

A MESSAGE...

FROM LEADERSHIP

Dear Rotarians,

Last March when we had to go virtual and stop meeting in person, I was really disappointed. At the meetings, I got to exchange smiles and handshakes, carry-on side conversations at my table to meet people I didn't yet know, and enjoy the spectacle of our meeting rituals. I got to see and greet in person fascinating leaders in our community, enjoy the elegance of the setting, sing along to our opening songs, and cheer for USC whenever Ken Chong mentioned that other school. All of a sudden, things were so different. It seemed like such a loss for me and the rest of Rotary.

To my surprise though, it has not actually turned out that way. Since I was at home, working remotely and no longer commuting, I had a lot more time and wanted to stay connected. Then Past President Rick talked about his concern to stay in touch, especially with Rotarians who might be isolated, in need of help, or having lost a dear one. Well, I thought, that's in my wheelhouse- caring for each other could keep us connected. What I found was that a group of wonderful Rotarians, some of whom I didn't know that well yet, gathered around to provide support for that effort. For a while we met every week and came up with creative ideas for member outreach. Voila! The care committee was reconvened. A whole team of Rotarians worked on a survey and outreach calls. We found out that most Rotarians wanted to help others and eventually the club got involved with a whole host of service projects. I've been so inspired to see us roll up our sleeves for service. I think we've done more service projects in the last year than since I started with the club.

I have been so grateful, because whenever I agree to take on a task, there are so many Club members who immediately volunteer to take part of the load. What a nice feeling it is to have that willingness and teamwork to count on. During this pandemic when I broke my elbow, it was my turn to have people reach out to see how I was doing, and boy did that feel good. I've learned a lot over the last year, about how Rotary is really supposed to work - a group of people whose pleasure it is to uplift, support, and help others. I've loved seeing the renewed emphasis on appreciating and valuing people who come from different backgrounds and find common purpose as a community that laughs, plays, and works together for the benefit of all. When I first transferred here to LA5 from my small Rotary club in Santa Fe Springs, I wondered what it would be like to be part of such a large club with such a long and illustrious history. I was worried about finding my place and fitting in. What I actually found is a group of people that I admire, appreciate, and care about. You are all part of my journey through the COVID-19 pandemic and I couldn't have had a nicer bunch for this trip!

“one of the greatest diseases is to be nobody to anybody” Mother Theresa



Brenda Wiewel

Board Member
 Cares Committee Chair
 Rotary Club of Los Angeles
 2020-2021



GET TO KNOW OUR...

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



MARILYN

WHERE DID YOU ATTEND SCHOOL?

Wellesley College

BRAG TO US ABOUT WHAT YOU DID THIS YEAR!

During my first year at Wellesley, I joined the archery team, MEZCLA, and remained an active member of Wellesley Plus. I made a lot of connections with faculty and peers, which made for unforgettable experiences and memories. I adjusted to the demanding academics and got good grades, which I am only working harder to achieve as I continue to learn study and time-management techniques that work best for me. I only look forward to doing better and more as I continue my time at Wellesley.

HOW DID YOU USE YOUR SCHOLARSHIP MONEY?

I used the rotary scholarship money in my first year to facilitate my transition and assimilation to College. With the Rotary scholarship money, I could not only afford to purchase necessities, like books and supplies, but I could also afford trips to Boston to escape the Wellesley college bubble on weekends. Or to get food off campus when I felt homesick and craved home-cooked food. My favorite use of the Rotary Scholarship money, though, had to be buying Peter Pan Bus tickets to Washington D.C. to attend a Friday for Future Climate Change March during the first few weeks of College. It was an exciting opportunity to bond with new friends and do something I felt passionately about that I would have never been able to do without the Rotary Scholarship. These uses of the money were only a few examples of how the Rotary Scholarship aided my navigation and success during my first college year.

WHAT'S GOING ON THIS FRIDAY?

**FRIDAY
12.11.20**

WE ARE DARK!

NO MEETING TODAY

Wishing you and yours a warm
and wonderful Hanukkah



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



- DEC 11 DARK - Happy Hanukkah!
- DEC 18 DARK - Happy Holidays!
- DEC 18 Club Board of Directors Meeting
- DEC 25 DARK - Merry Christmas!
- JAN 1 DARK - Happy New Year!
- JAN 8 Club Assembly - State of The Club

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

All Current Events are ZOOM Video Meetings Unless Otherwise Noted

SHARE YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY RECIPE

SEND YOUR RECIPE TO
TAMMY.NGUYEN@ROTARYLA5.ORG



TITLE

(Better Than Red Lobster's)
Cheddar Biscuits

PREP TIME

10 minutes

TOTAL TIME

40 minutes

INGREDIENTS

2 cups AP flour	Butter Mixture:
1 tsp baking soda	5 tbsp melted salted butter
2 tsp baking powder	1 tbsp garlic powder
1/2 tsp salt	1 tbsp parsley
1/2 tsp onion powder	
1 tsp garlic powder	
1 stick cold unsalted butter	
1 - 1 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese	
Handful of freshly chopped parsley	
1 cup buttermilk	

DIRECTIONS

- 1) Pour yourself a drink.
- 2) To a bowl- add 2 cups AP flour, 1 tsp baking soda, tsp baking powder, 1/2 tsp salt, 1/2 tsp onion powder, 1 tsp garlic powder.
- 3) Whisk all your dry ingredients together.
- 4) Mix dry ingredients with 1 stick of cold butter (you want it to resemble a sand-like texture).
- 5) Add 1 - 1 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese and handful of freshly chopped parsley.
- 6) Add in 1 cup of buttermilk.
- 7) Mix until everything is combined. Add in a tad more buttermilk if the mixture feels too dry.
- 8) Spray cooking pan with oil.
- 9) Plop on a large spoonful onto your tray. You **don't** want them to be perfectly round so do not roll them like cookie dough.
- 10) Brush the butter mixture on top before putting into the oven.
- 11) Bake at 400 degrees for 16-18 minutes.
- 12) Finish by brushing the butter mixture on top of the biscuits.
- 13) Email me your photos.

enjoy!



DEAR SANTA...



FOR
SANTA
CLAUS

DEAREST SANTA,

It is hard for me to believe that last December we first learned of the Coronavirus and for 10 months we have been in some form of physical distancing. My last in person large group event was our LA5 golf tournament at Wilshire Country Club. My swing was nothing to talk about, but the lovely brunch held indoors at the club house certainly was. We were locked down by March 13th and our LA5 Homecoming meeting was cancelled. There was fear, confusion and panic all around as people scrambled to get prepared. You couldn't find toilet paper, paper towels or personal protective equipment.

Just a few weeks later, in April, we initiated the LA5 Face Shield Project. It started with the bright idea of LA5er **Jared Smith**. Jared's company, SoCal Litigation Support Services had idle 3D printers that he could repurpose to make high quality re-usable face shields. He offered to donate his time and his contacts to source materials to produce the shields at cost. The idea seemed easy enough, but it seemed with every step forward it created additional questions. Luckily, we had our LA5 Foundation Chair, **Russ Whittenburg**. In true Rotary fashion, he stepped up to lead this important project. Little did he know that it would be like starting a manufacturing company from scratch. We had to bring in past LA5 Foundation Chair, **Nancy Howard** from the bullpen because we had questions. And when you have questions, you go to the smartest, most capable people that you trust for the answers. Nancy had a lot of answers, but not all of them. She recruited her colleague, Tamar Rosenberg, Partner and one of the leaders of Sheppard Mullin's Nonprofit Team. Tamar and Sheppard Mullin donated many hours and thousands of dollars of pro bono work to help us create the necessary liability release forms and waivers. After weeks of meetings, we were finally ready to distribute face shields. While the LA5 Foundation Board was working diligently to get all the paperwork in order, **Chrissy Moses**, was working as volunteer coordinator and production manager getting close to 40 LA5 members organized to both make face shields and deliver. We have to thank Jared's friend James Barker, owner of Illuminar, who graciously allowed us to use his facility to assemble and store the face shields. We knew there would be high demand for face shields from frontline workers. **Vien Le**, Past President **Jose Vera** and Past President **Alan Bernstein** reviewed all requests from organizations and distributed as fairly as possible. In the end we distributed face shields to 30 organizations and help protect 6000 front line safety workers while they continue to risk their own safety. We were able to donate to some of the hardest hit populations at elderly care facilities and convalescent hospitals. It was so hard to find PPE that even large institutions like the USC Keck School of Medicine, the UCLA School of Nursing, St. John's Health Center and the LA Sheriff's Department needed our help. We provided face shields to organizations serving the homeless like Union Rescue Mission and LAHSA. I am happy we were able to donate shields to some organizations that were referred to us by **LA5 members Gen. Stayce Harris (ret), Brenda Weiwei, PP Alan Bernstein, PP Todd Johnson, PP Charise Lara, Heidi Taylor, Peter Weinberger, Jack Dibb and Russ Whittenburg**. We provided shields to organizations that were referred to us from Pasadena Rotary, Inglewood Rotary and Rio Hondo Vernon Rotary. And all of this had to be documented with a fantastic video that VP **Malinda Monterrosa** commissioned. In total, this was a **\$70,000 project** with a bulk of the funds coming from your LA5 Foundation.

We need to thank The Church of Jesus Christ and Latter Day Saints, Sunset Haven and Palos Verdes Chapter of the Links for their financial contributions to our project. There was a great need in the community and collectively we put in a lot of time, talent and treasure to answer the call.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped assemble and deliver face shields. Extra shout out to **PP Charise Lara** for always stepping up to deliver shields when organizations were unable to pick them up in Glendale. During the project Jared received a lot of thanks, but without his generosity and willingness to give countless hours, we could not have done this.

So with that said, please put LA5 Rotarians and everyone mentioned above on your GOOD List.

YOUR PAL,

Ken Chong

P.S. Say hi to Mrs. Claus and Rudolph.



SALE!

THE ORIGINAL LA5 SOCKS

JUST A SALE



\$15 / PAIR

(INCLUDES TAX & SHIPPING TO YOUR HOME)

PROCEEDS BENEFIT CLUB OPERATIONS

PURCHASE HERE

This Week's Birthdays



Robin Harwill	Dec 09
Tom Sullivan	Dec 10
Harry Barseghian	Dec 11
Vinod Budchauhan	Dec 14
Debbie Ream	Dec 14

HAPPY ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

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

Christina Hurn. 15 years

John Briscoe. 23 years

Fritz Coleman. 15 years

Claudia Piston. 16 years

Daryl Osby. 6 years

Mike Antonovich. 20 years

Walker Railey. 20 years

John Schulhof. 20 years

David Singer. 7 years

Jackie Lacey. 8 years

Mike Ross. 2 years

Jeremy Weinglass. 2 years

Kathy Turner. 31 years

Gene Block. 9 years

Paul Branks. 15 years

David Burcham. 9 years

Roy Follmuth. 32 years

Elizabeth Vipond. 7 years

Jon Gibby. 25 years

