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welcome
**TO YEAR 111 OF
THE ROTARY CLUB OF
LOS ANGELES**

flip the page for freshly picked thoughts from President Rick!



DON'T MISS IT!

The first meeting of
the 111th year with
hockey great
Luc Robitaille!

**July 12
Lunch at the Cal Club**

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MARK THE CALENDAR



DARK



Luc Robitaille
Lunch at Cal Club



Grant Delgatty
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Nathan Elson
Lunch at Cal Club



**Camp Paivika
Carnival**

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Welcome to your new El Rodeo

We made some changes ... hope you like them!

a letter from the editor

And just like that, another year has slipped through our fingers. The old adage that time moves more quickly as it goes on, really does seem true, doesn't it? Some of us are still resonating in the wonder and merriment of the song and dance performance from PP Erick's first meeting *last year*. Time just doesn't want to stop, the Earth continues to rotate, and the only thing that is constant is change. And here is yet another (change) - we have merged El Rodeo and the club's weekly emails into one. The hope is that we continue to hold close and value those hollowed traditions of our club, such as El Rodeo, but also that we ensure these ideas stand the tests of time. We are in a digital age, and we think El Rodeo wants to remain digitized, but also keep the look and feel of a true newsletter. We also think you want less emails in your inbox, and more transparent and personal communication from (and about) the club.

Our hope is that you agree. And what's more that you will all help to contribute. If you have an idea, thoughts you want to share, an event you want to promote, or a member you want to talk about - please let us know!

In the meantime, please get to know this new iteration of our favorite publication; this will be our centralized club communication tool. Here you'll find thoughts from club presidents (past and current), event details, meeting recaps, board updates, member features ... and hopefully more with your input! Email us anytime: elrodeola5@gmail.com.

And on behalf of the marketing committee: welcome to the 111th year of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles. (Think about that! 111 years of service to our community; we've already done so much and the year has only just begun!)

WEEKLY THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PAST PRESIDENTS

(they still have so many thoughts!)

ON ADVICE FOR PRESIDENT RICK ...



"Engage, include and have as much of the audience be part of the program to do announcements and acknowledgements like birthday, fines, Paul Harris, events. The sweetest sound is hearing your own name. Even if people have a minor role in the program they will attend. I believe it is the reason we still do the pledge, song and invocation - that guarantees 3 people at lunch!"

- PP Ken Chong

"Sometimes old ideas are the best new ideas and sometimes old ideas are best kept in the past. Choose wisely!" - PP Jose Vera



"Don't try to be anyone else, always be yourself! Have fun and always bring a smile to the podium!"

- PP Todd Johnson



"Just have fun with it"

- PP Don Crocker



"Don't forget to record the great moments in your meetings as much as possible. And HAVE A BLAST! We're rootin' for ya!"

- PP Alan Bernstein



"Remember that our opinion is not always the opinion of the community and most importantly, have fun!"

- PP Charisse Older



"1) Have FUN and be yourself!

Your joy will translate to the meetings and the members.

Everyone should leave our lunches with a smile on their face, and that starts with you!

2) Whenever possible, highlight and celebrate the positive impact LA5 makes in our community and around the world.

3) Sometimes it's easier to ask for forgiveness than permission ... enough said :)

I know LA5 will have a tremendous year under your leadership, thank you for your service!"

- PP Megan Tunnell O'Rourke



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

It's a simple trick. Before you enter your assigned hotel room, take out your smartphone and photograph the room number. Now, if you ever forget the location of your room, you have a handy reminder. Simple.

I learned this trick the hard way. I travel too much for business and usually make multiple stops. During one long stretch of business meetings where I found myself sleeping in different hotel rooms every other night, I got to where I couldn't remember my most current room number. (Trust me, violently shaking the door handle to a room that is not yours at 12:30 am tends to annoy the rightful occupant of that room.) This is just one of the reasons I dislike business trips. Long flights. Monotonous routines. Anonymous people. It's not my thing.

Something happened recently, though, that eased the drudgery of business travel. At the encouragement of a fellow Rotarian, I began to wear my Rotary pin on my trips. As he predicted, something amazing happened. I met other Rotarians and found myself invited to meetings, special events, and a shared meal during a layover. It almost never fails. Sight of the pin sparks a thought of connection. It signals that the stranger before you is in fact a friend, one who is committed to truth, fairness, friendship, and service.

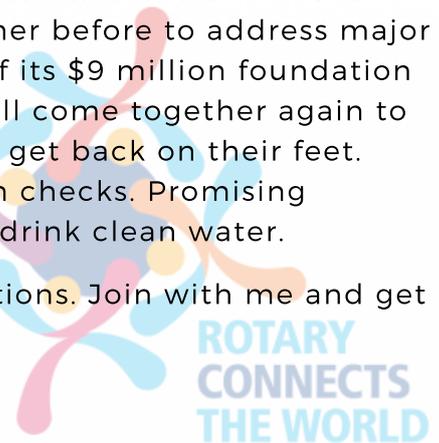
Rotary has the power to connect people. It has the power to connect the world. Incoming Rotary International President, Mark Daniel Maloney, has chosen the theme, "Rotary Connects the World." As evidenced by my own experience, Maloney believes that connection is at the heart of the Rotary experience. "(Rotary) allows us to connect with each other, in deep and meaningful ways, across our differences," Maloney said. "It connects us to people we would never otherwise have met, who are more like us than we ever could have known. It connects us to our communities, to professional opportunities, and to the people who need our help."

At the very moment that our world seems committed to uncivil discourse and division, Rotary is calling us to come together to consider big questions, to solve big problems, and to care for one another. Maloney's theme is a perfect response to the moment we are in.

As we launch the 111th year of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles, I look forward to fostering a sense of deep community where friends gather to encourage and enjoy one another, do business together, and to solve community problems. LA5 is one of the most historic civic groups in Los Angeles. It has come together before to address major issues. It is a trusted partner in the City. With the strength of its \$9 million foundation and the courage of its convictions, in this, its 111th year, it will come together again to connect struggling Angelenos to the resources they need to get back on their feet. Children will receive reading glasses. Mothers will get health checks. Promising students will receive life changing scholarships. People will drink clean water.

This only happens if we believe that Rotary is about connections. Join with me and get connected through Rotary and connect Rotary to the world.

Rick Gibson



MEMBERS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Jared Smith

If you were present at the club meeting on May 31, then you witnessed history in the making - twice over - by one individual. Taking the record as the youngest member in club history (he's 20), Jared also takes the record for quickest graduation from green badger status (5 minutes?). This on top of starting his own company and simultaneously mastering an ivy-league education. Is PP Ken Chong losing his stronghold on Gateway, you ask? We just don't know.

Until the questions of our perplexing universe are answered, here are some stats to get to know this Harvard student / business owner a little better:

- he loves music from the 1920's, and favors the Andrews sisters
- he is an avid golfer; fast-tracked for a membership at Wilshire CC once he turns 21 (*Hello Golf Committee!*)
- his favorite book is *Atlas Shrugged* by Ayn Rand

Nobody likes an over-achiever, Jared ...



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DID YOU MISS IT?

MEETING RECAP: 06/14/19

SCHOLARSHIP DAY

The moment of great anticipation - Scholarship Day - for LA5 members and graduating L A seniors landed this year on June 14. Held at the California Club, the 100+ attendees included the 30 scholars, their families, L A County District Attorney Jackie Lacey and Rotarians.

Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs Gina Doyle and Josh Mandell extolled the honorees and their super-human accomplishments, achieved under challenging life situations for most. This is aptly demonstrated by the universities winners will be attending including Harvard, MIT, Duke, Dartmouth, Brown, Wellesley, and Bowdoin, and closer to home, Stanford and UC schools.



: ADAM WEISS

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CONNECT

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