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

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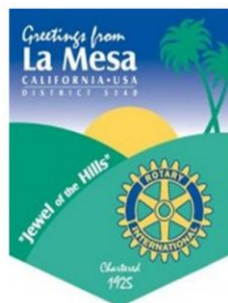
Greg Erickson

Youth Service

Mark Matthews

Speaker Chair

Bill Ashman



La Mesa Rotary was honored to welcome Dr. Kristen Vital Brulte, Superintendent of the Grossmont Union High School District, and Collin McGlashen, Director of Public Affairs & Regulatory Relations, as our guests today.

Dr. Brulte joined GUHSD in July 2025. She began her educational career as an English teacher at Whittier High School and went on to serve as Superintendent in Oakland, Alameda, and Capistrano before coming to Grossmont. She is widely recognized for her leadership in Oakland, where she helped stabilize a district that had been \$100 million in debt.

During her first year at GUHSD, Dr. Brulte worked with more than 500 community members to chart a forward-looking path for the district. Their work focused on three key areas: the *Portrait of a Graduate*, the *needs of educators*, and the *overall condition and structure of the district*.

The community committee reviewed an impressive 540,000 pieces of data and developed the following expectations for the Portrait of a Graduate. Students should be:

- Active in the pursuit of their intellectual future
- Community-minded and globally aware
- Creative problem solvers and critical thinkers
- Effective communicators
- Healthy and self-aware
- Kind, mature adults

District goals include improving attendance and graduation rates, strengthening fiscal controls, and continuing to enhance systems, services, and Special Education. The current graduation rate is 83%, with an attendance rate of 90%.

We also learned about GUHSD's accomplishments for the 2025-26 year, which include building a culture of trust and collaboration, establishing a cohesive governance team, completing the Portrait of a Graduate process, and beginning its implementation.

Lunch Assignments

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

July 22, 2026

Greeter Bonnie Welch
Pledge Dan Mc Namara
Thought Martin Barksdale
4 Way Test Mary Elington

July 29, 2026

Greeter Bill Ashman
Pledge Mary Elington
Thought Dr Jay
4 Way Test Ryan Barnhill

August 3, 2026

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

Upcoming Programs

7/15 Dr. Kirsten Vital Brulte
GUHS Superintendent

7/22 Jeb Bakke
District 5340 Governor 2026-27

7/29
Gabriela Contreras-Misirlioglu
Backpack project

July Birthdays

7/28 Bill Ashman
7/30 Bonnie Welch



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