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Examining the Nature of a 'quality' Education

As a country, we are all interested in educating our children in the 'best' way possible. This is where most of the agreement ends, since we all have our own definition of a 'quality education' system. With advancements in technology and world events being instantly perceived, discussed and experienced globally, the future of our Nation and the world depends on our 'youth' receiving equitable access to quality education. However, many countries, cultures, states and communities define this 'quality' in different ways.

No 'one' definition or list can fully capture the complexities surrounding 'quality' education. However, there are some 'basic' qualities most systems find amenable for education to be meaningful, worthwhile and responsive to the individual and social needs of society and determine how much and how well students learn and translate that learning into varying personal, social and developmental benefits.

Standardized tests, school/professional rating systems, educational competitions, advanced placement, and a host of other compensatory analysis formats tend to antagonize, separate and destroy global needs required to make sure we survive as a nation and a worldwide neighbor.

Benchmarks can be used in positive ways to direct educational guidelines, using 'technical benchmarks' to determine which common core Student Learning Outcomes (SLO's) are feasible by creating goals that are specific, measureable, action oriented, realistic, and transferable (SMART goals). Outdated paradigms include many 'competitive benchmarks' which strive to create contention as they pit one student or school against another and in fact has proven to 'leave a child behind'. Changing with the times and incorporating cooperative well rounded equal access schools will benefit us all in our global future!

Sometimes it is difficult to not get caught up in the individual programs, disciplines, personal relations, test scores or other minutia causing frustrations to flare. However, parents who understand the 'big picture' of education and support the multiple intricacies of providing a quality education for ALL our children help their children to create a healthier and kinder society. As the MM community welcomes the new Salk Elementary school, I am sure parents will review the MOST important aspects of education... a 'happy' child who is treated with respect and encouraged to do their own personal best while learning in a healthy non-competitive environment. (more on page 3)

By Donna Carter

2015 Miss Mira Mesa Pageant

Maria Pankau and a plethora of volunteers put together a spectacular pageant again this year. The auditorium at Miramar College was over 90% full. This pageant, a stepping stone to the Miss Greater San Diego, Miss California and Miss USA pageants, serves to instill poise and pride in the young women of our community. It also allows them to compete for scholarships to further their education. Started as the Miss Mira Mesa/Miss Teen Mira Mesa pageant in 2012, the event has expanded to include Scripps Ranch in 2014, and Rancho Penasquitos in 2015.

For 2015 **Miss Teen MM** (on left) **Isabella McFarland** with **Miss Mira Mesa Sabrina Randall** (on right)

…. more pageant info and photos on page 9

Mira Mesa Town Council Meeting

- Monday March 2, 2015
  7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
  Mira Mesa Library.
  Refreshments @ 6:30

Agenda:

Mira Mesa Schools progress report and 2015-16 changes

Upcoming events roundup.

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MMTC President's Message for March

Its *Spring Time* in Mira Mesa and every time I watch the evening news and see the events unfolding on the East Coast, I feel blessed many times over to be here in San Diego with all of you. I lived on the East Coast for many years and it's not just the weather I find different; living in Mira Mesa is a big part of that blessing. Having served in the Navy for 21 years, I've lived all over but nowhere else have I felt so comfortable among my neighbors, relaxed! I invite you to 'slow down', look around and enjoy all our community has to offer your families.

Mira Mesa is about the most *mixed* community in which I have lived. I don't actually mean *racially* mixed either. Mira Mesa is an incredibly diverse community that celebrates diversity with passion at every possible opportunity. Here in Mira Mesa there are differences among all of us which we largely ignore as we continue to live together compatibly, thus proving the distinctions are truly unimportant. I do indeed love Mira Mesa.

I'm not alone in valuing our friendly MM community. I truly appreciated the commitment from all those who came out to the MM Planning Group (PG) meeting on Tuesday February 17th. It is important to have a say in who makes decisions about how our community grows and doubly important those decisions are made by people who care deeply for the ***entire*** community. This is why it is important to come to the next Planning Group meeting on Monday March 16th for the 2015 PG elections. All members (anyone you has attended at least one meeting in the past year) are encouraged to come out and vote. Thank you for showing how much you care about our beloved community!

There are many wonderful events coming up in Mira Mesa for March and I look forward to seeing you at each of them. The Tết festival at the end of Feb. was a grand success which gave us 3 full days of culture, music, history, food and FUN.

Set your calendar reminders for the ***Taste of Mira Mesa*** on March 21st and the ***Filipino Sun Fest*** on April 4th. Each of these events helps make Mira Mesa the wonderful place we all love, but your participation is required to make each event more successful. Look at the MMTC newsletter calendar and plan to be part of our community events. I promise you won't be sorry and I will see you there!

Ted Brengel

GENERAL COUNTY SERVICES INFORMATION
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EMERGENCY SERVICES
Police/Fire/EMS..... 9-1-1
Poison Control 800-222-1222

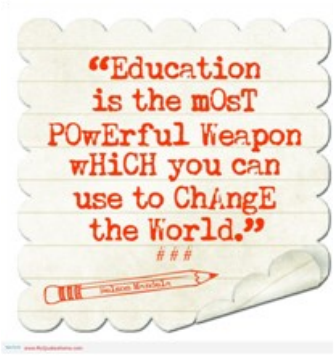
CRIMINAL ACTIVITY
Police Comm. Relations Office 858-538-8120
Suspected Arson . 800-472-7766 (47ARSON)
Gangs 619-531-2847
Graffiti 619-525-8522
Non-emergency crime 858-484-3154

UTILITIES
Fire hydrant open 619-515-3525
Gas leak 800-411-7343
Power/phone line downed 619-811-8081
Tree limbs in power lines 800-411-7343

NUISANCES
Animal, dangerous 619-236-2341
Animal, dead 858-492-5060
Animal manure (dog) 619-338-2283
Animal, rodents/rats 858-694-2888
Building abandoned or dangerous 619-236-5500
Car abandoned or inoperative .. 858-495-7856
Noise (loud) 619-236-5564
Code Compliance 619-236-5500
Trash: uncollected, overflowing dumpster, trash-strewn lot, or recyclables 858-492-5055

STREETS & ENVIRONMENT
Bus shelter damaged 619-231-1466
Manhole cover missing or damaged . 619-515-3525
Street, flooded/pothole 619-527-7500
Street, sink hole or collapse 619-515-3525
Street, traffic light non-functioning .. 619-525-8650
Swimming Pools 858-689-6296
Weeds overgrown, fallen trees, or clogged storm drain 619-527-7500

Global Criteria for Quality Education



UNICEF, Parents Across America (PAA) and other interested educational collective agencies have attempted to inventory some of the most basic characteristics for allowing children to receive quality education in all aspects. Some of these include:

- Learners who are healthy, well-nourished, thereby ready to participate and learn through the development of the child's personality, talents, mental & physical abilities to its fullest potential
- Relevant curricula and materials to acquire basic skills, especially in the areas of literacy, numeracy and skills for life in order to equip a child for responsible life in a free society, in the spirit of understanding, peace, tolerance, and friendship. Develop learning approaches to connect children to their community and the world and engender a respect for the natural environment
- Community learning environments supported by their families and society in healthy & safe environments while learning to respect & value the roles of parents, teachers, authority, and the country's national ethics and standards
- Having trained teachers use child-centered teaching approaches in well-managed classrooms and schools to facilitate learning and reduce discrimination and inequalities.

Other specific PAA requirements for quality education include creating schools that::

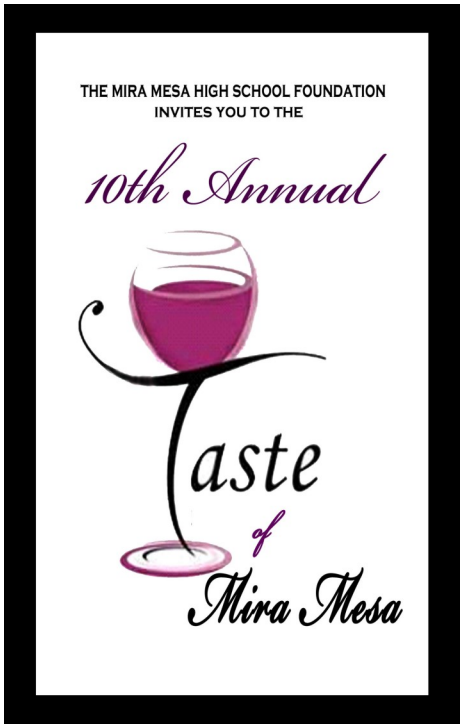
1. Nurture the whole child and encourage children's curiosity and self-expression,
2. Community-centered programs that provide services and activities benefitting students and their families along with engaging teachers, school staff, students, parents, families, and neighborhoods in collaborative relationships that foster respect, trust, appreciation and cooperation
3. Limits the use of adaptive technology and on-line learning, recognizing that the teacher/student relationship is essential to quality learning

Want to read more? Websites:

* from Dec. 2014 ... parentsacrossamerica.org/quality-education/
* www.eqao.com/EQI/EQI.aspx?Lang=E
* www.unicef.org/education/files/QualityEducation.

Take Part in affecting change in our community schools , join the
Mira Mesa Schools Cluster Meetings
Next Mtg. on Monday 3/23
Mira Mesa High
Media Center

10th Annual Taste of Mira Mesa to benefit local schools



Please plan to attend the 10th Annual Taste of Mira Mesa, Saturday, March 21st 2015, 5pm-9pm, UCSD Faculty Club on the UCSD Campus. The event is sponsored by the Mira Mesa High School Foundation. Festivities include a Silent Auction for a large variety of beautiful and unique silent auction baskets filled with vacations, specialty services, gourmet delicacies and other special gifts. Plus, guests will enjoy a wide variety of local community restaurants sharing their culinary specialties along with MMHS band and Madrigal performances.
Most importantly, ALL proceeds will benefit participating K-12 schools in the Mira Mesa community. Tickets are $35 and include one complimentary alcoholic beverage. ($40 at the door) Purchase tickets through the MMHS Foundation website: www.miramesahighschoolfoundation.org
Questions? Please email Sabrina Bazzo - sabrinabazzo@gmail.com

Out & About in Mira Mesa

New Queens of Mira Mesa Begin their Reign

All the Mira Mesa and Scripps pageant winners represent the best of Mira Mesa and Scripps by helping out at community cultural events held throughout their year long reign until next year's pageant. In the photo below, are the new Queens Miss Teen MM (on left) Bella McFarland and Miss Mira Mesa Sabrina Randall (on right) ….. Helping out at the MMTC booth at the Tết Festival for their first outing as representatives for our community. They will also soon be competing in the 'Greater Miss San Diego and Miss Teen San Diego pageants.

Above is a photo of all the lovely 2015 winners from Scripps and Mira Mesa. Say hello to them at future events. Like the March 2nd MMTC community meeting! Left to right: Miss Teen Scripps Ranch Marlene Freerkson, Miss Teen Rancho Penasquitos Lexi Rae Hurst, Miss Teen Mira Mesa Isabella McFarland, Miss Mira Mesa Sabrina Randall, Miss Scripps Ranch Hannah Wendroff, Miss Rancho Penasquitos Ally Shay Hurst.

10th Annual San Diego Tết Festival

Tết is the most important holiday in Vietnam. It is the Vietnamese New Year based on the 'lunisolar calendar' and fortunately celebrated in Mira Mesa for the 3rd year during the weekend of Feb 20th to the 22nd. Here are a few memories from that unique and traditional celebration.

VOLUNTEERS Make a Difference in Mira Mesa

Want to do something to help others in the community? Or maybe you would simply enjoy meeting new people and getting out of the house to do something interesting. Offering to volunteer with a community service agency is always rewarding!
Here are a few reasons to get involved:
#10: It's good for you.
Volunteering provides physical and mental rewards.
Reduces stress: Experts report that when you focus on someone other than yourself, it interrupts usual tension-producing patterns.
Makes you healthier: Moods and emotions, like optimism, joy, and control over one's fate, strengthen the immune system.
#9: It saves resources.
Volunteering provides valuable community services so more money can be spent on local improvements. The estimated value of a volunteer's time is $15.39 per hour.
#8: Volunteers gain professional experience.
You can test out a career.
#7: It brings people together.
As a volunteer you assist in:
Uniting people from diverse backgrounds to work toward a common goal
Building camaraderie and teamwork
#6: It promotes personal growth and self esteem.
Understanding community needs helps foster empathy and self-efficacy.
#5: Volunteering strengthens your community.
As a volunteer you help:
- Support families (daycare and eldercare)
- Improve schools (tutoring, literacy)
- Support youth (mentoring; after-school programs)
- Beautify the community (beach and park cleanups)

#4: You learn a lot.
Volunteers learn things like these:
- Volunteers discover hidden talents that may change their view on their own self worth.
- Through working with local non-profit agencies, volunteers learn about the functions and operations of our local government.
- Volunteers gain knowledge of local resources available to solve community needs.

#3: You get a chance to give back.
People like to support community resources that they use themselves or that benefit people they care about.
#2: Volunteering encourages civic responsibility.
Community service and volunteerism are an investment in our community and the people who live in it.
#1: You make a difference.
Every person counts!

MM has its own special Volunteer Face Book page and website: www.facebook.com/pages/Mira-Mesa-Volunteers/187681011099

MM Library Provides more than Books
8405 New Salem Street, San Diego, CA 92126,
(858) 538-8165
www.facebook.com/mmlibrary and www.librarysandiego.org

SAY San Diego Tax Preparation Assistance
Free tax preparation by appointment only! Contact SAY San Diego Tax Line: (858) 565-4148 ext. 280.

Here are some rewarding places in Mira Mesa to begin Volunteering

- All MM school welcome volunteers! Don't want to work in the classroom? What about traffic control in the AM or PM? Copying for teachers/office staff? Library assistance anyone? Lunch duty? + MORE!
- Mira Mesa Town Council has need of annual help for a variety of events like the Street Fair, July 4th Fair and Parade, Beer Fest, booth support for multiple annual events around town
- Mira Mesa Planning committee to help plan the future of our beautiful community for generations
- San Diego Astronomy Association volunteers conduct "star parties" for schools, Scout troops, etc., in Mira Mesa and elsewhere in San Diego. www.sdaa.org
- Mira Mesa Heroes is all about neighbors helping neighbors www.miramesaheroes.org
- The San Diego Food Bank, 9850 Distribution Avenue, San Diego CA 92121, 858-527-1419, can use volunteers age 6 and up, in groups or as individuals. sandiegofoodbank.org/volunteer/ (more pg. 9)

From the office of Congressman Scott Peters

White House Ceremony to Sign Vets Suicide Prevention Bill Into Law
After participating in this ceremony which signed this bill into law by President Obama on 2/12/2015, Rep. Peters spoke about the importance of the "Clay Hunt SAV Act".
"This will make a real difference in the lives of San Diego veterans and their families," Rep. Peters said. "Getting the bill passed through Congress and signed by the President is the kind of bipartisan action that the American people expect, and that the country's veterans deserve. This day would not have been possible without the help of veterans and advocates across the country, including Dr. Howard and Jean Somers from Coronado, who have been tireless in their commitment to making reforms at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)."
Rep. Peters helped pass the "Clay Hunt SAV Act" in the House of Representatives and he recently hosted the Somers at the State of the Union to honor their work for reforms at the VA.
H.R. 203, the "Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention for American Veterans (SAV) Act," establishes a pilot program to help veterans access mental health services in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), requires the VA to set up a single website portal for mental health services, and authorizes the VA to take actions to increase retention of mental health staff.

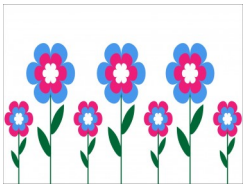
Events:

Taste of Mira Mesa March 21st, UCSD Faculty Club

March 2015

Annual Taste of Mira Mesa to Support ALL Mira Mesa schools

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 **Mira Mesa Town Council** MM Lib.@ 7pm	3	4 Pajama Story Time MM Library 6:30 Mira Mesa Homework Helpers 6pm MM Library	5	6	7 Zumba w/ Azi – 1 pm, Mira Mesa Library
8	9 Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors – 6pm, MMTC Office	10 Mira Mesa Recreation Council 7pm Lopez Ridge Rec. Center MM	11 Pajama Story Time MM Library 6:30 Mira Mesa Homework Helpers 6pm MM Library	12	13	14 Zumba w/ Azi – 1 pm, Mira Mesa Library
15	16 Mira Mesa Community Planning Group 7 pm, Mira Mesa Library (new location) **IMPORTANT Mtg. to VOTE** for new committee members	17	18 Pajama Story Time MM Library 6:30+ Library Homework Helpers @ 6pm	19	20	21 **Taste of Mira Mesa @ UCSD** Zumba w/ Azi – 1 pm, Mira Mesa Library
22	23 MM Library E-Reader clinic 11am-12 (all Mondays)	24 **Banned Book Club** MM Library 6:30 - 8:00 PM	25 Pajama Story Time MM Library 6:30 + Homework Helpers @ 6pm	26	27	28
29	30 MM Library E-Reader clinic 11am-12 (all Mondays)	31 Cesar Chavez Day—library closed	April 1	April 2	April 3	**April 4th Filipino Sun Festival Mira Mesa Community Park**



Future Events of Interest...

Sun Festival
April 4th, 2015

Volunteer of the Year Dinner
April 18th

D6 Market Night
May 30th

Mira Mesa's Got Talent
May 30
Auditions 5/5 & 5/7 at MMHS 6-8pm

MM 4th of July Celebration
Remember to donate $ to keep the best fireworks show in town alive!!!
ww.scrippsmesafireworks.org/

Minutes From February 2nd MMTC General Membership Meeting

Call to order (7:00 p.m.) / Pledge of Allegiance / Approved January minutes
Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD) SDFD – **Steve Reight**. Fire Station 38 from MM reports Home candles causing fires. Encourages extreme caution with OPEN flames!
Miss/Miss Teen Mira Mesa Awards Pres. Ted B. presented awards in appreciation for service to MM community.
Community Event Roundup

Tết Festival this month. Feb 20-22. Third time in Mira Mesa.

Taste of Mira Mesa March 21. ***Filipino Sun Festival April 4.***
Asian Cultural Festival May 9. ***D6 Night Market May 30.***

Search for Talent. March 7. Exchange Club. Liberty Hall Theatre. National City. 1 PM. $20 for contestants.
Mira Mesa's Got Talent May 30. MMHS.
Links to all Mira Mesa events are on the MMTC website www.miramesatowncouncil.org.

Guest Speaker: County Supervisor Dave Roberts
Impressed by multiple events in MM. Comments he "may need to move to MM". Dave co-sponsors the upcoming D6 (district 6) Night Market. VP of San Diego Work Force Partnership. 20-30% of people who are diagnosed with Alzheimer's are misdiagnosed. County Supervisors set up a pot of money for identifying a cure for Alzheimer's. Fought for grant program. Has review committee to make sure it is fair. $3500 for Aquinaldo Foundation. $20,000 for Mira Mesa Youth Baseball. Operation Samahan is opening clinic at Walker Elementary School. Providing $38,000. Dave in Mira Mesa at least once a month at the MMTC office. Vice Chair of Board of Supervisors. Honored to have that in second year on the Board. Understands parenting, has 14,10, 7, 6 and 2 year olds at home.
Recognition of Elected Officials and their representatives
Councilmember Chris Cate, *District 6 Rep Luis Pallera*; Recognized MMHS color guard. Working to make sure community park improvements and shade structures go according to plan.
Congressman Scott Peters *Rep. Anthony Nguyen*; – Scott is on Armed Services Committee and judiciary committee. Helped pass 12 bipartisan bills. Tax season is coming up. Scott will be in MM in April or May. New Rep. Howard Ou, his email is howard.ou@mail.house.gov.
Mira Mesa AFJROTC – Yordanos Tesfai

Ted – this group does more than can possibly state for this community. They are the engine that makes Street Fair go. Integrity, Service, Excellence. Planning to create a memorial for all who served in Armed Forces. Trying to finish by April. At Mira Mesa High School. Voted $200 (in last year's budget) for that purpose.

Government and Community Resources
* City Attorney, Neighborhood Prosecution Unit – **Julio DeGuzman** – Community Courts can remove criminal record through community service. Arraignment date on ticket. Get attorney to negotiate plea agreement. Misdemeanors only, not just infractions.
* Mira Mesa Branch Library – Barbara Schwartz, Branch Manager. Lots of people have come into library to use computers and to get their food handler's licenses. Tax assistance at Library. Go to MM Library website or Face Book page for calendar info. www.facebook.com/mmlibrary and www.librarysandiego.org
* Mira Mesa Community Planning Group (PG) – Jeff Stevens, Vice Chair. 3 important announcements:
1) Planning group meetings are moving back to the Mira Mesa Library, starting in February.
2) Biannual elections will be held March 16th. (have to attend in Feb. to vote in March)
3) Restarting review of the Stone Creek Project, the largest project ever proposed in Mira Mesa, about 4500 units, plus industrial. d) Mira Mesa Recreation Council – Joe Frichtel, Chairman. Trying to get shade structures built.
4) Mira Mesa Cluster Schools Council – Jon Labaw. Meets at high school. Salk opening next year; school boundaries changing. Ted – lots of parent involvement at Mira Mesa Schools improves performance.

Noted earlier: Ted - a group of people from one neighborhood in MM is trying to "take over" the PG for own agenda. MM doesn't want to "stack deck" either, but wants to make sure the GOOD of all MM neighborhoods represented not just a few blocks in one specific area of MM. Important mtg. to Vote on March 16th

Adjournment (8:30 p.m.)

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Join our MMTC Meetings
...1st Monday of the month!!!
Mira Mesa Library 7:00 p.m.

Full copy of MMTC Minutes Available on the MMTC website

MIRA MESA TOWN COUNCIL

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Get Out & Get Involved in Mira Mesa

Filipino Sun Festival

The Filipino Sun Festival, a cultural festival celebrating Filipino and Filipino American culture, returns to the Mira Mesa Community Park on Saturday, April 4, 2014, from 11am to 6pm for the second year of this cultural celebration.
Families can enjoy a day of live entertainment, Filipino cuisine, plus an Arts & Culture Pavilion. Visit with information, health, and community booths, and a children's activity area. According to Festival organizers, the Filipino Sun is historically (and geographically) significant, as the sun symbolizes unity, freedom, people's democracy, and sovereignty, while each of the eight rays represent the first eight provinces (Manila, Cavite, Bulacan, Pampanga, Nueva Ecija, Tarlac, Laguna, and Batangas) that rose up and started the 1896 Philippine Revolution against Spain. This free festival is presented by Operation Samahan and produced by Silk Road Productions and the community.

Farmer's Market re-opens after 'winter break'

The Mira Mesa Farmer's Market, at the northeast corner of Mira Mesa High School at Reagan Road and Mira Mesa Boulevard, returned in February after its winter break. The Farmer's Market is open **every Tuesday afternoon, currently from 2:30pm to 6pm.** The Farmer's Market is a project of the Mira Mesa High School Foundation.

Senior Center Weekly Dance Night

Friday nights are now DANCE NIGHTS at the MM Senior Center off MM Blvd. in the heart of our MM community. Dancing is a wonderful time to socialize with friends or meet new people and stay young and in shape while swaying to the music. Come out on Friday evenings to "Dance the Night Away". 6pm – 10pm every Friday nights… ALL are invited!
Get out those ballroom dancing shoes and prepare to create beautiful memories on the dance floor. with social dancing 6-7, line dancing lessons 7pm – 8pm, ballroom dancing lessons 8pm – 9pm, and more social dancing 9pm – 10pm.
$3 per person 'donation' to help fund Senior Center activities. Call 858 578-7325 for more information.

FREE Tax Assistance

SAY San Diego (Social Advocates for Youth) operates free tax preparation sites for individuals who qualify based on income. The purpose is to help low-income clients, especially those eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit, to claim all of their eligible credits and refunds. Services are provided at multiple sites in the North Central San Diego area, including Clairemont, Linda Vista, Kearny Mesa, Mira Mesa and Pacific Beach. Tax preparation is provided by trained volunteers. Interested volunteers should visit our "Volunteer" page starting in October.

Contact Information: 858-565-4148 x278 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Meet the 2015 Reigning Pageant Queens

(...from p. 1). It is through the generous support of our community residents and business owners that an event like this can be held in our community. Through generous donation MMTC is able to provide college / education scholarship funds to the winners. Each young woman is a smiling representative of how a community comes together to create a stronger future for our children and adults of tomorrow.

Photo: From left to right: Miss Teen Rancho Penasquitos Lexi Rae Hurst, Miss Rancho Penasquitos Ally Shay Hurst, Miss Mira Mesa Sabrina Randall, Miss Teen Mira Mesa Isabella McFarland, Miss Teen Scripps Ranch Marlene Freerkson, Miss Scripps Ranch Hannah Wendroff

Volunteering continued…

- The Mira Mesa Branch Library uses adult volunteers (age 18 up) and teen volunteers (age 14-18) for a variety of duties. See www.sandiegolibrary.org and click on "Volunteer" and/or call the Mira Mesa Library, 858-538-8165, for more details.
- The Mira Mesa Recreation Center (858-538-8122) in Mira Mesa Community Park also uses volunteers.
- Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve is a City/County Open Space Preserve, and it's possible to volunteer assisting the City or County Rangers, or with the County's docents at the historic Los Penasquitos Ranch House, or leading hikes and/or doing other nature-based activities with the Friends of Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve
- The Mira Mesa Women's Club (mmwomensclub@yahoo.com) also seeks volunteers for a variety of projects to benefit the community. Mira Mesa has an active Moose Lodge, as well as the Black Mountain Masonic Lodge, fraternal and service clubs who help others.
- For youth interested in volunteering, Mira Mesa's many Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops offer opportunities for community service as well as other activities. Leaders and other adult volunteers assist with Scout programs. Adults who enjoy sports and recreation can become volunteer coaches with Mira Mesa's many youth sports programs. For those interested in park and recreation planning, there's the Mira Mesa Recreation Council.

MMTC February minutes >>> cont…

MMTC Committee Reports and Announcements

a) Membership – Lainie Hardman. Increase MMTC membership; would like to attend other MM organizations to review MMTC membership rewards.

Recognition of Community Groups in attendance

Business improvement district council. Warren Simon. San Diego's Business Improvement District (BID) program collaborates w/ City of San Diego and San Diego's small business community, sponsors various activities designed to improve business conditions in San Diego's older business districts.Org of 17 business improvement districts.

Jeff Stevens – Shopping Carts. CSCRC has its online reporting system working again, and the 'Cartsnap' application is also available. View list of the stores who subscribe to the service on MMTC website.

Pam – VOY Dinner is in planning stages. Could use other more committee volunteers.

Margaret Jahn – compliment on new school. Looks very nice. However, the street is very badly in need of repair. Referred to Luis.

Again...full transcripts of the MMTC community meeting minutes can be found on the MMTC website.

Mira Mesa Theatre Guild

To create one's world in any of the arts takes courage.

Georgia O'Keefe

Get ready for the 5th Annual MM Talent show May 30th with **Auditions Tuesday, May 5, and Thursday, May 7, 6 to 8pm in the MMHS Theatre**.

Mira Mesa Rec. Center

Hours:

Mon	12:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Tue	2:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Wed	2:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Thu	2:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Fri	2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Sat	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sun	10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Enjoy various sport activities including an indoor Basketball gym.; plus afterschool and weekend youth programs.
858 538-8122

New Ad Rates—Business Card Size
One Issue - $25.00, **Three Issues** (Buy 2, Get 1 Free) - $50.00, **Full Year** - $150.00 (Buy 6, Get 5 Free) - To place an ad contact: Newsletter@MiraMesaTownCouncil.org

MMTC Looking for New 2015 Business Members

The MMTC would like our current business members to reach out to their neighbors and encourage them to join the Town Council in 2015.

MMTC community membership is growing. New readers mean more opportunities for them to visit our business listings.

Business Members Directory

Foodstuff

Finest City Kettlecorn
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San Diego, CA 92119
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Kona Ice Little San Diego
12906 Hideaway Lane
San Diego, CA 92131
(858) 275-3075 John Rodriguez
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YogurtLand Mira Mesa
8220-F Mira Mesa Blvd
San Diego, CA 92126
(858) 566-6100
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Personal/Family Service

Being Fit Fitness Centers
8292 Mira Mesa Blvd
San Diego, CA 92126
(858) 549-3456
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Brengel Productions
11975 Thomas Hayes Ln.
San Diego, CA 92121
619-985-4094 Ted Brengel
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California Real Estate & Mortgage
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San Diego, CA 92126
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Harmonium
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(619) 743-5513. Ian Diazchavez,
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Magical Moments Professional DJ Services
7435 Andasol St. SD, CA 92126
(858) 353-1287 Mark James,
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San Diego, CA 92196
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San Diego CA 92126
(858) 527-0445 Joseph Conti
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Relay for Life/Mira Mesa Ranch Peñasquitos
(858) 382-4245 Gail M Hernandez
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SICFIT San Diego
8990 Miramar Rd., Ste. 150
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Clubs

Black Mountain Democratic Club
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Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Pat Watkins
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(858) 752-2338 Marcelle Rhinesmith
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Mira Mesa Girls Softball
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San Diego, CA 92196-1482
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(858) 342-9398
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Mira Mesa Women's Club
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(858) 217-6411 Charlene Ellsworth
San Diego, CA 92126
mmwomensclub@yahoo.com

Mira Mesa Youth Baseball
PO Box 261344 San Diego, CA 92126.
(619) 249-7393. Allyson Adamo-Parsons
allysonparsons@gmail.com.

San Diego Clown Conspiracy
10444 Cheviot Ct
San Diego, CA 92126
(858) 433-7421 Edward Estrin
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San Diego Executive Lions Club
12414 Darkwood Rd.
San Diego, CA 92129.
(858) 231-3561. Helen Quintanilla
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Education

Mira Mesa High School Foundation
PMB 264 10606-8 Camino Ruiz
San Diego, CA 92126
858-735-3923
miramesahighschoolfoundation.org

San Diego Miramar College
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San Diego, CA 92126
(619) 388-7358 Sonny Nguyen
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Cambridge Learning Center, 10717 Camino Ruiz Ste 140
San Diego, CA 92126-2362. (619) 501-5501. William Do
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United Studios of Self Defense
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San Diego, CA 92131
(858) 271-8677 Collin Purple
ussdscripps@gmail.com

White Tiger Kung Fu
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San Diego, CA 92126
(858) 695-1640 Dan Luong
info@whitetigerworld.com

Church/Faith Ministries

Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation
5754 Pacific Center Dr., Ste. 202
San Diego, CA 92121
(858) 546-0578 Peggy Joh
tzuchisandiego.calendar@gmail.com

Christ Community Church
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San Diego, CA 92126
(858) 549-2479 Darrell Dunlap
pastordarrell@gotochrist.com

Christ the Cornerstone Lutheran Church and Academy
9028 Westmore Road
San Diego, CA 92126
858 566-1741 Rev. Stewart. Reimnitz
School: info@ctc-academy.org
Church: www.ctc-church.org

Community Bible Church
9625 Black Mountain Rd., Ste. 307
San Diego, CA 92126
(858) 549-7729 Pastor Brendan Prout
brendan.prout@sandiegocbc.org

Mira Mesa Christian School
9696 Candida St
San Diego, CA 92126
(858) 578-0262 Terri Clark
admin@miramesacs.com

Mira Mesa First Assembly of God
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San Diego, CA 92126
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Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church (MMPC) Pastor Brad Roth
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San Diego, CA 92126
(858) 578-2150
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Newbreak Church
10791 Tierrasanta Blvd., Ste. 104
San Diego, CA 92124
(858) 576-0007 Darrel Larson
darrel@newbreak.org

River of Faith Ministries
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San Diego, CA 92126
(858) 527-0014 Lorna Ignacio
lornat.ignacio@yahoo.com

San Diego Children's Choir
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San Diego, CA 92121
(858) 587-1087 Donna Icenhower

Medical/Dental Services

Children's Dentistry of San Diego
10717 Camino Ruiz Ste 103
San Diego, CA 92126
(858) 536-1111 Tina Nguyen
fos4@sunnysmilez.com

Miramar Chiropractic and Health Center
Dr. Robert Simmons
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San Diego, CA 92126
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Operation Samahan Inc,
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National City CA 91950,
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Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest Jamie Schroer
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Sorrento Valley Pain Relief Center
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San Diego, CA 92121
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Turning Point Pregnancy Resource Center
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California Coast Builders
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San Diego, CA 92109
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Poway, CA 92064
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Easy Turf
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Property Gallery
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San Diego, CA 92126
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Xanesti Technology Services LLC
11075 Ice Skate Pl
San Diego CA 92126
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*** Businesses offering discounts to MMTC members**

MATHNASIUM
The Math Learning Center

Featured Business:

A new business in MM will be providing refreshments at the March MMTC community Meeting on March 2nd.

Collins
FAMILY JEWELERS
Proud to be one of Mira Mesa's longest running businesses.
Family owned and operated in the Mira Mesa Mall for over 35 years!
Tues-Sat 10-6
Closed Sundays & Mondays
578-6670
Mira Mesa's personal family jeweler since 1978.
collinsfamilyjewelers.com

Let us help your business GROW!

As an official MMTC business member, We would like to have high-lights about your business in our newsletter. Contact the editor for more information. Not a member? Complete business application on page 12.

Newsletter@miramesatowncouncil.org

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Save the Date!
MM Volunteer of the Year Dinner honoring Julius Hitchens will be April 18, 2015. Location to be announced soon.

2015 MMTC Board
The 2015 MMTC Board can always use your expertise and input. Come join the team and share your ideas to help Mira Mesa improve services to our community, Want to serve? Join our directory? Contact parliamentarian Jon Labaw at parliament@miramesatowncouncil.org.

The MMTC would like to thank the Mira Mesa Shopping Center, LLC for their continuing support in providing postage for the MMTC newsletter.

Mira Mesa Town Council — Annual Membership Application

Primary Member/Contact Name _____

Companion Member Name(s) _____

Business/Corporation Name _____

E-mail Address _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

City _____

State/Zip Code _____

Business/Cell Number _____

Date _____

Membership Type (check one):

❑ Individual ❑ Companion ❑ Senior/Military/Student ❑ Corporate/Business
❑ Combined MMTC/MMCC (Corporate/Non-Profit Only)

If you choose a joint membership with the Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce, you will be contacted to provide additional information required for your Chamber application. Joint memberships are restricted to Corporation/Business or Non-Profit organizations.

Rates (annual membership begins July 1 and ends June 30): $20 Annual Dues
(Pro-rated membership applies to first time members only; all renewals are for the full amount)

Any resident, business, or non-profit may join the Mira Mesa Town Council; members with addresses outside the Mira Mesa Community will be non-voting associate member. The Mira Mesa Town Council is a non-profit volunteer organization. Membership dues are used to defray the cost of operations such as printing and distributing the newsletter, maintaining the website (www.MiraMesaTownCouncil.org) and other approved council expenses.
Amount $_____ Cash / Check #_____ ($25 fee for all returned checks)

Join Between:	Individual	Companion/Senior Military/Student	Corp/Bus	Corp/Bus Joint MMCC	Non-Profit Joint MMCC
July 1 - Sept 30	$20.00	$10.00	$50.00	$150.00	$90.00
Oct 1 - Dec 31	$15.00	$7.50	$37.50	$112.50	$67.50
Jan 1 - Mar 31	$10.00	$5.00	$25.00	$75.00	$45.00
Apr 1 - June 30	$5.00	$2.50	$12.50	$56.25	$22.50

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