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A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

It's the middle of the 2020 calendar year, and \ldots

here is a pandemic that doesn't seem to want to end. Some of us feel like we are living in Groundhog Day and it sometimes begs the question: do I still have my sanity? Some are struggling to make ends-meet. Jobs are scarce. The economy is a roller coaster ride. Some are dealing with the heartache of loss. This viral disease has gone viral and seems to inch closer each day, doesn't it? Major league sports are being played without fans, hugs are a rare occurrence, and those with kids now have multiple full time jobs.

2020 didn't start or stop with the virus in its dealing of unfair hands, either; the Australian bushfires, drone strikes, Royal drama out of Buckingham, plane crashes, helicopter crashes, an impeachment trial, floods, Yemen, Brexit. Whew!

It all seems pretty depressing - but I believe that a spark of hope lies within organizations like Rotary. Organizations where good people come together and share in their good intentions to make great things happen in spite of their varied differences. Sometimes perhaps even because of them. When the world is down, Rotarians lift it up. We lift each other. We are icons of empathy.

I hope that you will continue to hold Rotary close to your heart this year. There are already so many amazing souls working hard to keep your club invigorated and we need more engagement to turn that spark into a flame. Some of those hard working souls are those who have been assigned to coordinating our Club Assembly to address diversity, equity and inclusion. I hope that you will consider joining that conversation: to have your voice heard: to practice your good listening: to support your fellow Rotarians who continue to work so hard to make your club an institution worthy of its members - those icons of empathy and sparks of hope.

We may not solve all of the world's problems, but you know what? We make a pretty decent dent. And we can continue to do so, but we can only do it together. I, for one, am excited to see all of the creative resilience that comes out of our club this year that could tip the scales of 2020 away from depressing and toward wonderful.



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VP & Program Chair Rotary Club of Los Angeles 2020 - 2021



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Thank You LA5!



Thanks to generous donations from LA5 and other Rotary clubs around Los Angeles, we were able to send two 20 foot and one 26 foot box truck fully loaded with almost \$7000 in gift cards and other gifts.

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The marines at Camp Pendleton were speechless and send their thanks!



All Current Events are ZOOM Video Meetings Unless Otherwise Noted

July 31 Rotary Opens Opportunities with RI President Holger Knaack
Aug 7 Service Above Self in the White House with Stewart McLaurin
Aug 14 Skid Row Housing Trust with Lee Raagas, CEO
Aug 21 Economic Forecasting Amidst Covid19 with Paul Single

Aug 21 Club Board Meeting

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Camp Paivika





Summer 2020

August 5th – 8th

Three Days of virtual Summer Camp!

LA5 Rotary Club of Los Angeles

| Wednesday, | August | 5 th | |
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Detective Day - 11:00 – 11:45 am Reverse Charades – 3:00 – 3:45 pm

Friday, August 7th

Hollywood Squares – 11:00 – 11:45 am Dance Party – 3:00 – 3:45 pm

Saturday, August 8th

Mid-summer Campfire &

Cabin Banner Sharing – 2:00 – 3:30 pm

<u>Register Here</u>

Happy Birthday to this week's Birthday-ites

Adrian Heryford July 29 Annie Ruth August 1 Lance Ito August 2 Peggy York August 4

Happy Rotary Anniversary

Carol Medina, 3 years Charlie Gallagher, 4 years Michael Hart, 4 years Bill Covino, 6 years President Matt Ball, 10 years Lance Miller, 12 years Eddie Turner, 13 years Spencer Walsh, 18 years Don Knabe, 22 years Annie Ruth, 24 years David Bland, 24 years Paul Netzel, 52 years

Thank you for you years of service to LA5 & the Los Angeles community!