

# The Tattler

## Rotary Club of La Mesa

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Meeting Date: 8/30/17

Wednesday's @ Noon, La Mesa Community Center,  
4975 Memorial Drive, La Mesa CA 91942



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### *No One Left Behind*

#### Amanda Matti & Matt Makowski

*No One Left Behind* is a non-profit organization that helps military interpreters from Iraq and Afghanistan who have Special Immigrant Visas to resettle in the United States. Matt Makowski is the President of the local chapter. "The interpreters and other wartime allies that risked their lives to help us are often forgotten about when they are most in need," he says. "I had volunteered with some other organizations that focused on refugee resettlement in Baltimore, so it seemed like a good opportunity to help this community by using what I had learned in previous roles."

Matt lives in North Park with his wife Stefanie and works full time as an electrical engineer. Matt volunteers his time to oversee San Diego operations, which have resettled 16 people and their families since his arrival.

Amanda Matti is the author of *Voicing the Eagle* and *A Foreign Affair*. She served 6 years in the US Navy and *A Foreign Affair* chronicles her experiences during her 2005 deployment to Iraq and how she met her husband, a Baghdad native who served as her translator. Now living in San Diego she has accepted a position as a Marketing Coordinator for a San Diego travel company and her husband Fadi has developed a real estate business catering to fellow Iraqi immigrants arriving in Southern California. They now also work with *No One Left Behind*.

#### Lunch Time Service Opportunities

##### August 30, 2017

Greeter	Gary Clasen
Songs	Jenny Flynn
Pledge	Jim Kline
Thought	Nathan Oestreich
Raffle	John Witt
Fines	Mark Bagula
4-Way	Sue Richardson

##### September 6, 2017

Greeter	Parker Cox
Songs	Ben Hamilton
Pledge	Dennis Knight
Thought	Kathy Olson
Raffle	Dani Womack
Fines	Dale Bailey
4-Way	Jerry Esqueda

##### September 13, 2017

Greeter	Marsha Darling
Songs	Louise Herr-Marshall
Pledge	Al Lantz
Thought	Sue Richardson
Raffle	Robert Aguilar
Fines	Sam Bauchmann
4-Way	Kathy Olson

**If you cannot perform  
your assigned duty,  
please arrange for a  
replacement.**

## Important Dates:

- Aug 26<sup>th</sup> La Mesa Historical Society Private Tour – Noon
- Aug 30<sup>th</sup> Amanda Matti – Author – *No One Left Behind* organization
- Sept 5<sup>th</sup> La Mesa Rotary Board of Directors meeting – 5:30 pm
- Sept 6<sup>th</sup> Rotary Night with the San Diego Padres
- Sept 9<sup>th</sup> Interact Club Symposium – Liberty Station – 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
- Sept 16<sup>th</sup> District Peace Leadership Seminar – Ronald McDonald House – 9 -12:30
- Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017 Foundation Seminar – Poway Center for Performing Arts 8:00 am
- Oct 14<sup>th</sup> LEAD youth Conference



The La Mesa Historical Society is giving the members of La Mesa Rotary an opportunity to visit for a private tour of their research and archive facility. This will be done prior to their opening for research personnel.

Please RSVP to Keith Dindinger.

**Date: Saturday, August 26**

**Time: 12:00 pm (noon)**

**Place: 8369 University Ave, La Mesa  
Corner of University & Pine**

(Note: Archive / Research building is behind the historic McKinney House)

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## 5th Annual Fundraiser for Mary's House



Friday, September 29  
6:30pm - 10:30pm

Jen & Lauren's House  
3428 Juniper Street  
San Diego, CA 92014  
Questions? (860) 830-4454

### 5th Annual Fundraiser for Mary's House in Vietnam

#### Tickets \$50

- Live music by Steph Johnson
- Food by Epic Catering
- Open bar with beer and wine
- Silent auction and raffle

All ticket sales and donations tax-deductible through Giving It Back To Kids, a 501(c)3 non-profit

Tickets and donations:  
<https://givingitbacktokids.org/marys-house.php>  
Put attendees names in "comments"

Please invite friends and family to expand our giving community!  
These kids are amazing!



## La Mesa Rotary 2017-18 Board of Directors

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## President Corner:

First of all I would like to welcome our two newest members to the La Mesa Rotary Club.

Major Jerry Esqueda.—Associate Pastor with The Salvation Army.

Bridgette Tabor.—Commercial Insurance Specialist.

I believe these two will be great additions to our club.

I would like to thank Marsha Starr for all the work she is putting in on the Shoe Drive. ( Don't forget to bring your new or used shoes to a meeting before Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.) We got a chance to make some good money for the club.

La Mesa Rotary, Charitable Giving Campaign, is coming up. Your requests must be submitted to Sam Bauchmann.

I still have my membership list of all members who have not brought a guest to one of our meetings. Let's get your name off the list.

I would like to thank Kathy Olsen for taking the Peace Chair.

Board meeting coming up on Tuesday Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> at Jack's house 5:30pm.

Thanks Jack.

## Interested in being a future District Governor?

Not sure how it's done? We have answers for you!

The District will hold a meeting for all interested persons to discuss the requirements, the selection process and answer questions about the position on **September 11, 6:30 pm at the home of PDG Janice Kurth, 7225 Rue De Roark, La Jolla.** The current District Governor and several Past District Governors will be available at the meeting to talk with you - we urge you to attend!

Please RSVP by email to PDG Marilyn Sanderson

[marilynsanderson1617@gmail.com](mailto:marilynsanderson1617@gmail.com) no later than **September 8.**