



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

## District 5340 Governor Luis Carranza Visit

### Board Members

President Bonnie Welch  
President-elect  
Gabriella Misirlioglu  
Past President  
Becki Schwartz  
Secretary Kathy Olsen  
Treasurer Ryan Barnhill

### Board Members

#### Directors

Dale Bailey  
Marsha Darling  
Mary Elington  
Greg Erickson  
Mike Fellows  
Louise Herr-Marshall

### Membership

Mark Matthews

### Youth Service

Mark Matthews

### Speaker Chair

Bill Ashman



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OF ROTARY



We were honored to have Luis Carranza, Rotary District 5340 Governor, visit our club today. Governor Carranza was born in Tijuana, at the age of seven he came across the border to a new world and new culture. Family, love, faith, and resiliency were key components in his growth. From his father he learned the importance of showing up every day with integrity. Raised in the east county he volunteered as a candy stripper on the Oncology Unit of Grossmont Hospital, played the violin in the San Diego Youth Symphony, and graduated from Grossmont HS.

He relayed the story on how his theme, "Don't Miss the Bus" came to fruition". While visiting Ensenada waiting for a bus to go downtown, he was talking to a confused couple who didn't speak the language and weren't sure where they were going. When the bus came, he told them to get on, the doors immediately closed. In making a choice to put someone else first, he missed the bus and found his mission. His message is that we as Rotarians need to "Unite for Good". Rotary is a place to help others, not only build programs but build people. Remember why we became Rotarians and why we are still Rotarians.

We were reminded that the Rotary Foundation is the heartbeat of Rotary. The Youth Programs are the seeds of Rotary, in mentoring the Interact and Rotaract Clubs we are the water for their growth.

April 24 - 26, 2026 he will be holding a multi-district Rotary Conference at the new Gaylord Pacific Resort in Chula Vista.

We were each given a bracelet with Rotary on one side and Don't Miss the Bus on the other.

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## Time for a Photo!

### **New Date - August 20<sup>th</sup>**



**We need a new photo of the club!!** In honor of our Centennial Party, we want a photo for the booklet we're developing about the club's history. The last photo was taken 7 years ago.

**We would like all members to attend the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting during which the photograph will be taken.**

**Please plan on attending this meeting for a great club photo.**

### **August Birthdays**

8/11 Dani Womack

8/23 Mike Fellows

### **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting**

**Wednesday, August 20th, 11 AM  
Prior to Regular Meeting**

## Lunch Time Assignments

### **August 20, 2025**

Greeter Becki Schwartz

Pledge Gabriella Misirlioglu

Thought Greg Erickson

4 Way Test Mike Fellows

### **August 27, 2025**

Greeter Kathy Olsen

Pledge Becki Schwartz

Thought Gabriella Misirlioglu

4 Way Test Greg Erickson

### **September 3, 2025**

Greeter Mary Elington

Pledge Maggie Eggers

Thought Marsha Darling

4 Way Test Gabriella Misirlioglu

## Upcoming Programs

### **8/20/2025**

Andrew Goodman

Safari Water Park Water Source

### **8/27/2025**

Water Sports for Exceptional Athletes

### **9/9/2025**

David Cohn

Success Behind Cohn Restaurant Group

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## La Mesa Rotary Centennial Celebration



**Time is running out! Last day to register for the** Club's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is September 17<sup>th</sup>! The event will be held on **Saturday, October 18, 2025**, on the Hornblower Harbor Cruise from 5:30 pm to 9 pm. Please use the QR code below to sign up.



### La Mesa City Council

Circle your calendar to plan on attending the La Mesa City Council meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Arapostathis will present a proclamation to our Rotary Club recognizing our 100 years of service to the city. We would like to have a good attendance at this meeting. Our proclamation will occur at the beginning of the meeting, so we won't be there long. More information to come.

## Project Completed



The 100 backpacks we purchased and filled were delivered to the La Mesa Schools Resource Center on Monday, August 11, 2025.

Tammie Babbitt, Dale Elementary School Principal, was excited to accept the backpacks from Bonnie, Bill, and Mary. A big thank you to Greg Erickson for storing the backpacks in his office for the past two weeks.

Many thanks to Martin for underwriting the cost of the backpacks and the many other club members who purchased items and filled the backpacks. Great project!