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La Mesa Community Center
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Safari Park Water Reclamation

Andrew Goodman, one of two employees responsible for water reclamation at the Safari Wild Animal Park, was our guest speaker today. Goodman raised in San Diego, attended Sonoma State University, returned to San Diego two years ago to lead the Zoo's water reclamation efforts.

Safari Park utilizes water reclamation and recycling to conserve water and support its animal habitats and landscaping. They have an onsite wastewater treatment facility that includes recycled water infrastructure to reduce reliance on well water irrigation. Safari Park upgraded its treatment plant with a membrane bioreactor (MBR) system to remove contaminants from wastewater. The MBR system combines biological treatment with membrane filtration, resulting in high quality treated water.

Safari Park recycles more than 16 million gallons of water annually. That number is expected to rise significantly with the opening of Elephant Valley in November.

Very interesting program.



Rotary Club of La Mesa 2025

Rotary Exchange Student



Chisa, a Rotary Scholar from Japan, is shown exchanging Club banners with President Bonnie Welch. Chisa, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Sagamihara, is studying for a master's in public health at San Diego State University. Chisa received a nursing and public health degree in Japan. We are assisting the La Mesa Sunrise Club with transportation and other needs.

August Birthdays

8/11 Dani Womack
8/23 Mike Fellows

100th Anniversary Meeting

Wednesday, September 17th, 11 AM
Prior to Regular Meeting

Lunch Time Assignments

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

September 10, 2025

Greeter Mike Fellows
Pledge Mary Elington
Thought Maggie Eggers
4 Way Test Jim Kline

Upcoming Programs

8/27/2025

Water Sports for Exceptional Athletes

9/3/2025

Feed the Flock

9/10/2025

David Cohn
Success Behind Cohn Restaurant Group

La Mesa Rotary Centennial Celebration



Time is running out! Last day to register for the Club's 100th Anniversary is September 17th! 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 14th. 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.

August Rotarian of Month



President Bonnie Welch, honored Mary Elington as the Rotarian of the Month for August. Bonnie recognized her for assisting in many areas of club needs as well as publishing the weekly Tattler.