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INSPIRED TEACHINGS

A message from the President

Dr. Wayne Strom was a brilliant organizational behavior scholar. He understood that businesses, clubs, churches, and schools were human endeavors and subject to the passion or apathy, strengths, failures, personalities, insecurities and confidences of every member of the organization. He taught me that organizations were living, breathing things and should be thought of that way first because there is nothing in the universe more powerful than a shared vision of the future.

If, during this past year, you have felt that I have in a small way provided leadership that has united our club and moved us forward, you have Dr. Wayne Strom to thank. Of the many ways I have fallen short in my leadership this year, I offer the sad excuse that I simply could not keep up with his brilliant mind and his inspired teachings.

Wayne Strom passed away on April 2 from complications related to COVID-19. The cruelty of this disease is staggering. His death was swift but difficult. He died in isolation. This disease has robbed the world of a brilliant, empathetic scholar, and a caring human being. Because of his work preparing homeless adults for the job market, Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission in Mission Hills will name their new learning center for Dr. Wayne Strom.

I forecasted that many of us would personally know a victim of COVID-19. Until I lost Dr. Strom last week, I didn't fully realize that we are all victims of this hideous pandemic.

Like me, many of the members of our club will participate in prayerful practices this week. We are dark for Good Friday. Whether through the Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu traditions or whether through no religious tradition at all, pause this week to ponder this moment. Grieve for a while, then allow hope to stir your soul and imagination and inspire you to serve those who will desperately need LA5's help in the years ahead. A shared vision of a hopeful future is a powerful thing.



Stay Safe. Stay Home.

Rick Gibson

President,
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2019 - 2020

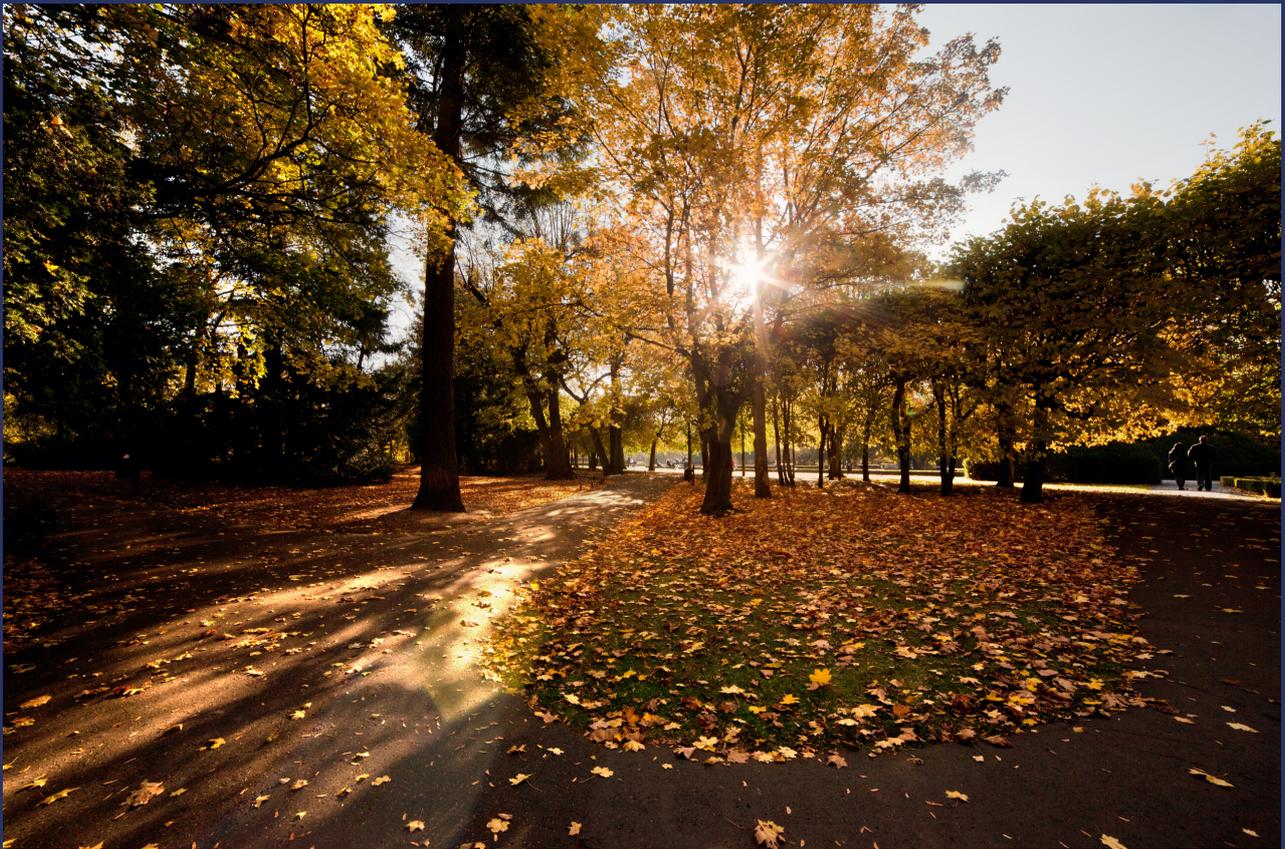


looking for some good news?

WATCH 'SGN' WITH JOHN KRASINSKI



[CLICK HERE](#)

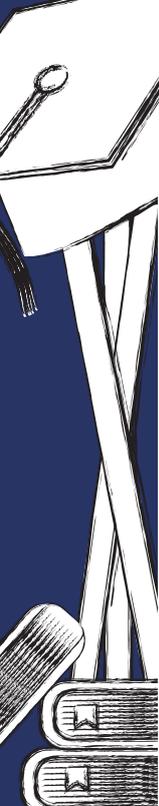


DARK THIS WEEK

STAY SAFE & HEALTHY

El Rodeo heard a rumor that an informal poker club is being formed on the "low".
The first game is on Tuesday 4/14.
Contact Rob Menz if interested





CHECKING IN WITH LA5 SCHOLARS

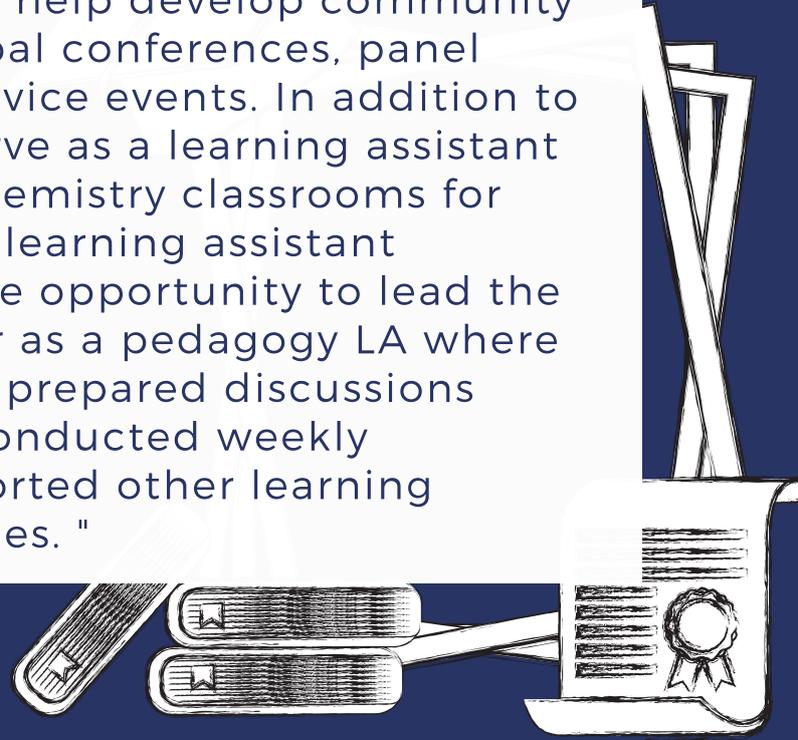
ALY, 2017 RECIPIENT
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How did you use the scholarship money?

"Bought school supplies, textbooks (~200-250 each quarter), and bought additional necessities: hygiene products, food, and clothing."

Brag to us about what you did this year:

This past year, I had the incredible opportunity to develop my professional confidence, my career perspectives, and relevant skills and experiences through my work in technical projects, volunteer work, research, and other involvements in school. Throughout the quarters, I was able to serve the Maclovio Rojas community in Mexico by assisting clinical services and teaching english to the community members through FISH (fellowship for international service and health). Through this organization, I was able to help develop community relationships through global conferences, panel sessions, and domestic service events. In addition to FISH, I was able to also serve as a learning assistant for my peers within the chemistry classrooms for the first two quarters. The learning assistant program had also given me opportunity to lead the chemistry LAs in the winter as a pedagogy LA where I facilitated peer learning, prepared discussions materials in classrooms, conducted weekly meetings, as well as supported other learning assistants behind the scenes. "





JAVIER CANO

4/7

BARRY HYTOWITZ

4/12

DAVID TAKAKAWA

4/12

SHARING IS CARING. ROTARIANS CARE.

FROM BRENDA WIEWEL:

ROTARY CARES SURVEY

As this difficult period unfolds and we must adapt to multiple simultaneous challenges, LA5 Rotary wants to connect to let you know that we care. As Rotarians who value service, we are exploring how we can help each other and our communities. As a first step, we have developed a short survey to check-in with all members. The purpose is to help us assess how you are doing at this time. We would appreciate hearing from you about your current needs and what type of assistance or resources you may be able to share. Finally, please let us know what ideas you have about how Rotary can help make this time easier for all of us.

Note your responses are confidential; you can complete the survey anonymously, or provide your name or email address. If you have indicated you'd like some assistance, a member of our small Rotary Cares Committee may contact you once we have your response. If you prefer not to answer the survey but would like assistance, please reach out to a fellow Rotarian in whom you can confide. Also, President Rick has extended an open invitation to hear from anyone, should they wish to talk with him directly.

Please complete the survey - even if you don't need anything, we really want to hear from you.

Click here to take the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FFGDZJS>

**SHARING IS CARING.
ROTARIANS CARE.**

**DO YOU HAVE ANY RESOURCES OR
EXPERTISE THAT YOU CAN SHARE
WITH YOUR FELLOW ROTARIANS?**

**ARE YOU SEEKING RESOURCES OR
HELP THAT YOUR FELLOW LA5
MEMBERS MIGHT BE ABLE TO
HELP YOU WITH?**

**LET US KNOW - EMAIL:
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AND / OR TAKE THE SURVEY**

how Rotarians are surviving

SAFER AT HOME



**PP CHARISSE CELEBRATES 3-MONTHS
WITH BABY LEO**

how Rotarians are surviving

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CHRISSY MOSES IS STILL COOKING
AWAY
#DROOL



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UPLIFTERS

WITH ADAM BAR

PODCAST BY RTB FINANCIAL GROUP



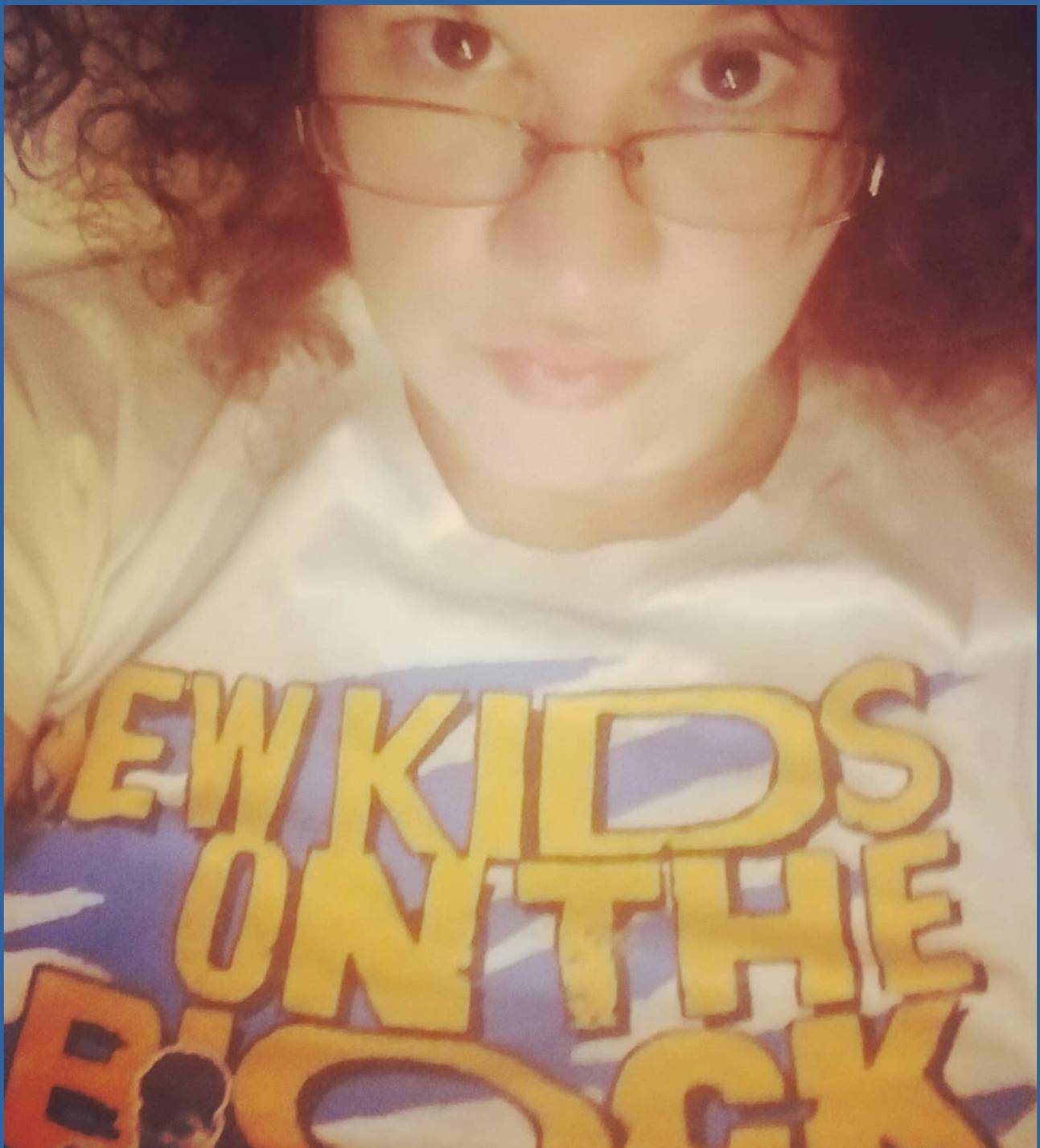
ADAM BAR HAS STARTED A PODCAST

(WATCH OUT KEN CHONG!)

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MANDI BUDD IS DIGGING UP AND
ROCKIN' OLD TEES
#NKOTB



how Rotarians are surviving

SAFER AT HOME

"I'M KEEPING MY MIND ACTIVE AND POSITIVE THESE DAYS BY FOCUSING ON AND DRAWING SOME OF MY FAVORITE CRITTERS."
-RICK GIBSON



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

Let us know.

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