

EL RODEO



PAST PRESIDENTS REFLECT ON THEIR ROTARY
MOMENT

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

MEET IVAN LOVEGREN

MORE JAMS TO ADD TO YOUR PLAYLIST

NEW MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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When I was a new member of Rotary and we had our first outing for the polio plus campaign I went to a church in the San Fernando Valley. The doctors and nurses that were part of the immunization program got all set up and I was standing there among them. A young girl of maybe eight years old came in and stands at attention and looks at us and says I'm ready for my Immunization. She was adorable and stoically she stood there and received the shot. Her eyes got very big, pursed her lips and she looked at us and said. I don't care for anymore immunizations today and ran out of the room. I became a Rotarian for life that day!

PP DAVID MESHULAM

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Calling all LA5 Rotarians
to participate in a

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

to benefit the School on Wheels

**Please bring any bulk school supplies
to the next three meetings.**

**Ana Rosales will collect for the
School on Wheels service event on
10/26.**

Items needed:

- Crayons
- #2 Pencils
- Notebooks
- Erasers
- Safety Scissors
- Highlighters
- Glue Sticks
- Folders
- Rulers
- Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Lined Paper

\$30 can buy a back-pack full of school supplies
for a homeless youth.

**For more information, contact
Service Division Co-Chair Ana Rosales**

TIME TO COMMIT

A message from the President

The deadline is here.

Today is the day for the members of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles to submit their commitment forms and to declare their intentions for supporting the Club this year.

LA5's Foundation Division has done an excellent job of preparing a pathway for giving and volunteering. I hope that you have taken time to think about how you will be of service to the Club this year.

There are several ways to make a commitment to your Club. First, we encourage all of our members to make a pledge to the Community Service Fund's 365 program. (That's a commitment of one dollar a day.) We are looking for 100% participation in this program.

Secondly, we invite all members to give to the Rotary International Foundation in support of the efforts to end polio, promote education and peace, provide clean water and fight disease, and to help mothers and their children around the globe. Third, it may seem like a small thing, but it is very helpful to the Club when you sponsor a lunch or a special event. Whether it is a lunch meeting or a mixer, the Club has expenses to cover beyond the ticket price. Sponsorship helps us operate the Club and focus most, if not all of our fundraising on service. The LA5 Foundation is the backbone of our Club. Through it, we fund many signature causes such as the LA5 Scholarship Program, Angel City, and the Children's Court Initiative.

Finally, we encourage you to volunteer. A special report prepared for Rotary International by the Johns Hopkins Center for Civil Society Studies estimated the value of Rotary member volunteer hours at \$850 million a year. There is real value in volunteering. Through LA5's Service Division and the USC Rotaract Club, we offer many ways to volunteer. From Angel City, Fast Five, Scholarship Luncheon, Denny Dynes Memorial Bowling Day to PAWS LA and Suicide Prevention Walk, there are numerous ways to get involved and support Angelenos in need.

It's time to commit, but it's not too late. If you need a commitment form, simply **click here**.

Thank you for supporting your Club.



Rick Gibson

President,
Rotary Club of Los Angeles
2019 - 2020





THIS WEEK LUNCH WITH WARREN STANLEY COMMISSIONER OF THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

On February 9, 2018, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. appointed Warren A. Stanley as the 15th Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol (CHP); a Department with more than 11,000 members. Commissioner Stanley was reappointed by Governor Gavin Newsom on January 8, 2019. As the leader of the largest state law enforcement agency in the nation, Commissioner Stanley is responsible for maintaining the safety and security of millions of residents and visitors across the Golden State. Commissioner Stanley has been employed with the CHP since 1982, and is one of the distinguished few to hold every position from Officer to Commissioner within the CHP. Commissioner Stanley is the first African American in the history of the CHP to hold the rank of Commissioner.

at the Cal Club
[click here for tickets](#)

Mark the calendar



OCT
24

COUNTDOWN TO
HISTORY



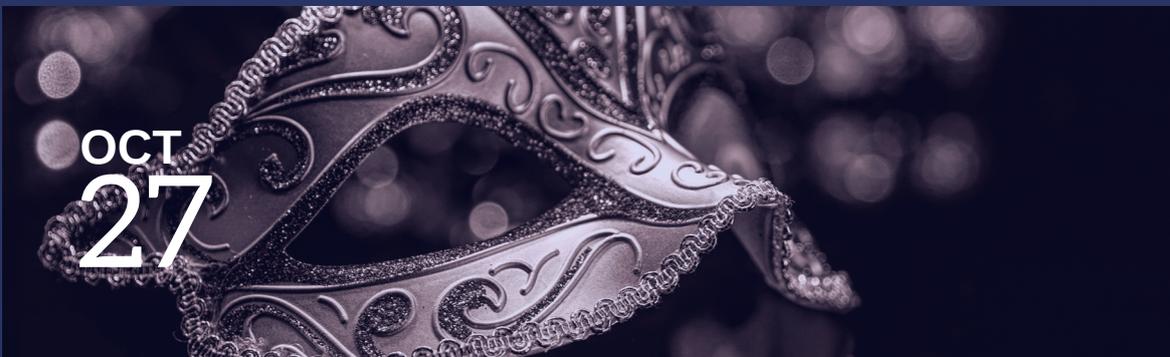
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- Oct 24** World Polio Day
- Oct 25** Jeremy Weinglass - Lunch at the Cal Club
Board Meeting - following lunch at the Cal Club
- Oct 26** Service Opportunity - School on Wheels
- Oct 27** District 5280 Foundation Gala - Taglyan Complex
- Nov 01** Ricardo Garcia - Breakfast at the Cal Club
- Nov 07** Golf Committee - Chevy Chase Country Club

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

LAST WEEK IN PHOTOS

LUNCH WITH KEN BASIN OF PARAMOUNT TV

📷 : Tony Medley & Adam Weiss





Your Rotary moment ...



"I invited my family to join me at the 2012 Angel City. When my then almost 3 year old niece, Madelyn, asked if she could have a toy, I told her that many of the kids here today are receiving their one and only Christmas present and she will have many others at home. I then asked her if she wanted to help give one of the toys away and she promptly walked up to this child in a stroller who was shying away from all the adults. Madilyn offered her a stuffed animal, and that little girl graciously accepted it. Then Madelyn couldn't wait to give away more toys and was perfectly happy going home empty handed that day."

PP CHARISSE LARA

TOP 10 PIANO CLASSICS

*to get the
crowd
moving*

recommended by
Jeremy Weinglass



10. Can't Get You Out of My Head - Kylie Minogue
9. Clocks - Coldplay
8. Firework - Katy Perry
7. I Remember - Deadmau5
6. Crazy - Gnarls Barkley

5. Happy - Pharrell Williams
4. I Will Survive - Gloria Gaynor
3. Bad Romance - Lady Gaga
2. Get Lucky - Daft Punk
1. Africa - Toto

[CLICK HERE FOR JEREMY'S SPOTIFY PLAYLIST](#)

Your Rotary moment ...

"In 2001, LA5 Club President David Meshulam seeded an international project with \$172,000 to purchase wheelchairs. Within months almost every District 5280 club lent support to his initiative, next joined by clubs in surrounding Districts and later by clubs scattered across the United States. When the dust settled, the total amount raised was more than \$1.2-million to sponsor 7,700 wheelchairs. LA5, the first Rotary Club in the region, entered its second century as the go-to club with the resources, and the determination to accomplish community and world service. This happy fellow received his wheelchair in San Salvador. Polio made his legs useless decades ago. His home was a lean-to in a busy street median. The Sisters from a nearby convent helped him clean up and dressed him in new clothes for the presentation. This gift of mobility would now allow him to navigate his neighborhood to seek employment. We put him into a taxi for his ride home. His first trip ever in a taxi was the start of his new life."



PP MARC LEEKA



The background features a light blue sky with soft white clouds. On the left side, there are several large, colorful balloons in shades of orange, red, and yellow. The text is centered in the upper half of the image.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October Birthday-ites!

**Denise Anthony
Rev. Andy Bales
PP Alan Bernstein
PP David Bland
Chris Cieszko
Lew Coppersmith
Roy Follmuth
Mistyka Garcia
Harlan Gleeson
Cory Hathaway
Samantha Kim
Don Knabe
Christopher Lewis
Herb McGurk
PP David Meshulam
Karen Mikkelsen
Joe Portillo
Daniel Provencio
Paul Richey
Howard Schneider
Helen Williams**

ABOUT 20 YEARS OR SO, AFTER I MADE THE VERY FIRST CLOSE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS AT ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL IN BOYLE HEIGHTS ... JOSE VERA BECAME A MEMBER OF LA5. HIS BRIDE ERICA WAS INTRODUCED TO US HAVING A CONNECTION TO LA5 ... SHE WAS ONE OF THE VERY FIRST RECIPIENTS OF THE CLOSE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS AND AS INCOMING PRESIDENT OF LA5 ... I WAS THE ONE WHO WAS HONORED TO PRESENT HER AWARD TO HER AT A CEREMONY AT ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL ALONG WITH BOXING CHAMPION OSCAR DE LA HOYA (A ROOSEVELT HS ALUM). WHILE I DO NOT SPECIFICALLY REMEMBER ERICA (AT THE TIME) I DO HAVE STRONG MEMORIES OF THE JOY AND THANKFULNESS OF EACH ONE OF THOSE ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS WHO RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP FROM LA5 ... THANKS IN LARGE MEASURE TO THE GENEROSITY OF FORMER LA5'ER RICHARD CLOSE AND HIS BRIDE HELEN. THE "CIRCLE OF LIFE" AT WORK AT LA5!

PP MIKE BIRKHOLM



Members you should know ...

IVAN LOVEGREN



What is your proudest accomplishment? Easily being a father to my twin infant sons Archer & Logan.

If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be? If I could have a day alone to myself snowbound in a cabin with three good books, a fireplace, and a record player...I think being in the midst of the "Terrible Twos x2" right now that sounds like an ideal day.

What makes you laugh the most? When my kids use their imaginations. At this wonderful age, I don't care what it is, when they do something goofy it makes me lose it.



What's the most daring thing you've ever done? Ever since my recent tee-off(s) at the Wilshire Country Club Rotary Golf Event, I'd say the most daring thing I've ever done is drive my car confidently down that stretch of Beverly Blvd.!

What are your favorite books? I love reading the classics that, thru so many interpretations, have been watered down to where the original is itself a revelation. Some examples that spring to mind are Mary Shelley's thought-provoking Frankenstein, Bram Stoker's Dracula, and Alan Moore's work on Saga of the Swamp Thing.



What's your superpower? Organizing things for causes. There's nothing I enjoy better than getting people together behind a cause they may not otherwise take 5 minutes or 5 dollars of action towards.

Is there anything else that you'd like to share with the Club? I am an avid baseball card enthusiast - if anyone has any old cards I'd be happy to spend an afternoon reviewing what you have!

ACT SOON!

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

NEW MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS



Gracie Abalos

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Ben Turner

welcome to LA5!

Your Rotary moment ...

PP ALAN BERNSTEIN

"Of course, my "Rotary Moment" would have to pertain to our amazing Scholarship Day! Every year we are amazed at the quality of the students who apply and the challenges they face to rise to the very top of their scholastic competition as well as our strenuous rubric. I will never forget the essay of one particular young man who was a musician as well as a top student who shared that he "imagined the gunshots, screams and car horns" as a "symphony" as he made his way to and from school on a daily basis. I recall the LAUSD Superintendent singling out his essay (he had read every one) and reading it aloud to the rapt audience of LA5er's, parents, teachers and other recipients that day. This student had blocked out all impediments to his success-the only thing he could see (or hear) was the melody of success and escaping the challenges of his neighborhood.

**THIS IS WHY I AM A ROTARIAN!
TO BE ABLE TO GIVE BACK TO
THE COMMUNITY THAT I WAS
RAISED IN IS A TRUE
PRIVILEGE."**

