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ROTARY CLUB OF LOS ANGELES  
FOUNDED 1909

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## TALK TO US

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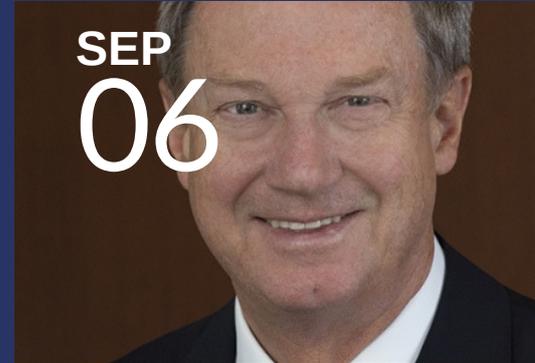
*this friday*

**JOHN B. EMERSON**  
**VICE CHAIRMAN, CAPITAL**  
**INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

A discussion on geopolitics in a disruptive era.



# Mark the calendar



- 05 Golf Committee - Chevy Chase Country Club
- 06 John B. Emerson - Lunch at the Cal Club
- 10 2-2 Tuesdays - 6 pm at the Cal Club
- 13 Stephen M. Meade - Lunch at the Cal Club
- 20 David Eads - Breakfast at the Cal Club

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE CLUB CALENDAR](#)

# save the date

District 5280  
Rotary Foundation Gala  
**OCTOBER 27**

RAFFLE TICKETS  
AVAILABLE AT THE  
REGISTRATION TABLE  
AT ALL LA5 LUNCH  
MEETINGS

## RAFFLE TICKETS

Earn points toward your Paul Harris  
Fellow by purchasing raffle tickets.  
\$100 for a book of 12.

\$3000

\$1500

\$ 500

Raffle prizes  
will be awarded  
at the Gala

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

**HONOLULU**

JUNE  
6-10  
2020

REGISTRATION  
IS OPEN



HONOLULU  
HAWAII 2020

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**WHO ARE  
YOU  
INVITING TO  
THIS  
FRIDAY'S  
MEETING?**

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

## THE MOST IMPORTANT THING

Thanks to Laine Wagenseller and the Membership Division of the LA5 Board of Directors, over thirty members of our Club agreed to get together with a randomly chosen member or two for coffee or drinks.

The idea is simple. During our August 23 meeting, Laine invited members to add their business card to a collection of cards contributed by other members. While we all enjoyed our lunch, the cards were sorted randomly and put together in groups of three to create a "troika".

At the close of the meeting, the troika assignments were distributed and the members of the newly formed trio got together to choose a time and a place to meet.

I love this idea because it responds perfectly to data reported by Rotary International. In an attempt to better understand Rotary's value proposition, RI contracted a marketing research firm to determine what elements attract and keep members in Rotary. Not surprisingly, it is the same thing.

Both prospective and current members reported that making friends and building relationships was the most attractive element of Rotary. Let this information give you encouragement to invite friends and colleagues to visit LA5 and confidence that they will find friendship - and opportunities to serve and do business together.

Who are you inviting to this Friday's meeting?



*Rick Gibson*  
President,  
Rotary Club of Los Angeles  
2019 - 2020





# last week

the Facebook troll took account of LA5 Rotarians and how they are spending their last days of Summer



## ivan lovegren

survived the heat - and parenting twins



## paul ekstrand

experienced downtown Nashville on a Friday night



## josh mandell

biked ... a lot!



## mandi budd

got a new hair do! as beautiful as ever!



## pp jose vera & ana rosales

enjoyed a day at the races with their families

# MEMBERS YOU SHOULD KNOW: MAUREEN TEPEDINO

**What is your favorite thing about your career?**

The challenge of running what is considered and medium to large company.

**Any recent wins or successes?** As an interior designer/color specialist to walls, abstract figurative artist, and boutique owner, I enjoy the creativity and flexibility it affords me. I love the fact that my work has a positive impact on my clients' wellbeing and happiness in many ways. When they are satisfied, I'm satisfied!! A recent win was creating a custom, original-art masterpiece for my client's corporate office and she loved it!

**What is your proudest**

**accomplishment?** Personally, my proudest accomplishment is my fabulous son. Professionally, my Playa Vista interior design remodel was a major, rewarding project, and maintaining great client relationships and friendships over the years.

**If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be?** I'd love to be painting in Florence or Rome, or enjoying the beaches in the south of France!

**Do you have any hidden talents we should know about?** I am a huge risk taker!

**What's the most daring thing you've ever done?** Venturing out on my own with my 11-month-old son to start a new life!

**Do you have a motto that you live by?** Character and integrity comes first.

**What's your favorite movie or song?** My favorite movie is Slumdog Millionaire. One of my many favorite songs is "When A Man Loves A Woman" by Percy Sledge.

**What's your superpower?** Being kind and generous, and never expecting anything in return.

**Is there anything else that you'd like to share with the Club?** Thank you for this great feature! I'm honored to be included!

