

# EL RODEO



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ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2020



"Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world."

- Howard Zinn

# A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Service!

As the pandemic continues to loom and it seems more and more like we will continue to be confined to virtual meetings, the question was evermore plaguing: how do we make sure LA5 members remain engaged?

We all showed last Friday that the answer was / is: service.

We took a chance on a non-traditional meeting structure, and those of you who attended were gracious enough not to assume *too* much before showing up to participate. And then you took it a step further and you blew my mind.

The energy, ideas and passion that came out of our meeting on September 11th were nothing short of inspiring. The amazing brain-trust that we have among our members in this club is truly extraordinary. I am reminded how lucky I am to be in its halo and benefit from it. People like you make people like me go to bed feeling grateful each day.

You know what else makes me go to bed feeling grateful? The knowledge that Charisse Lara now serves as the Executive Director of LA5! We are so blessed to have her guidance as she takes the baton from Judge Green to help lead our club.

I hope that you will continue your work that started last Friday. We will continue to find ways to provide opportunities and support so you can do so. Just remember, if you need anything, you now email Charisse and not John .. ;) (No one tell Charisse I just typed that.)



*Malinda Monterrosa*

Vce President | Program Chair  
Rotary Club of Los Angeles  
2020 - 2021





COUNCILMEMBER ALLEN WARREN

# SOLVING HOMELESSNESS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF SERVICE

*Join us this Friday via Zoom*

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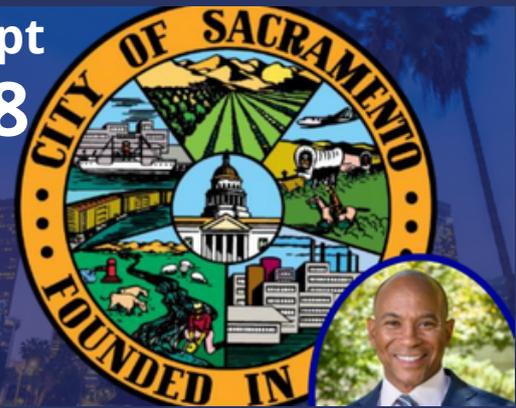
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AND TO REGISTER!

# Mark the calendar

Sept  
17

**SOCIAL  
HOUR**

Sept  
18



Sept  
18

**CLUB  
BOARD  
MEETING**

Oct  
2

**UCLA**  
Broad Stem Cell  
Research Center



Oct  
7

**JOINT CLUB MEETING  
OF THE  
FIRST FIVE  
ROTARY CLUBS**

All Current Events are ZOOM Video Meetings Unless Otherwise Noted

- Sept 17 Social Hour
- Sept 18 Solving Homelessness with Councilmember Allen Warren
- Sept 18 Club Board Meeting
- Oct 2 Steven Peckman, UCLA Broad Stem Cell Research Center
- Oct 7 Joint Club Meeting of the First Five Rotary Clubs

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE CLUB CALENDAR](#)





Rotary  
District 5280



# LITERACY BREAKFAST

SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

Join the Rotary District 5280 Literacy Breakfast to hear about the reopening of schools amidst COVID-19 and how these Districts plan to address educational, health and safety concerns. District leaders will discuss the future of classrooms, sports, and budget constraints amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)

*Happy Birthday  
to this week's  
Birthday-ites*

Keith Renken

Sept 16

Chris Chen

Sept 17

Jack Dibb

Sept 18

PP Bob Aldridge

Sept 19



# SOCKS FOR SALE



**\$15 / pair**

(includes tax and shipping to your home)

**proceeds benefit club  
operations**

**[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE](#)**

# Save the Date

## Virtual

CHEF EXPERIENCE



CELEBRATE WITH  
WOLFGANG PUCK CHEFS

**OCT 8 | 4:30 PM**

**SPACE IS LIMITED**

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)

# Happy Rotary Anniversary

Past President Mike Birkholm, 34 years

Past President Bob Aldridge, 32 years

Jan Razia, 27 years

Chris Chen, 24 years

Brenda Wiewel, 21 years

Gus Oppermann, 20 years

Past President Jay Richardson, 20 years

Manny Ahsan, 20 years

Howard Schneider, 17 years

Adam Weiss, 14 years

Eric Garcetti, 10 years

Adam Bar, 9 years

Barry Hytowitz, 9 years

Ylenia Mino, 8 years

Dr. Helen Williams, 5 years

John Chiang, 5 years

Elizabeth Skrzat, 4 years

Osei Stewart, 4 years

Vinod Budchauhan, 4 years

Gracie Abalos, 1 year

Patrick Chylinski, 1 year

Joe Reilly, 1 year

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