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# A TOAST TO ROTARY

## A message from the President

Well it finally happened. As hard as I have tried to guard my feelings from caring too deeply about our club, it happened—the Rotary Club of Los Angeles has found a permanent place in my heart. Our holiday party on December 10 sealed the deal.

We gathered at the California Club to celebrate our friendship and work as Rotarians. The Angel City Holiday Party was a very special evening of good food, music, and Rotary fellowship. Nearly 80 members and guests gathered to enjoy a fun evening in honor of the tenth anniversary of one of our club's hallmark service projects—Angel City Celebration. During the festivities, we honored **Marjorie Heller** for her vision and tireless efforts over the past ten years to plan and execute an annual event that brings hope, help, and happiness to a community longing for such things.

We ended the evening by raising a glass three times—something my fellow Rotarians were only too happy to do. First, we toasted the 1.3 million Rotarians worldwide who seek to bring hope to their communities. Second, we honored the important service work of LA5. And finally, we raised a glass to honor those we are trying to serve. On this special evening we set aside our religious and political preferences and agreed that the most important thing we could do was to love our neighbors in need. I was proud to be a Rotarian that night.

I am grateful to **Marjorie Heller** for raising the vision of our club. I am thankful for **Denise Anthony** for thoughtfully managing the many details that made the party so much fun. Finally, I am thankful for **Malinda Monterrosa** for sponsoring our musical guests, Carly and the King. The party was fun and meaningful to all who attended.



Best Wishes this Holiday Season,

*Rick Gibson*

President,  
Rotary Club of Los Angeles  
2019 - 2020





DARK THIS WEEK -  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

there's NO Friday meeting!  
See you in the New Year!

# Mark the calendar



- Dec 20 Dark - Happy Holidays!
- Dec 27 Dark - Happy Holidays!
- Jan 03 Business Exchange - Breakfast at the Cal Club
- Jan 04 Golf Committee - Chevy Chase Country Club
- Jan 10 State of the Club - Lunch at the Cal Club
- Jan 17 Harlan Levine, M.D. - Lunch at the Cal Club

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# **CHECKING IN WITH LA5 SCHOLARS**

**ANDREA, 2016 RECIPIENT  
CURRENTLY ATTENDING UCLA**

**How did you use the  
scholarship money?**

**"I used it towards textbooks,  
transportation and bills."**

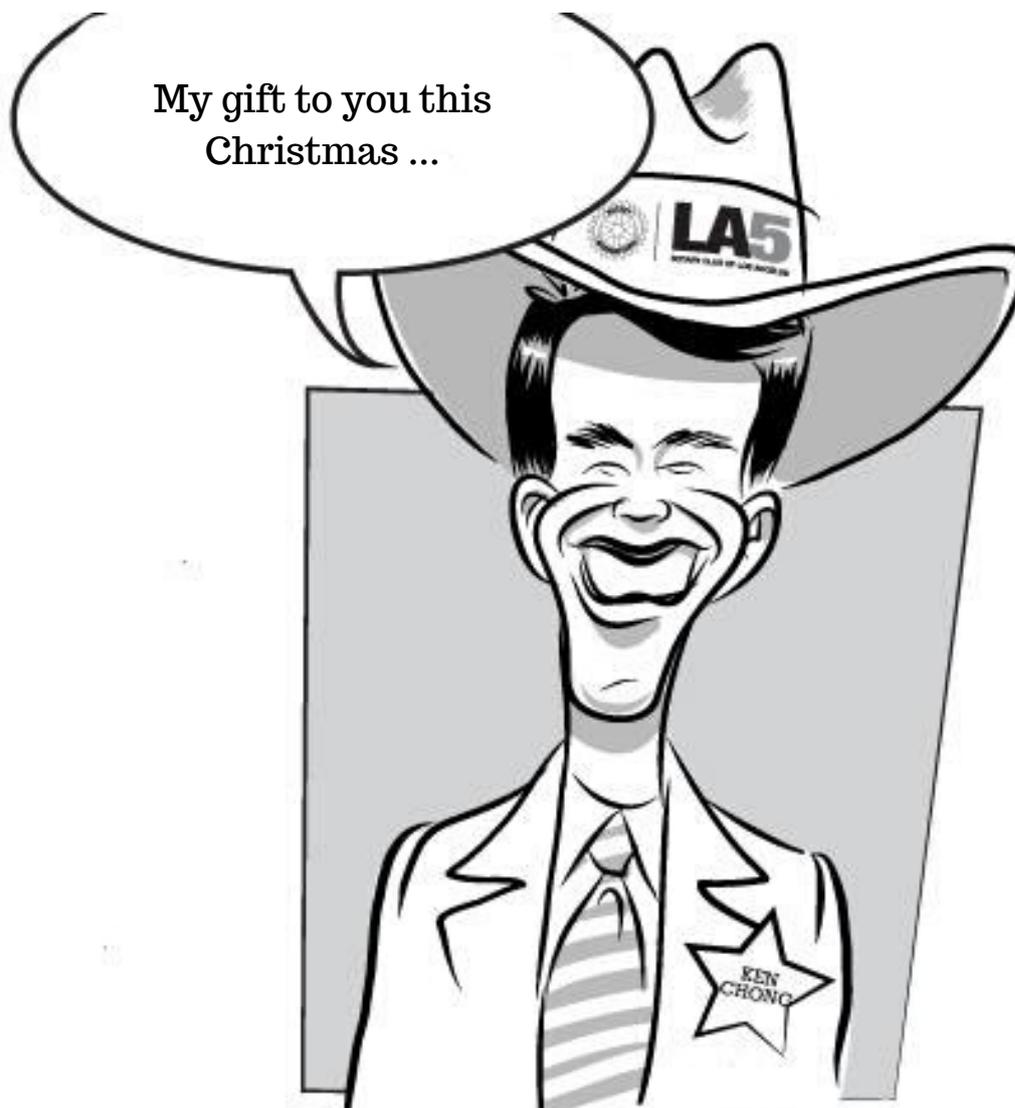
**Brag to us about what you did  
this year...**

**"It has been quite a rough year  
for me, but I managed to pull it  
together in the end. I have  
finally resolved my own  
personal issues and really look  
forward to this upcoming  
school year. I finally feel like I  
can perform at my full  
potential."**

# THE WASHED UP PRESIDENT'S PODCAST

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# WINE TASTING



## 📍 A TOAST TO CENTRAL COAST

If you want to boast, bring an extraordinary wine to share. Kick off the new year at the lovely historic home of **Lauren Schlau** in Country Club Park.

Enjoy the delicious hors d'oeuvres while sipping on delicious wine. Listen to the musical stylings of LA5 member, **Paul Jacques**.

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Lauren Schlau, Lauren Schlau Consulting | David Bland, CWS, SVP, D.A. Davidson & Co. | Denise Anthony, Westminster Title | Christina Moses, 3shades design

## 📍 DETAILS

**Saturday, January 25th from  
4pm to 7pm in Country Club Park**

*(Address will be provided before the day  
of the event.)*

## 🍷 WHAT TO BRING

**Bring a bottle of a Central Coast  
wine (red, white, or non-alcoholic).**

**Light hors d'oeuvres will be provided.**

Sponsorships are available. Sponsors will be able to showcase their company and be listed in the invitation. Please contact Denise Anthony at [danthony@titleguru.com](mailto:danthony@titleguru.com) with any sponsorship questions.



Photography by Tony Medley



meet:

# CHARLENE DIMAS-PEINADO

President & CEO, Wellnest

MEMBER SINCE 2017  
PAUL HARRIS FELLOW  
CURRENT BOARD MEMBER

**What is your favorite thing about your career? Any recent wins or successes?**

The ability to develop and implement innovative mental health services for children and families from underserved communities. A recent win is the expansion of our core programs to include the development of housing services for transition age youth, ages 18-21, emancipating from the foster care system.

**What is your claim to fame?**

Being the first Latina CEO for The Whole Child (a 60 year old non-profit organization based in Whittier), and then becoming the first Latina President & CEO for Wellnest (a 95 year old non-profit organization based in Los Angeles).

**What quirks do you have?**

I'm a pushover for unique health care remedies.

**What's your favorite thing about LA5?**

The members because they're friendly, social and generous with their giving.

**Where do you consider your hometown?**

My hometown will always be in New Mexico.

**What website do you visit most often?**

Harvard Business Review.

**What's the best day to start a day?**

Having a delicious cup of coffee made by my wonderful husband.

**What's the best single day on the calendar? Why?**

My three best days on the calendar are (sorry, I couldn't pick a single day): my wedding anniversary and the birthdays of our son and daughter.

**What's worth spending more on to get the best?**

Purchasing organic food because they're healthier, meet higher standards for safety, taste better, and it supports small local farms that care about the environment.

**Where would you spend all your time if you could?**

International traveling with my family to experience new cultures and create new memories.

# LAST WEEK IN PHOTOS

THE ANGEL CITY CELEBRATION HOLIDAY PARTY



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