



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

## 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

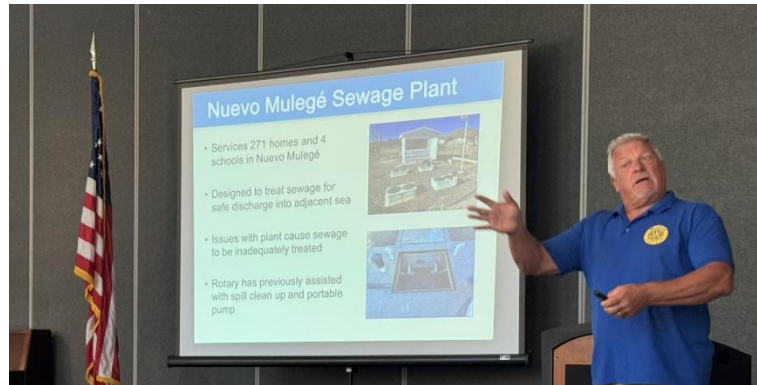
Bill Ashman



THE MAGIC  
OF ROTARY



## Nuevo Mulege Sewer Plan Upgrade



Jeff Beeler is a resident of Mulege in Baja Sur Mexico after living most of his life in San Diego County. Jeff's professional life included 32 years with the La Mesa Fire Department from which he retired as a captain in 2007. Jeff is a member of the Mulege Rotary Club in District 4100.

The Mulege Rotary Club while small makes a major impact on this region in Baja. The Club was founded in 1972, currently has 20 members with an annual budget of 250,000 to 300,000 pesos. Most of the members are Expats from the US or Canada.

Nuevo Mulege is a neighborhood of 271 houses, 4 schools and 1 student boarding house. The Sewage Plant serving this area has an inadequate electrical grid, the electricity continues to go out, pumps fail, and the sewage backs up into the high school. The Rotary Club would like to stabilize the sewer treatment plant. This project will provide solar power to supplement the unreliable electrical grid, preventing overflows, and the dumping of untreated sewage into the riverbed and school.

The Rotary Club members, who are back in the US or Canada, due to the August heat, are seeking donations to reach their goal. They're asking clubs or individuals to sponsor an item(s) on their equipment list. Are you interested in donating to this project? Total project budget is \$30,000. Checks may be given to Bill Ashman for coordination with the Mulege Rotary Club. We can also provide Venmo or Zell numbers for donations if needed.

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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 13, 2025**

Greeter Gabriella Misirlioglu

Pledge Greg Erickson

Thought Mike Fellows

4 Way Test Dale Bailey

### **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

## Upcoming Programs

### **8/13/2025**

Luis Carranza District 5340 Governor

**Board Members to meet with Governor  
at 11:15 AM in Board Room.**

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

Water Sports for Exceptional Athletes

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## La Mesa Rotary Centennial Celebration



**Time is running out! Last day to register for the e** 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 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.

## GOVERNOR'S VISIT



Luis Carranza, District 5340 Governor, will be visiting our club on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Please come so the club has a great showing for the Governor. Luis is originally an East County boy. A graduate of Grossmont High School (Bill Ashman was his principal) and a candy striper at Grossmont Hospital.

**The LMR Board will meet with the Governor before the regular meeting at 11:15 in the Board Room.**

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## Recent Board Decisions

A review of the Rule of 85 and lunch waivers was conducted at the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. After a thorough review of the Memorandum of Rotary, Club Constitution and Bylaws by the Board it was determined that the Rule of 85 pertains to attendance requirements only. Rule of 85 has been misunderstood and felt to exclude people from lunch payment.

The Board passed a motion that the current members with the Rule of 85 will be honored. We will not be accepting new requests for Rule of 85 which is age plus 20 years in Rotary.

The Board also reviewed the process of members requesting Dues Only and having a lunch waiver. Dues Only pertains to circumstances the Board considers good and sufficient for excused absences, i.e. medical reasons, birth or adoption of child to name a few. Members with Dues Only status will be evaluated at the time their current exception comes up for review. Dues Only request requires the member to write a letter of request to Kathy Olsen, Club Secretary.

The Board is considering changes to items served as lunch options. We will be evaluating different meal plans and catering options over the next several weeks. We look forward to hearing yeah or nay from the members to assist with this process.

The cost of lunch has increased like everything else so effective 9/3/25, lunches will be \$25.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

## Club Excellence Award

The Rotary Club of La Mesa was one of forty-one clubs in the district to receive the Club Excellence Award for Rotary Year 2024-25.

President Bonnie congratulated the club on the honor as well as recognizing Becki for her leadership to get us there.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**