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Hidden **GAVEL**

**CONGRATS TO
JARED SMITH**

&

ANNA FLORES!

**-LAST WEEK'S
WINNERS-**

Somewhere in this issue is hidden a gavel. Be the first to identify and email the correct location to Brenda Wiewel will win a gift certificate to support a local Rotarian-owned business!

Brenda Wiewel: frankens@usc.edu

LA5'S NEXT 100 YEARS

A message from the President

It was a big question. Too big, even. During last week's First Five Zoom Chat, Rotary International President, Mark Maloney asked, "What does Rotary need to do to be successful in the next 100 years?" I began to fret as I prepared to answer the question. I can't even imagine what Rotary should look like ten years from now. Instead of answering directly, I took the easy way out and shared three strategic themes that I think of enduring importance to Rotary's future.

My response to President Maloney's question flows out of my experience as President of LA5. I have witnessed three things at work within our members that make Rotary attractive to others. I believe these three things will energize Rotary's future.

INNOVATION—From a reimagined El Rodeo to our club's pivot to online gatherings during this pandemic, I have seen our club innovate to meet the moment. We don't care about innovation for the sake of innovation, but for the purpose of accomplishing a mission.

ENGAGEMENT—Our club has learned that Rotary is not a passive organization. Rotary is at its best when its members engage one another through business, social events and service projects. When we truly engage with people, we come to care about them at a deep level. That will always be attractive.

IMPACT—LA5 continues to be a high impact club. I am proud that by the time this Rotary year ends we will have distributed over \$400,000 to communities that need clean water, to promising students who need scholarships, to children longing for permanent homes, and to frontline care professionals needing PPE equipment. We understood the moment we were in and seized the opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of real people.

Friends, I am confident that these three values will propel our club forward next year and in the distant future. I look forward to enjoying some measure of our future alongside you.



Rick Gibson

President,
Rotary Club of Los Angeles
2019 - 2020





THIS WEEK

Q&A with Ann Romney
ZOOM Meeting

[Advanced registration is required. Click here.](#)

Mark the calendar



- May 13** Online Poker - pokerstars.net (Contact Rob Menz)
- May 14** Coffee & Tea Social - ZOOM Meeting
- May 15** ZOOM Meeting with Ann Romney
- May 19** Business Exchange - ZOOM Meeting
- May 20** Online Poker - pokerstars.net (Contact Rob Menz)

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WEEKLY
on WEDNESDAYS

ONLINE POKER GAME

\$20 BUY-IN

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BUSINESS EXCHANGE MORNING MIXER

**TUESDAY, MAY 19
8:30 AM**

**ZOOM MEETING
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
[CLICK HERE](#)**

Doing business with fellow Rotarians is part of the LA5 4-way test and we are excited to bring back our monthly business exchange. Since we cannot meet in person at this time, we will be hosting these mixers virtually via zoom. These events are currently open to LA5 Rotarians only, so please do not forward this information outside of LA5.

This meeting will be hosted by PP Charisse - which means there will be a prompt start!



She did it!

Congrats to USC Rotaract President
and LA5 Board Member Ellen Desper!!

USC CLASS OF 2020
(PEEP THE ROTARY WHEEL ON HER
GRADUATION SASH)





MARWAN FATTAL

5/11

JARED SMITH

5/11

ROGER RECK

5/13



Meet
Tammy Nguyen

DIRECTOR OF CATERING, GODFREY HOTEL
LA5 MEMBER SINCE 2020
MARKETING COMMITTEE

What's your favorite thing about your career? I enjoy countless aspects of what I do. I love that I get to work with many industries while bringing people together through hospitality. However, my favorite would be that my career is the one thing I'm certain I am good at.

Are you usually early or late?
Time is relative.

What's the best way to start a day?
15 minutes of meditation.

What takes up too much of your time? I spend a great deal of time overthinking. Working on doing a little less of that.

What's your favorite smell?
Chanel caviar leather.

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If paying extra for Whole Food's sliced mango is wrong, I don't want to be right.

What is your love language?
It is tied between Quality Time, Physical Touch and Acts of Service. I was very surprised to see Receiving Gifts in 4th place.

What are some small things that make your day better? FaceTime with my nieces and nephews.

What stereotype do you live up to? Before you get in my car - do you have life insurance?

What are you addicted to?
Trader Joe's Herbs & Spices Popcorn (thank me later).

There are two types of people in this world, what are those two types?
People who clean while they cook and people who enjoy disasters at the end of the meal.



THE LA5 CARES COMMITTEE HAS MADE CALLS TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS AND CONDUCTED A CLUB SURVEY WITH 74 MEMBERS RESPONDING TO GATHER INFORMATION.

WE FOUND OUT THAT CLUB **MEMBERS TRULY VALUE HELPING OTHERS** AND ARE WILLING TO ASSIST WHEREVER THEY CAN. THERE WAS ONE MEMBER WHO LOST A RELATIVE TO COVID-19 AND A CONDOLENCE CARD WAS SENT.

THERE ARE A FEW OTHER MEMBERS WITH ILL RELATIVES THAT WE ARE MONITORING. WE ARE ALSO ACTIVELY IDENTIFYING AND SUPPORTING MEMBERS WITH EMPLOYMENT NEEDS AS WELL AS WITH BUSINESS NETWORKING.

To contact the LA5 Cares Committee or to get involved, contact Brenda Wiewel: frankens@usc.edu



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