

*The La Mesa Veterans Club is closed and we now expect to reopen 1 May 2020. House Committee meeting of 4 April is cancelled. Some items to update you are:*

*La Mesa Flag Day Parade is cancelled.*

*Earlier this month, so as to save sorely needed funds to pay the continuing and necessary bills, Lenny consolidated refrigerated items that allowed one refrigerator to be cleaned and become non-operational, put bottled beer into walk-in refrigerator and disconnected the coffin cooler and the small refrigerator in the lower bar, disconnected ice machines, lowered hot water temp, disconnected whatever is not needed/used, delayed for one month trash removal and locked the canister, emptied the steam table's water, and aggressively defeated the fruit fly problem. Wednesday, some of us will be cleaning the hall's chairs and those that need cleaning have already been set aside. At our last meeting, we talked about the hall's chairs and we wanted a count. We have 261 chairs and 39 need replacement to maintain our original inventory of 300. All areas including the restrooms have been extensively cleaned and sanitized. Lenny will continue the necessary maintenance while we are closed and he is taking the necessary actions to ensure the bar equipment is operational once we get the OK to again open. We can open in one day once we receive the notice.*

*Mike, Lenny, and myself met today and reviewed finances. We paid the property taxes and other bills, and some such as our two insurance policies, utilities, security, sales taxes for Jan and Feb, and some other bills must continue to be paid. Lenny voluntarily furloughed himself effective today and will remain in that status until we are again financially able. THANK YOU LENNY! FYI, as a non-profit we will not be getting any Federal or State relief. We are on our own. I have asked the State to cancel the Boy's State Program this year since those funds (we fund one per year) will be needed to pay our bills. If Girl's State gets cancelled, maybe those funds (I believe five are funded by the Auxiliary) can be diverted to the Legion account as well, but that is an Auxiliary decision. We have been receiving donations, and hopefully they will continue since the closure is adversely impacting us monetarily. We know the expiration dates of our beer and for this we are OK. Any suggestions, please email or call me.*

*I thank all of you for doing what you do. We are now experiencing something we never thought would happen, and it is up to us and the membership for us to remain a viable organization and to serve the Community. Stay safe.*

*Our Memorial gardener has quit due to health reasons. Know anyone?*