

# EL RODEO

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**"WE NEVER STOPPED. WE WERE READY TO GO AS SOON AS THE BELL WAS CALLED. AND ONCE IT DID, WE KEPT ROLLING."**

Corey Seager  
LA Dodgers  
2020 World Series Champions



## A MESSAGE...

# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Rotarians,

As I reflect upon two service projects in which LA5 is currently at the center of managing this week, I am grateful to be a part of our Club's influence for good. Rotary carries such a strong name around the world that when we requested 10,000 hygiene kits from a potential partner, we were already a vetted and trusted entity, someone they could easily support. But then when we added the first five Rotary Clubs as a collective entity--all working on a service project together--suddenly our name recognition carried an even greater cache', one that has motivated even more involvement from other partners hoping to be involved with us.

The same is true with State Assemblyman, Anthony Rendon and Senator Brian Dahle. When they were looking for an organization to distribute fresh food for the needy in our community, they turned to LA5 as a trusted entity. Consequently, we partnered with the Salvation Army and are distributing 2,400 boxes (32 lbs/ea) through an interfaith coalition in South Central Los Angeles as well as other partner organizations across LA (Oct. 30, 2020).

Of course, there was Feeding the Front-Line workers during the last few weeks as well as many other humanitarian outreach opportunities which are currently being planned or prepared. (A special thank you to Lauren Schlau and Herb McGurk, Chrissy Moses, Malinda Monterrosa and so many more, showing us how it's done. The Service Committee continues to rock!)

If you do not feel engaged in LA5, or somehow feel disconnected from some of the rather incredible opportunities that continue to arise, I find that there are three clear steps to changing our perspective and hopefully motivating ourselves to take action:

1. **PAY YOUR ROTARY DUES** - This not only gives you the moral authority to offer opinions and suggestions on how we can improve, it also gives you satisfaction in knowing that your contribution pays for the administrative duties surrounding activities that truly affect people's lives for the better.
2. **CHOOSE TO BE INVOLVED** - When you choose to serve someone besides yourself, it's amazing how your own problems seem so much smaller. Plus, once you've served in the name of Rotary, you can't help but feel energized, grateful and satisfied all at the same time. It simply keeps you feeling young.
3. **REACH OUT TO OTHER MEMBERS** - Everyone needs a friend or at least an encouraging word. I find that when I look out into any audience, I realize that everyone has some struggle, some pain and sometimes, debilitating circumstances in their life. Responding to those personal prompts to say something nice, or do something considerate for another Rotarian, will always do more good than you know.

I am continually humbled as I consider each of our LA5'ers and the great fraternity in which we all belong. I hope you choose to engage and do so without feeling overwhelmed. Afterall, out of small things comes that which is great. We don't have to be "huge" in order to be effective or useful. So please join the fun and let yourself feel a part of this awesome club.

Yours In Rotary,



*Matt Ball*

President  
Rotary Club of Los Angeles  
2020-2021



## New Member Application Announcement



# Aiko Tan, MBA

Executive Director  
HomeAid Los Angeles

[homeaidla.org](http://homeaidla.org)

# What's Going On This Friday?

**FRIDAY  
10.30.20**

## **COME ZOOM WITH US!**

### **SUPPORTING FOSTER YOUTH**

During this club meeting, Mr. Ambroz will speak to LA5 about an initiative he is leading to help address keeping foster (and former foster) youth housed and supported.



[REGISTER HERE](#)

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



**MORNING  
SOCIAL HOUR**

## *foster youth*



**Rotary**  
District 5280



**Opening Opportunities  
to Tomorrow**

***District 5280  
Foundation Celebration***

- OCT 29** Morning Social Hour
- OCT 30** Supporting Foster Youth with David Ambroz
- NOV 6** Cultural Competence
- NOV 7** District 5280 Foundation Celebration
- NOV 12** Morning Social Hour

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

All Current Events are ZOOM Video Meetings Unless Otherwise Noted

## LA5 Sustainability Committee

Did you know that supporting the environment was recently adopted as Rotary International's Seventh Area of Focus?

Did you know that LA5 has Sustainability Committee?

Connect with fellow LA5 Rotarians to get engaged and learn more on...

*THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29TH  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM*

**[REGISTER TO ATTEND VIA ZOOM HERE](#)**

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION...  
**CULTURAL COMPETENCE**

**An Open Discussion  
with your fellow Rotarians  
on Cultural Competence**

On November 6, we are pleased to invite you to “continue the conversation” featuring Mel Vines, a fellow Rotarian, who will present a thought-provoking discussion on cultural competence. He just made this presentation to the Central Coast Rotary District. Following his presentation to us, attendees will meet in small groups to explore these concepts.

“Culture” represents the values, norms, and traditions as to how individuals of a particular group perceive, think, interact, behave, and make judgments about their world. “Cultural competence” encompasses the ability to understand, communicate with and effectively interact with people across cultures.

Mel Vines is a 16 year member of the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise. He has served as an educator for over 42 years and is now Assistant Principal at Simi Institute for Careers & Education.

Please join us for an informative presentation and engaging and enlightening member interaction.

[CLICK HERE TO  
LEARN MORE](#)

**CELEBRATE  
DIVERSITY,  
FOSTER  
UNITY**



# Annual Foundation Event

## DISTRICT 5280 ANNUAL FOUNDATION EVENT

Supports Rotary Int'l Foundation:

- End Polio Now
- Int'l Clean Water Projects
- Peace Projects

## GET INVOLVED TODAY!

### 1 BUY TICKETS!

- Buy Tickets @ \$10 minimum / 12 tickets for \$100
- \$500 plus LA5 match = Paul Harris Fellow
  - (Credit towards Paul Harris Fellow)
- Raffle to Win a Club Basket
- **Must notify Carmen Schaye to receive credit**

### 2 DONATE ITEMS!

- Have an item to donate?  
Contact Chrissy Moses
- Examples of items to donate:  
dinner for two, bottle of good wine, stay at vacation home, gift certificates, etc.

**PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS BY NOV 4th!**

Buy Tickets at:

[www.2020foundationcelebration.com/opportunity-tickets](http://www.2020foundationcelebration.com/opportunity-tickets)

**SOCKS!**

# SOCKS FOR SALE



**\$15 / pair**

(includes tax and shipping to your home)

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT CLUB OPERATIONS**

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

## This Week's Birthdays



PP Alan Bernstein

Oct 28

Roy Follmuth

Oct 29

Joe Portillo

Oct 30

Denise Anthony.

Oct 31

Brad Turner

Nov 1

# HAPPY ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

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

Richard Frank, 32 years

Carolyn DeVinny, 29 years

Sumi Kawaratani, 29 years

Tony Medley, 28 years

Mark Higgins, 25 years

Tommy Lasorda, 24 years

Gary Jimenez, 23 years

Ben Turner, 21 years

Jim Balbin, 21 years

PP Marc Leeka, 21 years

Nichole Baker, 20 years

Michael Flood, 20 years

PP Alan Bernstein, 16 years

Howard Goodman, 15 years

Christopher Lewis, 15 years

Kathleen Kavanagh, 13 years

Malinda Monterrosa, 7 years

Christina Moses, 6 years

Margaret Peterson, 6 years

Robert Menz, 2 years

