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**"FIGHT FOR THE
THINGS THAT YOU
CARE ABOUT, BUT DO
IT IN A WAY THAT
WILL LEAD OTHERS TO
JOIN YOU."**

Supreme Court Justice
Ruth Bader Ginsburg
1933-2020



A MESSAGE...

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On a worldwide scale we mere mortals have been buffeted, battered, and bruised by the panoply of natural and human-made disasters this year. Few if any of us can honestly maintain not being affected physically, emotionally or financially by the COVID pandemic and its related lifestyle impacts. Why can't I just go see a movie in a theater or dine IN a restaurant, get together with friends and loved ones, have a party!?!

Add to that the social justice movement and ongoing protests for equity in our country, stirring a stew of emotions and polarization among factions in our society and beyond. And now in this summer of our discontent, record breaking forest fires are igniting the west and history making hurricanes are swamping the east.

Who could be blamed for bizarre behaviors, short tempers, or drinking a little more of one's favorite beverage to counter the uncertainty, concern, and fear we are experiencing. All of us are subject to the whims of ever intensifying impacts from climate change, the pandemic and social unrest, all of which have a common through line and relationship, not just in our region or country but on a world-wide scale. A butterfly flapping its wings in Indonesia is eventually felt here in LA and elsewhere. On the surface indeed, as said, we are all in this together.

Digging a little deeper, I question the veracity of that statement for reasons I think about when I hear it. Say for the pandemic – who is most at risk and who is most protected; who has been laid off? Who is working the front-lines, saving lives, farming our food, delivering our packages, cashiering in our food stores, all to make sure the rest of us can sustain ourselves? On the other hand, who is taking private jets to faraway lands to remove and protect themselves? In the social justice movement, who is disproportionately fighting for rights and access that many others take completely for granted? And in the west and east some are losing homes and their lives while others are living their lives. I see these events affecting different groups of people in very different ways; to me we are not all in this together.

In my life what transcends the inequality of these impacts is Rotary. In this place - now brought to us live on Zoom – we care about and help one another like few other places. We each try to do our little share of service to help improve lives. There is a Jewish saying that saving one life is saving the world. We each can make a difference and where best to put our efforts than Rotary?

On our recent club meeting devoted to service, we engaged in discussion and committed to harnessing our talents and energy to taking meaningful action. Knowing the members of our club I expect it will happen.

Co-chairing this year's Service Division with Herb McGurk, we are committed to making service happen, together with club members. Service like virtual Camp Paivika for disabled adults, Angel City for families in need, Myanmar water projects, youth outreach and engagement, student arts, Consul General's Day, First 5 Clubs projects, peace conversations and intra-club relations, just to name a few.

While I still don't accept that the world is in this together as I must recognize the disparity, I feel that at Rotary we are in this together, working to make things better a day, a project and a life at a time.



Lauren Schlau

Peace Committee Chair | Service Co-Chair
Rotary Club of Los Angeles
2020 - 2021



GUESS WHO'S BACK, BACK AGAIN...

New Member Announcement



Jermaine Ee

Chief Executive Officer
Tactile Brain

WHAT'S GOING ON FRIDAY?

Jessica Ellis
Executive Director of
Centinela Youth Services

YOUTH SERVICES THAT WORK!

Join us this Friday via Zoom 

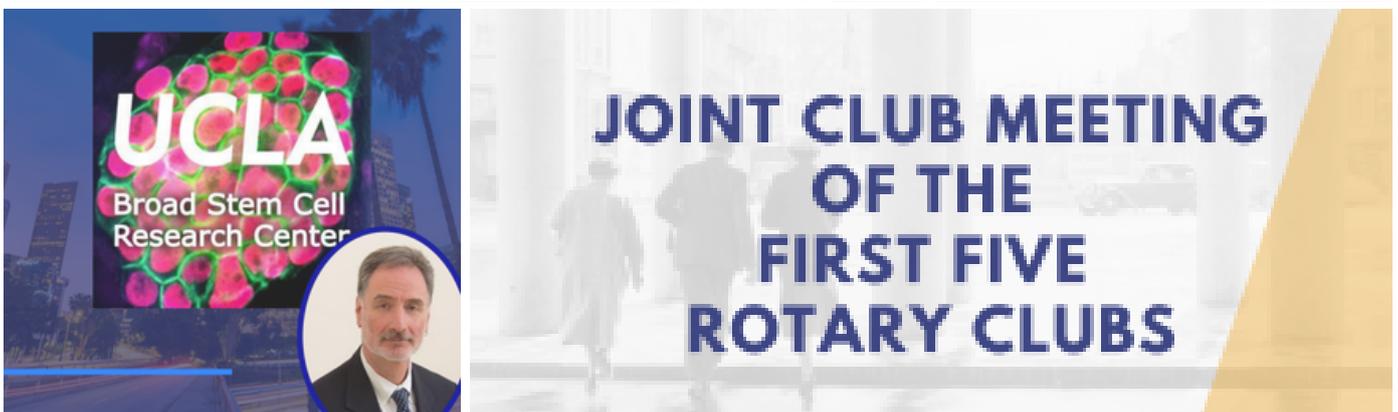
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AND TO REGISTER



Mark Your Calendar!



This graphic features a blue background with a city skyline at night. On the left, a circular logo for CYC (Centinela Youth and their families since 1975) is displayed. In the center, a circular portrait of Jessica Ellis, Executive Director of Centinela Youth Services, is shown. On the right, a photo of a chef in a kitchen is featured with the text 'Virtual CHEF EXPERIENCE' and 'CELEBRATE WITH WOLFGANG PUCK CHEFS'.



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- SEPT 25** Jessica Ellis, Executive Director of Centinela Youth Services
- OCT 2** Steven Peckman, UCLA Broad Stem Cell Research Center
- OCT 7** Joint Meeting of the First Five Rotary Clubs
- OCT 8** Virtual Chef Experience
- OCT 9** Special Club Meeting - Details to Come

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

All Current Events are ZOOM Video Meetings Unless Otherwise Noted

Literacy Breakfast



Rotary 
District 5280

LITERACY BREAKFAST

SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)

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.

This Week's Birthdays



Spencer Walch Sept 23

PP JR Richardson. Sept 26

FIVE LETTERS...

SOCKS

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 your years of service to LA5
& the Los Angeles community!**

