

# EL RODEO

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2020



WOULD NOT RECOMMEND

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**"LET OUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION BE THIS: WE WILL BE THERE FOR ONE ANOTHER AS FELLOW MEMBERS OF HUMANITY, IN THE FINEST SENSE OF THE WORD"**

Goran Persson

## A MESSAGE...

# FROM LEADERSHIP

Dear Rotarians,

A dear friend of mine (Adam) is an international airline pilot. We've often talked about his navigating flights from Australia to Los Angeles or other long-distance flights and just how he does it. Adam reminds me that, although the large airliners are so significantly self-sufficient once you get them in the air, the key is to log in a flight plan before travelling. The key is to know where you are going before you start.

Adam offers a subtle but amazing fact about his flight plans when he says, "If we are just one compass 'tick' off-course at the beginning of a 2500-mile flight, then we could be 150 miles off of our actual destination by the time we reach the end of the trip."

One "tick" on our personal navigation chart is so seemingly insignificant when we first begin any journey and so we wisely re-chart to confirm our direction. Similarly, to keep our Rotary journey straight and true, our midway travel point or our mid-year provides a fair moment to adjust, correct or recalibrate any portion of our "flight plan."

This Friday, January 8, 2021 is our chance to open our Rotary flight plans and confirm with all the Club members—in a State of the Club meeting—just exactly where we have come from this year and where we hope to continue traveling as LA5.

Case in point is how some years ago, Rotarians primarily joined together as business leaders and professionals in order to network business connections and opportunities. Today, the focus is more on the service we can render within our community together, truly exemplifying service above self. The business connections derived from networking are actually made stronger when members find themselves shoulder to shoulder at a service project truly representing their personal work ethics and moral values. That's when business connections are organically codified between members and new friendships are easily drawn together.

Please join us for our State of the Club meeting and listen to each division leadership team lay out their vision and efforts within their respective area. From Club Service to Marketing to our Membership update, as well as looking inside the vaults of our Foundation Funding and feeling the strength of LA5's legacy that is within our trust.

It is our hope to confirm complete membership trust in Club Administration by being as transparent as possible in this meeting. Please come prepared to appreciate LA5 perhaps more than you anticipated.

Thank you for holding strong to LA5 through the winds of so much adversity this last year. I so enjoy being on this journey with you.

Mask on and still smiling,



*Matt Ball*

President  
Rotary Club of Los Angeles  
2020-2021



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GET TO KNOW OUR...

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



### WHERE DID YOU ATTEND SCHOOL?

UC Berkeley

### BRAG TO US ABOUT WHAT YOU DID THIS YEAR!

I used most of the scholarship money this year to buy practice books and online courses for my dental school exam. The rest of the money was used to support my daily expense.

### HOW DID YOU USE YOUR SCHOLARSHIP MONEY?

I took a year off of school. I interned at Tesla as an engineer! Now I am an engineering manager for the Autopilot team. I also launched Kumoapp.com and started ivyhacks.com. It has been a very challenging school year this year. In late 2019, our college was impacted by PG&E power outages. Then, the world was hit by COVID-19, greatly impacting college activities. Finally, in June this year, the country was shocked by the racial injustice against George Floyd and many others.

Throughout this year, I was very active in the orchestra before the pandemic came to a halt. We were planning for a European trip during which we would perform at the Musikverein in Vienna. I was in charge of the publicity projects for our Crowdfunding campaign.

Unfortunately, a lot of the efforts was eliminated by the COVID outbreak since we decided to cancel the trip. Nevertheless, we had some great concerts during fall 2019 and early March 2020. One of my favorite pieces that I played was Sibelius' Symphony No. 2, a magnificent piece which the composer himself describes as "a confession of the soul." This fall semester, my orchestra will continue providing me Percussion and Timpani lessons via Zoom. They will try their best to arrange a practice room for me to practice.

During the last school year, I had much joy taking courses in both the Molecular and Cell Biology department and the College of Chemistry. Notably, I especially enjoyed learning biophysics and biophysical chemistry with Professor John Kuriyan. After taking the course, I accepted Prof. Kuriyan's offer to first serve as a tutor and now as one of the four head tutors for his undergrad biophysics course. Through this opportunity, I can not only give back to the Berkeley community by assisting those who needed it in the course but also enhance my knowledge. Furthermore, I continued as a volunteering Teacher-Scholar for the undergrad organic chemistry course. During this process, I have learned so much from the course instructor Dr. Robak, especially the skills to effectively pass on knowledge to others through encouraging teaching tactics. She is a professor that cares about the success of her students. I am inspired since this could be very important for future health care providers like me when it comes to the education and training of their staff.

Speaking of becoming a future health care provider, I had some quite fascinating experience since the last fall. I went through a rigorous selection process and became a volunteer at the Berkeley Free Clinic Dental Section. My cohort of new volunteers went through a six-month training, six hours every Saturday and Sunday (except holidays) in addition to our regular shift, one day per week, starting from 6 pm to 10 pm. When there are challenging procedures, we sometimes stay until midnight. Our dental clinic provides free general dentistry services to people who need it in the Berkeley and greater Bay Area. All clinic operations are supported completely by grants and donations. I am proud of what I do here, and I am very sure that I will work harder to become a future dentist, just like those who volunteer at our clinic, giving back to the community.

Currently, our clinic is still waiting for some donations to arrive in support of our reopening for urgent cases. It worries me every day before we can safely reopen since there are many important cases that we can no longer deliver to our patients. This year, I am also serving as one of the two Training Coordinators carrying the duties of recruiting, selecting, training, and evaluating the new cohort of volunteers. We face many challenges this year, but I am confident that we will overcome them.

Thanks to the knowledge I learned in the Berkeley Free Clinic Dental Section, I worked at two different dental offices as a full-scope dental assistant during this summer. It was a very challenging experience for me and now I am even more prepared to bring back the skills I learn to our Free Clinic. I also took two fascinating courses in photography this summer. I had a long time interest in photography and decided that I need to learn more about it. I took both the history of photography and photography art practice. I have enjoyed my summer and I am now ready for my senior year of college, which will begin next week.

I want to express my deepest appreciation to all Rotarians, who provided me this scholarship to support me through my college career. I will not be able to carry out the same level of services mentioned above without your generous help. Your scholarship not only provided me financial support, more importantly, but it also reminds me of the good spirit of giving back to the community. I will always remember to Service Above Self. I believe through my hard work, with my strong passion for healthcare, I will make this world a better place.



# New Member Application Announcement

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CATHERINE  
SHAW

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ASSOCIATE  
LATHAM & WATKINS



# WHAT'S GOING ON THIS FRIDAY?

**FRIDAY  
1.8.21**

# COME ZOOM WITH US!

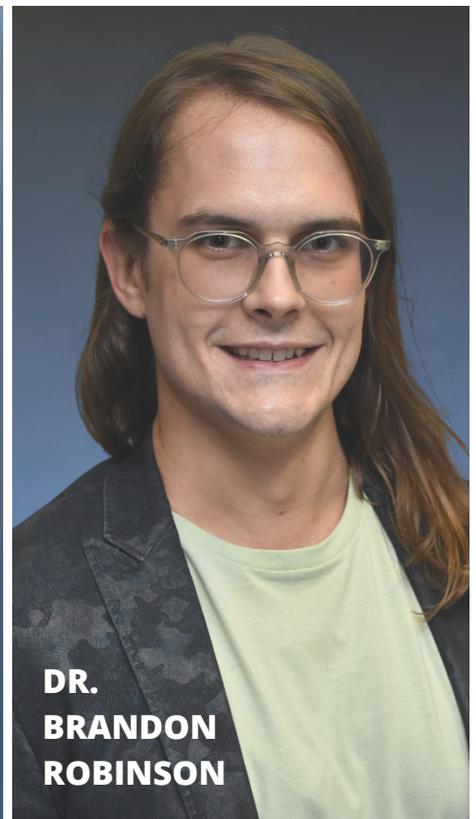
**STATE OF THE CLUB**

LA5's annual state of the club ... it's our mid-year report card. Join us and see how we are doing ... and how you can help!



[REGISTER HERE](#)

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



**DR.  
BRANDON  
ROBINSON**



- JAN 8** Club Assembly - State of the Club
- JAN 10** LA5 Sustainability Committee - Trail Clean Up
- JAN 14** Gateway - Trivia!
- JAN 15** Club Meeting with speaker Dr. Brandon Robinson
- JAN 15** Club Board Meeting

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

All Current Events are ZOOM Video Meetings Unless Otherwise Noted

## SERVICE PROJECT: TRAIL CLEAN UP

# LA5 SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE



Sunday, Jan 10, 2021 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join fellow LA5 Rotarians and family in a socially distanced trash clean up around the trailhead of Marvin Braude Gateway Park in Tarzana.

We will have some gloves and trash bags available. Please feel free to bring your own trash grabber to avoid picking things up with your hands.

Once the clean up is finished, there are some lovely trails in the area to explore.

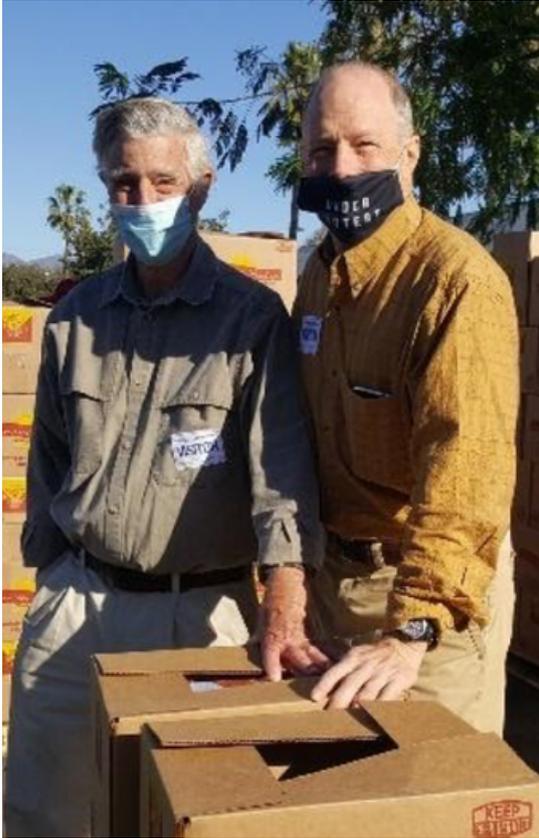


Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park  
(3600 Reseda Blvd, Tarzana, CA 91356)



# FOOD TO HELP BRIGHTEN THE HOLIDAYS

BY LAUREN SCHLAU



We were called upon and we responded - again! State Senator Anthony Rendon who asked us last fall to help distribute thousands of food boxes, again contacted President Matt for LA5 to help with another distribution.

The December 18 event was spearheaded by the LAPD Valley Division in conjunction with LDS Church and Rotary LA5.

The USDA's Farm to Families program delivered 2,500 boxes, brimming with fresh and healthy produce, dairy and other foods by semi-truck to the LAPD Valley Operations Center in Van Nuys/ Panorama City. First we helped off-load the boxes, then placed them into the steady stream of vehicles of those in need. Their smiles and thanks yous filled us up the way the food would fill those receiving it!

The Service Division recognizes and thanks LA5 Rotarians who volunteered that day, Chris Cieszko (who drove from San Diego!), Lance Miller, Don Crocker, Jose Sanchez, Vic Marovich, Josh Mandel and his son Zach, and Brenda Weiwei! Our appreciation also goes to President Matt and to our executive Director Charisse Lara who promptly sent the notice to club members to get us there!





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## Huge Gift Is a Building Block for Salvation Army

**By Camila Castellanos**  
**The Outlook**

Heading into Christmas, the Salvation Army Pasadena Tabernacle will be rejoicing for all to hear, and perhaps a little more exultantly this year.

That might seem odd during a pandemic year that has brought immense challenges and fear to the nonprofit and the hundreds of clients it serves, but the Taber-

nacle recently received a year-end gift that will help change the course of its history by providing housing for the homeless and more than double the number of people and families it can serve at its Walnut Street campus.

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See **SALVATION ARMY**, page 30

# CONTRIBUTION

## Salvation Army Helping Homeless With New Apartments

**The Salvation Army has been on the frontlines during the global pandemic, providing food, shelter, rental assistance, and other services to those in the most need.**

The Salvation Army gave out 4 million meals just from April-June 2020 during the height of the quarantine. And they continue to support the community's food insecurity. The need in Pasadena alone has "tripled" since the start of the pandemic.

The Salvation Army in Pasadena is working on an exciting project – The Salvation Army Diane and John Mullin Hope Center!

The Salvation Army Pasadena Diane and John Mullin Hope Center will provide 66 formerly homeless single adults from the Pasadena area with a permanent place to call home in rent-subsidized studio apartments in a modern, newly constructed building located at 1000 E. Walnut St. in Pasadena. The Hope

Center will be a safe and welcoming space for its residents, with comprehensive case management, addiction recovery and counseling programs, and strong links to partner service providers in the community that will bolster each resident for long-term permanent housing

success.

The extensive supportive services provided to residents of the Pasadena Hope Center will capitalize on the Salvation Army's vast experience in other programs and utilize research-based best practices, with the goal of assisting residents to remain sober, maintain housing, improve quality of life, and increase their ability to live independently. Services will center around client-centered case management, including substance abuse services and education; counseling and advocacy; life skills training; financial counseling; connections to community supports, including employment, education, legal services, and domestic violence support; and social and recreational activities. A great number of residents will struggle with substance use disorders; therefore the Salvation Army will incorporate ongoing recovery supports into Hope Center programming. Some Case Managers at the Hope Center will be certified addiction

counselors, and will be available to provide counseling, education, assessment, and referrals around substance abuse and recovery to residents with a history of substance abuse, including to Medicaid-funded licensed outpatient treatment providers. Peer-led recovery group meetings, including AA, will be established on-site at Hope Center Apartments several times per week.

The first floor of the Hope



Center will include the needed social services that our community continues to rely upon, including the Client Choice Food Pantry, counseling, community referrals, case management, education opportunities and school partnerships.

Recently, a generous local couple, Ji and Diane Mullin, provide a \$150,000 challenge grant, to inspire others to support the Hope Center and help us raise the remaining \$300,000 we need to finalize the funding for this \$37 million project!

If you are interested in making a gift toward this challenge, please send the check to:

**The Pasadena Hope Center  
c/o Capt. Terry Masango,  
Pasadena Tabernacle  
960 E. Walnut St.,  
Pasadena, CA 91106**



[pasadena.salvationarmy.org](http://pasadena.salvationarmy.org)

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**Raffle**

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## Upcoming Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

Joe Reilly.	Jan 01
Bo Lee.	Jan 03
Chris Campbell	Jan 06
Tiffany Rollins.	Jan 07
Charles Hamilton.	Jan 10

# HAPPY ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

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

Chris Campbell 37 years  
Lew Coppersmith 47 years  
Don Crocker 50 years  
Jack Dibb 36 years  
Noel Hatch 52 years  
Adrian Heryford 36 years  
Dennis Kneier 35 years  
Ken Martinet 39 years  
John Mullin 51 years  
Bob Reed 37 years  
Keith Renken 37 years  
Jim Simonds 38 years  
Tom Sullivan 49 years  
Dave Tomblin 36 years  
Victor Walch 49 years  
Greg Washington 35 years  
Janet Lindstrom-Atchley 25 years  
Jeff Goodman 26 years  
Mike Hakim 10 years  
Terry Dedeaux 33 years  
Angela Fisher 4 years  
Erik Laykin 15 years  
Mike Stevens 4 years  
Mark Ridley-Thomas 11 years  
Calloway, Anthony 12 years  
Ted Fukuda 6 years  
Denise Anthony 19 years  
Rick Gibson 10 years  
John Emerson 4 years  
Peggy York 23 years  
Don Robinson 27 years



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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**TOM**  
**TECHENTIN**

1936 - 2020

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If you would like to send  
a note or flowers to his family, the address is:  
640 Magnolia Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91106

The home phone number is:  
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