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Wednesday 12:00 noon
La Mesa Community Center
4975 Memorial Drive
La Mesa, CA 91942

Community Service -Good Neighbor Award

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OF ROTARY



David Harris is a resident of La Mesa, CA, and past president of the La Mesa Sunrise Rotary Club spoke to us today regarding new building projects and businesses coming to La Mesa. David serves on the City of La Mesa Planning Committee and is a community activist focusing on affordable housing. David spoke about the new neuro hospital that opened in April at Grossmont Hospital and the new Post Acute Care facility on the corner of Center Drive and Grossmont Center Drive. The projected opening of this facility is later this fall. Grossmont Center has a new owner and is in the first phase of remodeling and upgrading, a project with numerous phases over the next several years. TJ Maxx and Ulta are going in to the previous Toys R Us location.

Bank of America will be opening a new branch on November 14th. In & Out Burger will be moving into their old location. Soapy Joe's will be moving to the old Red Lobster location with 31 vacuum bays. In addition to the new In & Out Burger La Mesa will be getting several other new eateries. Bruster's Ice Cream shop will be opening on Fletcher Parkway at the Grossmont Trolley Center. Other new businesses recently opened or opening soon are Aromi Italian Cuisine, Aromi Pizza, J K's Greek Cuisine, Oodles noodle bar, Hacienda de Cazadores and Aromas de Indian. Aromas de Indian has robots to bring the food to the table with servers there to put it on your table.

There are three new housing projects on the docket. 8181 Allison is a new complex offering 1- and 2-bedroom apartments for those with moderate income. 73 townhouses will be built on Jericho Road and Amaya, and a new apartment complex is close to completion at our old home, the La Mesa Woman's Club.

La Mesa Rotary Centennial Celebration



Party Time! Are you registered for the Centennial Celebration? 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.



100th Anniversary Meeting

Wednesday, October 15, 11 AM
Prior to Regular Meeting

Lunch Time Assignments

October 1, 2025

Greeter Martin Brickson
Pledge Jim Kline
Thought Bill Ashman
4 Way Test Mark Matthews

October 8, 2025

Greeter Marsha Starr
Pledge Martin Brickson
Thought Jim Kline
4 Way Test Scott Elam

October 15, 2025

Greeter Scott Elam
Pledge Marsha Starr
Thought Martin Brickson
4 Way Test Ron Morrell

October 22, 2025

Greeter Guy Elam
Pledge Scott Elam
Thought Marsha Starr
4 Way Test Martin Brickson

October 29, 2025

Dark - No Meeting

Upcoming Programs

10/1/2025

Jean Kalker - Cystic Fibrosis

10/8/2025

Kristen Iverson - Friends of the Library

10/15/2025

Roger Haines - Solar Cookers

Upcoming Community Projects



Bike Build will be held at 8 AM on Saturday, November 8th at Christian Brothers Restoration. The bikes will be given to second graders at La Pressa Elementary School on November 18th. Please note this is a month earlier than usual. Due to the rising costs

and tariffs Mark secured the bikes earlier.

Christian Brothers Restoration is located at 10176 Riverford Road, Lakeside.



Urban Street Angels is a local program that helps homeless youth. The program offers a unique blend of supportive housing, on-the-job employment training, and holistic mental health services. We will be assisting with providing 120 youth with a Thanksgiving and

Christmas meal. The Program will provide the turkey and ham; our part is to serve and provide the sides. The Thanksgiving meal will be held on Monday, November 24th and the Christmas meal will be held on December 17th.

Marsha Starr will be coordinating this event. This may be early for some of us to think about the holidays, but this is to get it on your radar. More details to come later.

Walk 4 Alzheimer's



When: Saturday, October 4th

Time: 8 AM

Where: Liberty Station

Distance: Whatever you can manage
Course is 5 K or 2 laps

Ryan Barnhill, our captain, is organizing the La Mesa Rotary team. We will have our LM Rotary Tent and breakfast for our walkers.

Register at:

<http://act.alz.org/goto/LaMesaRotary>

or use this QR code.



Camp Julian Oaks



Camp Julian Oaks will be holding their annual BBQ Fundraiser on October 25th. The BBQ will include a Hike-a-Thon as part of the event. See Becki Schwartz if you're interested in sponsoring a hiker.

Service Opportunities

Event	Date/Time	Location
Walk for Alzheimers	October 4 th ; 8 AM	Liberty Station
Centennial Anniversary	October 18th; 6 PM	Hornblower Cruise
LEAD	October 11 th and 12 th	Camp Cuyamaca
Camp Julian Oaks Annual BBQ Fundraiser	October 25 th	Camp Julian Oaks, Julian
Bike Build	November 8 th	Christian Brothers Restoration 10176 Riverford Road, Lakeside
Bike Give Away	November 18 th	La Pressa Elementary School
Thanksgiving Meal Servers	November 24 th	Urban Street Angels
Christmas Meal Servers	December 17 th	Urban Street Angels