

# The Tattler

## Rotary Club of La Mesa

Volume 2020-21, No.338 Meeting Date: 8/18/21

Wednesday's @ Noon

La Mesa Community Center,

4975 Memorial Drive, La Mesa CA 91942



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### Sean Elo-Rivera Councilmember District 9 Chollas Water Shed

“Chollas Creek is a 32 square mile natural waterway and drainage system that traverses neighborhoods within City Heights, Oak Park, Encanto, Chollas View, Mt. View, Mt. Hope, Barrio Logan, and Southcrest, from its headwaters in La Mesa and Lemon Grove to San Diego Bay. Located in the Pueblo Watershed, Chollas Creek was a significant settlement for the Kumeyaay, and has amongst the richest cultural, biological, and geological assets in the region.” – Groundwork San Diego

Councilmember Elo-Rivera will discuss his priorities for Chollas Creek and how he's working with Groundwork San Diego and other advocates and stakeholders to restore Chollas Creek to its natural state, which will bring long-sought environmental, recreational, and economic benefits to the communities within the watershed.

**NOTE: Our speaker will be at the beginning of the meeting this week – starting at 12:30pm. Please try and log in early!**

#### Lunch Time Service Opportunities

##### August 18, 2021

Pledge	Ben Hamilton
Thought	Jim Kline
4-Way	Mark Matthews

##### August 25, 2021

Pledge	Becki Schwartz
Thought	Dan Willis
4-Way	Marsha Starr

##### September 1, 2021

Pledge	Jim Kline
Thought	Jay Thompson
4-Way	Louise Marshall

##### September 8, 2021

Pledge	Dennis Knight
Thought	Dani Womack
4-Way	Martin Brickson

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

## Important Dates:

August 18<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting **ZOOM – 12:30pm**

Guest Speaker: Council Member Sean Elo-Rivera – Chollas Water Shed

August 25<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting **IN PERSON – LA MESA COMMUNITY CENTER!**

Guest Speaker: Mary England – La Mesa Chamber of Commerce

September 1<sup>st</sup> Club Meeting **ZOOM – 12:30pm**

Guest Speaker: San Diego Alzheimer Association

September 7<sup>th</sup> La Mesa Rotary Board Meeting – 6:00pm via ZOOM

September 8<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting **IN PERSON – LA MESA COMMUNITY CENTER!**

Guest Speaker: California Fish & Game

September 15<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting **ZOOM – 12:30pm**

Guest Speaker: San Diego Association for the Blind

## Rotary International Embraces Diversity

At its June meeting, the RI Board of Directors, with guidance from the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Taskforce, took additional steps to ensure our organization values and lives the principals of diversity, equity and inclusion by revisiting and strengthening Rotary's 2019 DEI statement. The result is a new *Commitment to Diversity Equity and Inclusion* adopted in June 2021:

*“At Rotary, we understand that cultivating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture is essential to realizing our vision of a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change.*

*We value diversity and celebrate the contributions of people of all backgrounds, across age, ethnicity, race, color, disability, learning style, religion, faith, socioeconomic status, culture, marital status, languages spoken, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity as well as differences in ideas, thoughts, values, and beliefs.*

*Recognizing that individuals from certain groups have historically experienced barriers to membership, participation, and leadership, we commit to advancing equity in all aspects of Rotary, including in our community partnerships, so that each person has the necessary access to resources, opportunities, networks, and support to thrive.*

*We believe that all people hold visible and invisible qualities that inherently make them unique, and we strive to create an inclusive culture where each person knows they are valued and belong.”*

## La Mesa Rotary Weekly Meetings

For now La Mesa Rotary will meet on ZOOM the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday's at 12:30pm and we will meet IN-PERSON at the La Mesa Community Center the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday's of the month! We will have a box lunch available when we meet in person.

If there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month we will plan a Community Service Project or Club Social on the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday!



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## Paul Harris Fellows



Thank you Mike for presenting Mark Matthews & Dale Bailey with their Paul Harris Fellows! Thank you both for your contributions to the Rotary Foundation!

## La Mesa Rotary School Supply Drive

Martin would like to start his Fall School Supply Drive this month! We have seen Staples, Office Depot, Wal Mart & Target start with some of their Back-To-School Specials!

If you get a chance to buy any of these promotional school supplies please bring them to the Community Center when we meet for lunch!