

EL RODDEO



ROTARY YEAR 2019-2020 • ISSUE 39 • VOLUME CXI
SEE - DREAM - SOLVE
ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

MARCH 24, 2020

2019 - 2020

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

John Green

FOUNDATION BOARD

Russ Whittenberg, Chair
Heather Shuemaker, Secretary
Erick Weiss
Ken Chong
Marjorie Heller
Dave Tomblin
Rick Gibson

EXECUTIVE ADMIN

Jennifer Gregg

EL RODEO

Paul Ekstrand
Rick Gibson
John Green
Charisse Lara
Ivan Lovegren
Malinda Monterrosa
Christina Moses
Lauren Schlau
Jared Smith
Michael Stevens
Adam Weiss
Erick Weiss

TALK TO US:
elrodeola5@gmail.com

CLUB OFFICERS

Rick Gibson, President
Matt Ball, President Elect
Paul Ekstrand, VP & Program Chair
Josh Mandell, Secretary
Darin Marinov, Treasurer
Erick Weiss, Immediate Past President

DIRECTORS

Anthony Bourg
Ellen Desper (USC Rotaract)
Charlene Dimas-Peinado
Sally Gallagher
Michael Hart
Nancy Howard
Kathleen Kavanaugh
Malinda Monterrosa
Ana Rosales
Lauren Schlau
John Spokes
Maureen Tepedino
Walker Van Antwerp
Laine Wagenseller

SARGEANT-AT-ARMS

Joseph Grant
Christopher Kim
Shahla Reynolds
Kumar Vinod

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Melody St. John

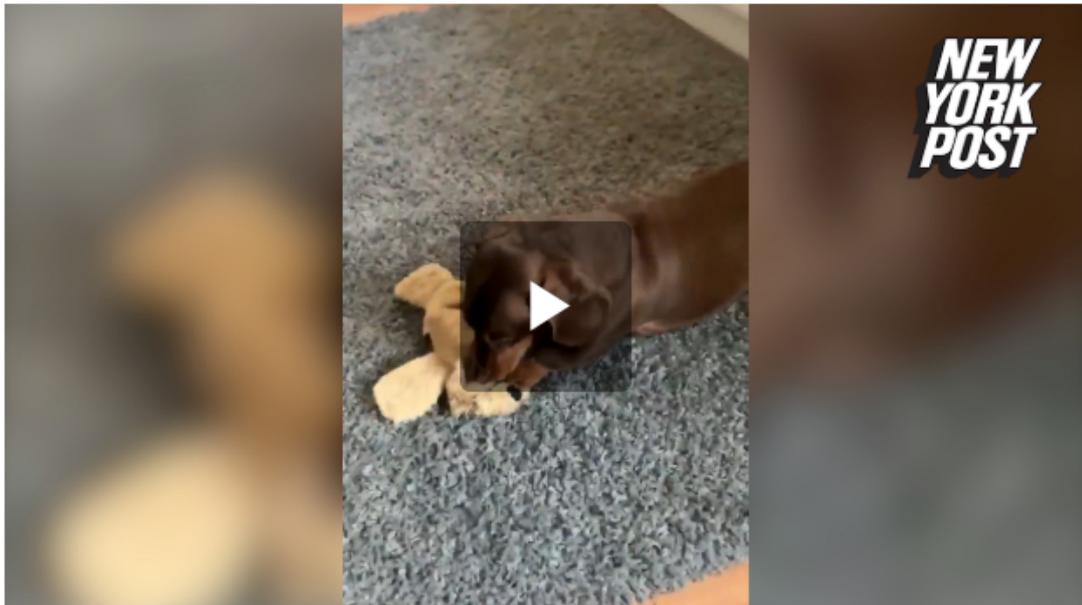


BEST NEWS ARTICLE
OF THE WEEK

**Dog sprains tail from too much
wagging during owner's
coronavirus quarantine**

By [Eric Hegedus](#)

March 23, 2020 | 5:49pm



[CLICK HERE TO READ](#)

SPREAD THE VIRUS OF KINDNESS

A message from the President

Anger and vitrol have held their place in our society for far too long, don't you think? Uncivil talk, shouting, finger pointing, and blaming have dominated the global conversation for so long, it almost seems normal. Only when we face a common foe are we reminded that we share common dreams and concerns. As COVID-19 spreads across the world, my hope is that the 'virus of kindness' will spread with it. As many have said, give each other a little space and a lot of grace.

Looking Ahead

With state and local restrictions placed upon us, we will not be meeting together in the near future. But this is not the end of our Rotary year. All meetings, including club meetings, board meetings, and social gatherings will be held virtually. It sounds like an oxymoron, but we are living in a virtual reality for the time being.

Happily, our recent ZOOM test was successful. We had 50+ members join us throughout the meeting, many by video, several by phone. It wasn't ideal, but it wasn't too bad either. We will begin to schedule ZOOM gatherings with some regularity. Look for invitations to Club meetings, presentations, and even a virtual cocktail hour. (Now that got your attention.)

In the meantime, remain SAFE AT HOME. Care for one another. Spread the virus of kindness.



Yours in Rotary Service,

Rick Gibson

President,
Rotary Club of Los Angeles
2019 - 2020



PEPPERDINE

— UNIVERSITY —

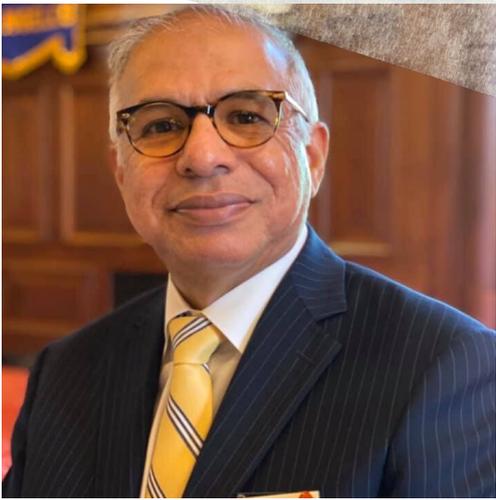


THIS WEEK:
ZOOM MEETING
with Dr. Lee Katz
Professor of Biology, Pepperdine University

[Click Here for Meeting Details](#)

meet **JOSE LUIS SANCHEZ**

GENERAL AGENT OF
MANHATTAN LIFE
LA5 MEMBER SINCE 2019



WHAT ARE SOME SMALL THINGS THAT MAKE YOUR DAY BETTER?

Dressing up for the day ahead, plus hand written notes for a todo list.

WHAT'S YOUR GO-TO BAND WHEN YOU CAN'T DECIDE WHAT TO LISTEN TO?

American rock & roll bands of the 70's and 80's.

WHO INSPIRES YOU TO BE BETTER?

My mother, she was my best adviser and she always had words of wisdom. My father was an educational psychologist, he always helped me to see things from a different point of view.

WHAT GETS YOU FIRED UP?

Deceitfulness. It just does it.

WHAT QUIRKS DO YOU HAVE?

I understand feelings more than words, and I always tell my wife the end of movies, she doesn't want to go to the movies with me, sometimes...hahhaha.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT?

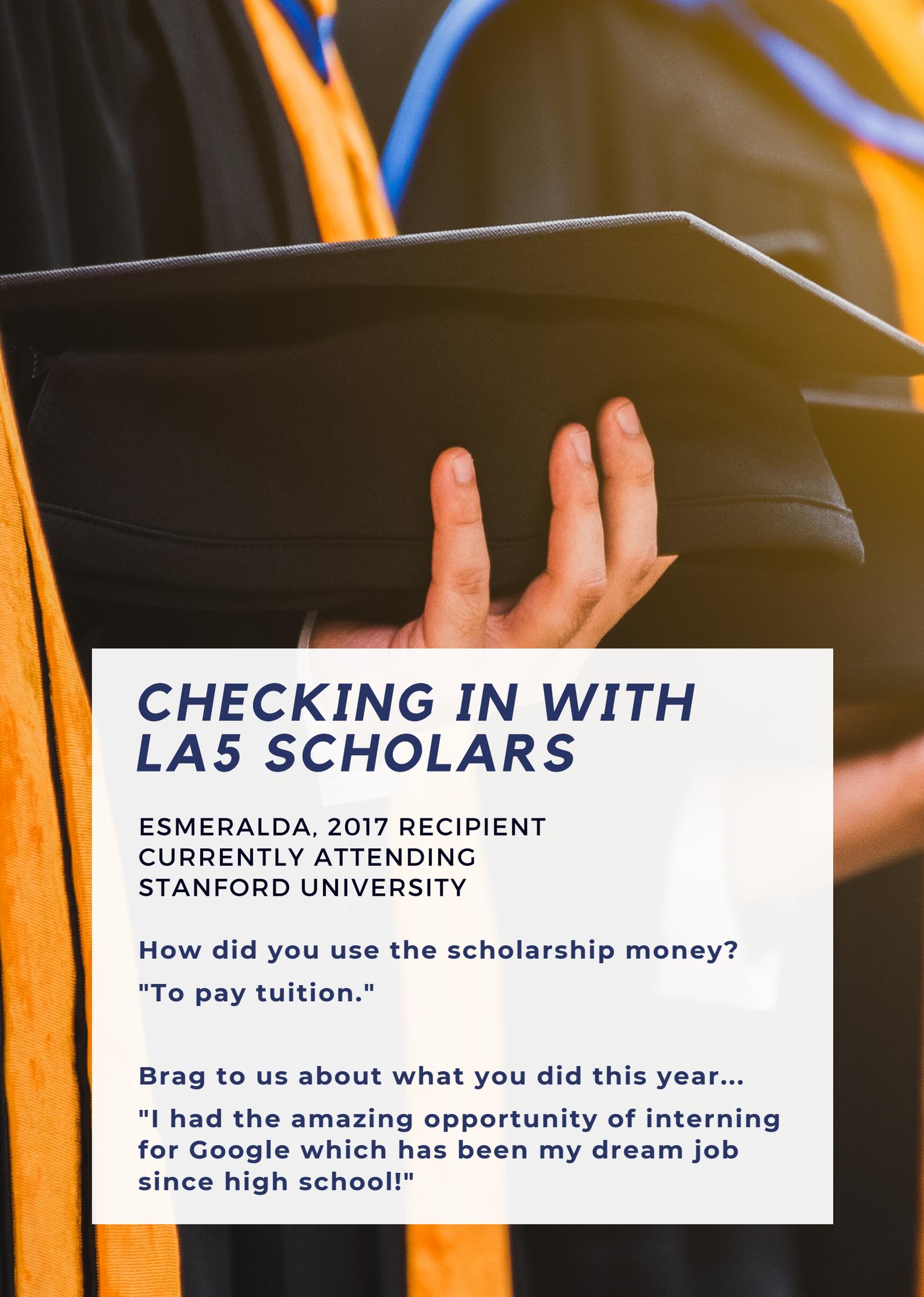
My loving family, beautiful wife and 3 young adults that do lots of good in our community.

WHAT TAKES UP MUCH OF YOUR TIME?

Listening to people and listening what they want but especially what they are not telling me.

IF YOU COULD DO ANYTHING FOR A DAY, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Co-Pilot a jet airplane from coast to coast.



CHECKING IN WITH LA5 SCHOLARS

**ESMERALDA, 2017 RECIPIENT
CURRENTLY ATTENDING
STANFORD UNIVERSITY**

How did you use the scholarship money?

"To pay tuition."

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

**"I had the amazing opportunity of interning
for Google which has been my dream job
since high school!"**

4 WAYS TO BE A ROTARIAN WHILE PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING



Reach out to other members

Call, write, text, or tag your fellow members to stay in touch! There are members who need to talk, might need help, or maybe just want to connect. Stay in touch with each other!



Support small businesses

Rotarians are pillars of our community; as such, we should lead by example and support our local businesses in any way we safely can during these difficult times.



Service projects

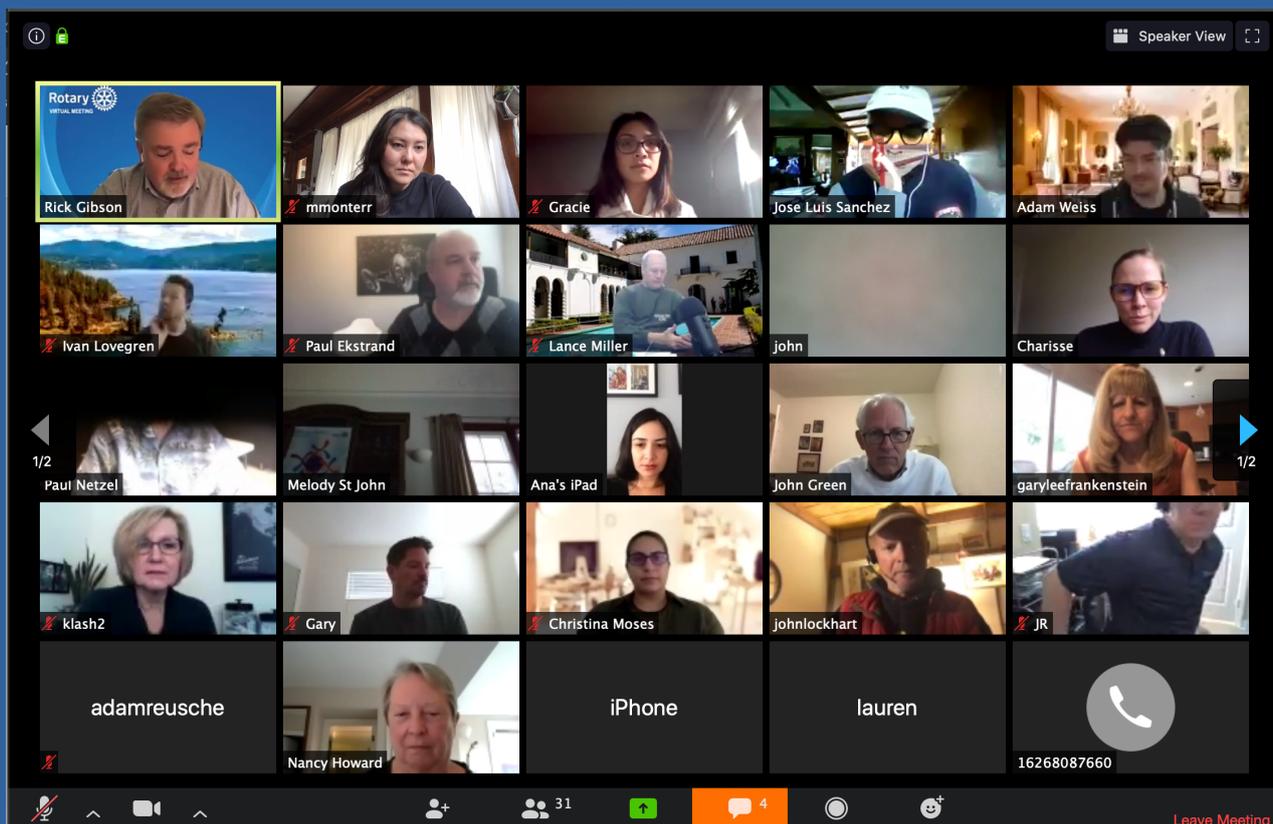
Find a way to service the needs of our community. Share them with your fellow LA5 members and act!



Engage with the club

With meetings either cancelled or postponed, use this time to work on club-related projects and efforts. Engage with the club and advance our mission!

how Rotarians are surviving
SOCIAL DISTANCING

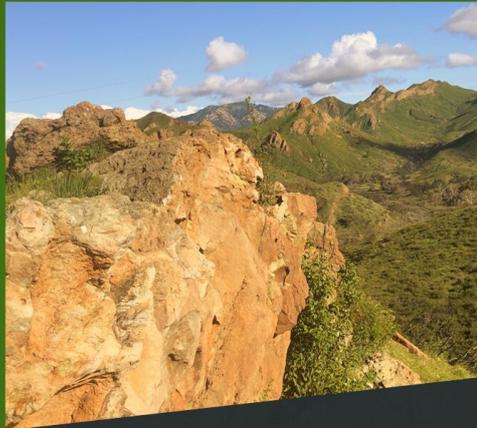


LAST WEEK, LA5 MEMBERS
PARTICIPATED IN A (SUCCESSFUL)
ZOOM CONFERENCE MEETING!

NEXT UP - VIRTUAL HAPPY HOURS..?!

how Rotarians are surviving

SOCIAL DISTANCING



HAPPY TRAILS

**SANTA
MONICA
MOUNTAINS**

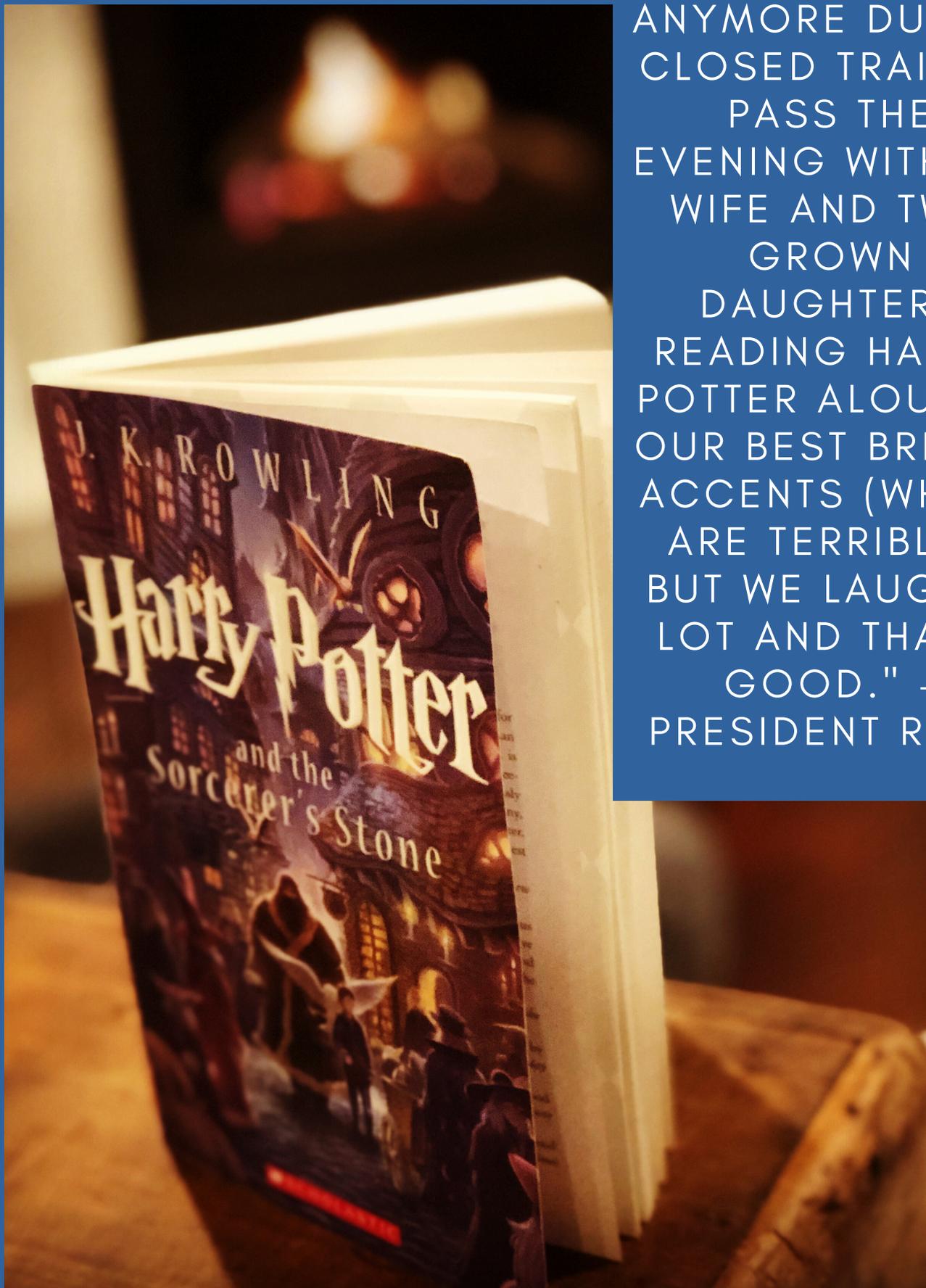
PRESIDENT RICK WAS GETTING THROUGH HIS DAYS BY FINDING MOMENTS IN HIS DAY TO HIKE THE HILLS BY HIS HOME.

"APPARENTLY THE RABBITS, SQUIRRELS AND GOPHER SNAKES DIDN'T GET THE SOCIAL DISTANCING MEMO. OF COURSE, THEY ARE WORKING FROM HOME, AREN'T THEY?"

BUT ...

how Rotarians are surviving

SOCIAL DISTANCING



"NOW THAT I CAN'T HIKE ANYMORE DUE TO CLOSED TRAILS, I PASS THE EVENING WITH MY WIFE AND TWO GROWN DAUGHTERS READING HARRY POTTER ALOUD IN OUR BEST BRITISH ACCENTS (WHICH ARE TERRIBLE). BUT WE LAUGH A LOT AND THAT'S GOOD." - PRESIDENT RICK

how Rotarians are surviving

SOCIAL DISTANCING



"CARA AND I ARE EXPLORING THE LIMITS OF INTENSE SHARED SPACE AT HOME AS PERHAPS NEVER BEFORE. DAILY CALLS TO OUR DAUGHTER IN LONDON AND SON/ FAMILY IN DC. LEARNING HOW TO ORDER FOOD THROUGH INSTACART. STILL LOTS OF LA5 DUTIES. TAKIN' IT DAY BY DAY AND TOTALLY **AMAZED** THAT PRES. RICK CANCELLED HOMECOMING ONLY 11 DAYS AGO.

(JIGSAW PUZZLE PICTURED IS CARA'S AND ON RARE OCCASIONS I HELP HER.)"

- ED JOHN GREEN

how Rotarians are surviving

SOCIAL DISTANCING

'OUR LITTLE LEO IS PROBABLY THE BIGGEST THING KEEPING THE LARAS SPIRITS UP DURING THIS. HIS SMILE JUST BRIGHTENS OUR DAY AND KEEPS US PRESENT"

- PP CHARISSE LARA



how Rotarians are surviving

SOCIAL DISTANCING

DENISE ANTHONY SPENT TIME COOKING:
RE-MAKING CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE
THAT WAS GOBBLED UP BY OTHERS, AND
HOMEMADE SOUP TO KEEP HERSELF AND
HER LOVED ONES HEALTHY.

"THEY DON'T CARE HOW MUCH YOU
KNOW, UNTIL THEY KNOW HOW MUCH
YOU CARE."
- DENISE ANTHONY



Check her out on the club's social media!

how Rotarians are surviving

SOCIAL DISTANCING

'SC ROTARACTOR, MAKSIM FRANKO, ENJOYS MUSIC WHILE KEEPING TABS ON HIS FAMILY IN SPAIN VIA WHAT'SAPP.

"WHEN THERE IS A FAST-SPREADING DISEASE WITHOUT A CURE AND YOU CAN'T VISIT YOUR FAMILY ACROSS THE OCEAN, THE BEST THING TO DO TO LIFT THE SPIRITS IS MUSIC."

- MAKS FRANKO



how Rotarians are surviving

SOCIAL DISTANCING

PAST PRESIDENT KEN CHONG
COMMENTED THAT HE SPENDS HIS DAYS
YELLING AT HIS KIDS.



**no photo
provided**

**How are YOU doing?
What is getting you
through your days?**

Let us know.

email:

elrodeola5@gmail.com