchase anything, the items have been purchased by our Foundation.

2026 - 27 District Grants

Thank you Bill Ashman for submitting a District Grant application for our bike build. We have been approved for \$3000. The approval below is from the District website.

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P-6208 **Bikes for kids** [Administration](#)

Description	Financing	Documents	Photos	History Logs
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Project Description

Country: USA **Location:** La Mesa Spring Valley **Total Budget:** \$8,000

Area of Focus: Basic education and literacy

Activity Type: Education: Literacy

Summary: Buying the bikes. ALL second graders at Harriett Tubman Ele. Sch will be entering a writing contest. They must research and write an essay. The essay will be about 'How to improve your school's community'.

As a low income school the majority of second graders do not have bicycles. The students need to improve their writing skills. The teachers use this contest to motivate the students to research and talk about the needs of their community, and write an essay how they would make it better. The funds will pay for some of the bikes. The Club Foundation will pay the remaining. The bikes are assembled by, usually, 10 Rotarians and 6 Interact students from Mt Miguel and Grossmont H.S.

The bikes are assembled the first week of December and distributed near December 10.

Project Contact Person

District: 5340	Rotary Club of: La Mesa
Primary Contact: Bill Ashman	Email: ashmanwj@cox.net

Project Status

Fully Pledged

This project is "**Fully Pledged**". This means the amount of the pledges is equal to the total budget of the project. Now the project needs to be finalized and go through the club signature process. This process gets started on the [administration page](#).

Project listed for the 2026-27 Rotary Year.

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Margaret (Maggie) Eggers

December 17, 1956 – May 28, 2026

Celebration of Life Being Held on Saturday, July 25th

The Board of Directors of the La Mesa Chamber of Commerce invites you to celebrate the amazing life of our Chairman, Maggie Eggers on **Saturday, July 25th at 11:00 a.m.** and being held at the La Mesa Community Center, 4975 Memorial Drive, La Mesa, CA 91942.

Margaret (Maggie) Eggers passed away on May 28, 2026. Maggie was a devoted wife, stepmother, sister, aunt, colleague and friend who placed family and community at the center of her life. She shared 44 years of marriage with her beloved husband, Robert (Bob), a partnership defined by deep friendship, loyalty, and love. She was closely connected to her community and maintained lifelong relationships that meant a great deal to her. She found her true profession as a team member of EDCO being a team member for the past 42 years. She and her husband Bob have been part of the EDCO Family for a combined 82 years.

A loyal and enthusiastic supporter of the business community, Maggie served on the Board of Directors of the La Mesa Chamber of Commerce and assumed the helm as Chairman. She contributed her time, energy and unwavering support to the growth and success of the La Mesa business community.

Event	Date/Time	Location
District 5340 Govenor Visit	7/22/2026	
DG Jeb Bakke meets with Board	7/22/2026/1330	
Maggie Eggers Memorial	7/25/2026/11 AM	Community Center 4975 Memorial Drive
Back Pack Assembly	7/29/2026	Regular weekly meeting
Board Meeting	8/3/2026/5PM	Zoom
End Polio Now Walk	10/26 8 AM	1788 El Prado
District 5340 Picnic	4/18/2027	TBA