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Mark the calendar



- Oct 11 Ken Basin - Lunch at the Cal Club
- Oct 15 District 5280 Breakfast - Proud Bird Restaurant
- Oct 18 Commissioner Warren Stanley - Lunch at the Cal Club
- Oct 25 Jeremy Weinglass - Lunch at the Cal Club
- Oct 26 Service Opportunity - School on Wheels

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THIS WEEK

COURAGEOUS CITIZEN AWARDS

ONE OF THE BEST
PROGRAMS OF THE YEAR!

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Lunch at the Jonathan Club

STRICT DRESS CODE: SUIT & TIE



TAKE COURAGE

A message from the President



Our community is resilient for several reasons. We have many resources and services that keep our city safe and aid us when we are in need. But it's not the services, systems, or agencies that make Los Angeles a good place to live and work. When we are hurting or in need, we don't look to City Hall, we look to our neighbor. Our community is strongest when neighbors look after neighbors. This Friday heroism will be on full display as we acknowledge and celebrate several men and women who have been vigilant, mindful, and caring, even when faced with great personal risk. Los Angeles County District Attorney and fellow Rotarian, **Jackie Lacey** and her team will honor heroic neighbors who embody the Rotary motto of service above self.

Each year during this program, I note that these heroic neighbors may be children or senior citizens. Some may be wealthy while others are not. Some are strong. Others appear to be weak. Yet each is worthy of the honor of "Courageous Citizen". Their stories are remarkable. I am confident that the heroes we meet this Friday and their acts of courage will inspire us and fill us with hope.

Take Courage. Los Angeles is resilient because of its people.



Rick Gibson

President,
Rotary Club of Los Angeles
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LAST WEEK

"THE LOS ANGELES MEDIA LANDSCAPE" WITH ALEX BLOOMINGDALE, MORE GOOD WORK BY THE MYANMAR WATER PROJECT COMMITTEE, A WORD FROM THE UNION RESCUE MISSION ...



Spotted! Jermaine Ee, makes a visit to LA5 as a NY6er.



Speaker Alex Bloomingdale made his mark on the club with an inside look to local media, and a match of LA5's gift of \$1,000 toward scholarships!



"FriYay!" - Paul & Walker



The Myanmar Water Project Committee continued their good work by partnering with organization HiTech who donated laptops to Myanmar recipients.



The second round of Troikas were organized by Laine Wagenseller.



Winner, Winner!

MEET

ADAM WEISS

PRESIDENT / CEO, GREAT MATTER

Husband, father of two,
entrepreneur, Trojan ...

by: Chrissy Moses

What is your favorite thing about your career? Any recent wins or successes? I love solving problems. Being able to do it with a relatively universally accessible medium is icing on the cake.

What is your proudest accomplishment? When my 3-year-old says, "Thanks, Dad!" after giving him some snacks. Now to get him to say "please" consistently...

If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be? At this precise moment, I'd opt for an all-inclusive resort somewhere pleasant.

Do you have any hidden talents we should know about? I do voiceovers!

What makes you laugh the most? A well-written comedy.

What's the most daring thing you've ever done? Skydived

Do you have a motto that you live by? If you can't think of something, make it up. [I'm kidding, this is a joke.]

What's your favorite book, podcast, song, or movie? I loved the old Tom Clancy novels. Movie: Blazing Saddles and True Lies top my list. Podcast: Wait Wait Don't Tell Me.

What's your superpower? I can't tell you.

Is there anything else that you'd like to share with the Club? I love Rotary, our mission, and our people. Let's keep turning.



District 5280
Rotary Foundation Gala
OCTOBER 27

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Earn points toward your Paul Harris
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\$100 for a book of 12.

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Raffle prizes
will be awarded
at the Gala

Only a few seats left at LA5's reserved tables!
To snag your spot, email Jennifer Gregg

STRAIGHT FROM THE SOURCE

EI Rodeo: We understand you are the chair of this prestigious district event. Sounds fancy, but what exactly does that mean?

PP Erick: I am actually the Co-Chair with the wonderful Wendy Clifford of the Wilshire Rotary Club. Also assisting is last year's co-chair Kelly Bevin-Spirer of Hollywood Rotary, and we all serve at the pleasure of DG Melody! All it means is that we are working to create a super fun event for everyone and raise a bunch of money for Rotary International that will come back to the District Budget in three years.

EI Rodeo: What can one expect when attending the event?

PP Erick: We want this event to be fun fun fun! So we've gone with a "masquerade" theme. Costume accessories are encouraged and there will be prizes. LA5's own Jeremy Weinglass is serving as our Music Director and we are going to have an extraordinary performance by a former exchange student who lived with DG Melody and First Man Paul years ago but is now an accomplished film and television composer as well as a concert performer world wide, Benedikt Brydern (google that you won't regret it!)

EI Rodeo: How can one get tickets?

PP Erick: LA5 members contact President Rick, PP Erick or Jennifer. We have already reserved 2 tables. If we get a great turn out we can definitely get a third. Tix are \$130 per person.

EI Rodeo: What have you enjoyed most about planning this event?

PP Erick: I just adore DG Melody. Wendy has been an absolute joy to work with and we are having fun getting it all together.

LEARN ALL ABOUT THE DISTRICT GALA - from the Gala Chair, LA5er and Past President, Event Producer Extraordinaire, ERICK WEISS



EI Rodeo: You produce events for a living, safe to say you've seen it all - is there anything about this one that is special or worth noting?

PP Erick: I LOVE this venue... The Taglyan Center is a wonderful special events palace in Hollywood.

EI Rodeo: Do you have your outfit planned?

PP Erick: Yup.

EI Rodeo: What are the goals behind the gala?

PP Erick: Money money money for Rotary International! Become a Paul Harris Fellow... go one step further, become a Paul Harris Society Member.

EI Rodeo: How do you hope people leave feeling?

PP Erick: Happy and fulfilled knowing that you engaged in service, met new people, enjoyed the company, had a great meal and maybe learned something you didn't know about Rotary.

EI Rodeo: An event with over 2,600 invitees is surely taking up a considerable amount of your time - what's next for you once the event is over?

PP Erick: Well this event is fortunately for about 400 people! I am blessed with fantastic business and have fund raisers happening for the Cedars Sinai Board of Governors, the UCLA Neurology Center, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the Make A Wish Foundation, and the LA Area Council of Boy Scouts all happening between now and the first week of December

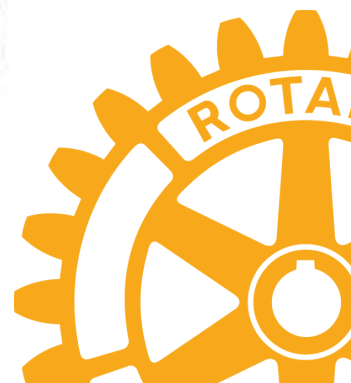
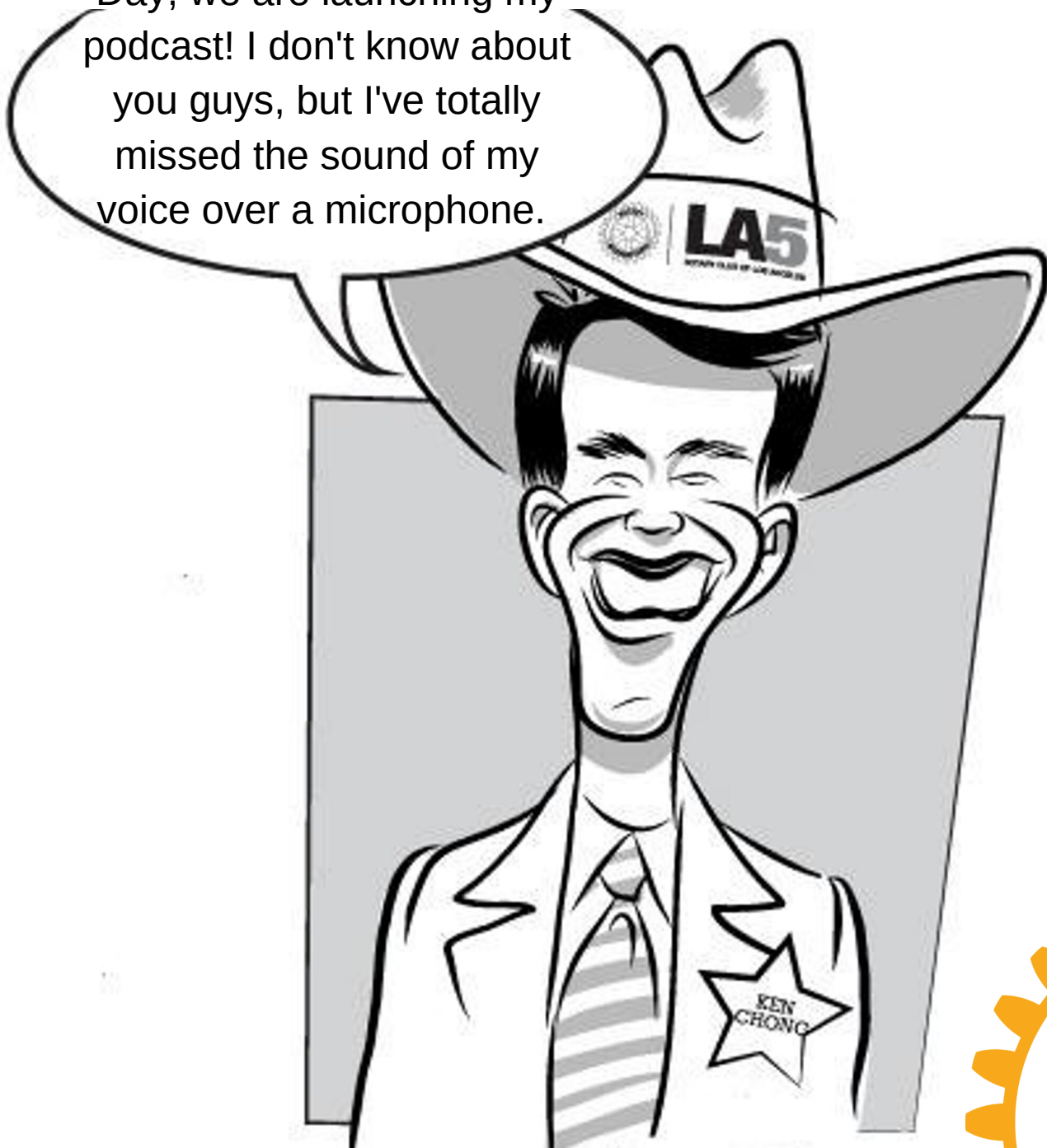
EI Rodeo: Anything else you want to share about the district gala?

PP Erick: Come! Bring a date! Meet some wonderful people and help out RI and your district!

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