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**"USE YOUR SUCCESS,
WEALTH, AND INFLUENCE TO
PUT THEM IN THE BEST
POSITION TO REALIZE THEIR
OWN DREAMS AND FIND
THEIR TRUE PURPOSE."**

Kobe Bryant

August 23, 1978 - January 26, 2020



A MESSAGE...

FROM LEADERSHIP

Greetings LA-5ers!

Resilience. That's the word that I can't seem to get out of my head since we are all living and breathing it daily. We are more than halfway through with our Rotary year and we've had to adapt to living in this pandemic for nearly a year. It has not been easy but resilience drives us forward and keeps us motivated and hopeful. As I reflect on all that we've been able to accomplish as a club - despite most of us being stuck in our homes. I'm amazed and encouraged with our members and the collective passion and caring that is constantly on display. But these feelings make me antsy.

Let's be honest - this hasn't been an easy time for any of us. If you're like me, you're jonesing to give this not so "new normal" a swift kick good-bye. I think that you'll agree with me that Zoom, Skype, or Teams meetings or get togethers just aren't the same as authentic, in-person conversations or gatherings – or Rotary meetings! I had a call with Bo Lee a few days ago and we were lamenting about isolation and our eagerness to get back to our in-person Rotary meetings where we laugh in person, shake hands or hug one another, and gather after Rotary at the Standard to continue our pre-lunch conversations and camaraderie. The memories of "the good old days" seem to fuel my hope for the future and strengthen my resilience.

The light is at the end of the tunnel and I look forward to gathering with LA-5ers in person once again - laughing, learning, and enjoying the good company. COVID-19 has shined a light on how much I value my Rotary membership and how much nourishment I get from my fellow LA-5ers. I know we are still months out from physically meeting (which gives me time to lose the extra lbs and fit into my work clothes again!). In the meantime, I'll continue to cherish the past, appreciate the present, and look forward to the future. It's about resilience.

Yours in Rotary Service,

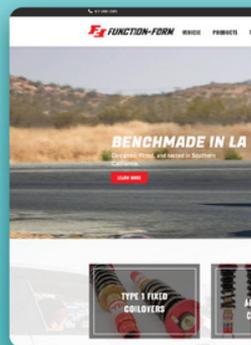
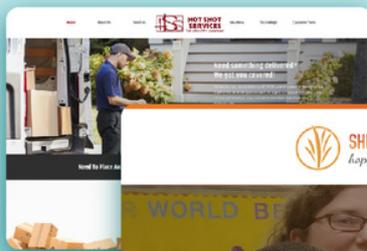
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Did You Know?

Did You Know?

- Congratulations to PE Paul and his wife Joan who just celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary!!
- A special recognition to Chrissy Moses, whose mouth-watering pictures of amazing culinary creations make facebook surfing during covid 19 “stay at homing” a real treat!

**Give us a chance to show how much we care.
Let us know about:**

- Special events to share and celebrate in El Rodeo.
- Losses, illness, other difficulties so we can send out TLC.
- Interest to join Rotary Cares and help send caring notes.

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GET TO KNOW OUR...

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



RYAN

WHERE DID YOU ATTEND SCHOOL?

Brown University

HOW DID YOU USE YOUR SCHOLARSHIP MONEY?

To pay off student loans.

BRAG TO US ABOUT WHAT YOU DID THIS YEAR!

Received straight As this school year again. Had a lot of success in getting research and job opportunities throughout the year.

RAFFLE!

IT'S BACK!

50/50
Raffle

**WINNER GETS
50% OF THE POT**

SEVEN ENTRIES FOR \$5

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USC Rotaract

WHAT WE DID
DURING THE PANDEMIC

By Desi Davis
President, USC Rotaract

It has been a tough year for USC Rotaract during this pandemic. Due to LA's safer at home order we have had to get creative because we cannot volunteer together in person. Instead we have been encouraging our members to volunteer on their own, as well as planning virtual volunteer events for everyone to do together. Here's a little bit of what we did this past semester:

- Working with rescue dogs and getting them situated with their fosterers and adopters.
- Participated in American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Out of the Darkness Virtual Walk.
- Partnered with LA Works to compile an up to date list of homeless shelters and food banks that still serve during the pandemic.
- Wrote 300 cards for Rotary Cares hygiene kits.
- Facilitated open discussions with other USC clubs with expert speakers about being inclusive and advocating for diversity within our communities.

WHAT'S GOING ON THIS FRIDAY?



**FRIDAY
1.29.21**

COME ZOOM WITH US!

**CLUB MEETING WITH
SPEAKER RITA SORONEN**

For more than 30 years, Rita Soronen has worked on behalf of abused, neglected and vulnerable children, providing leadership for local, state and national efforts.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



- JAN 29** Club Meeting with speaker Rita Soronen
- JAN 29** Rotary Club of Los Angeles Foundation Retreat
- JAN 29** Italian Happy Hour
- FEB 5** Club meeting with speaker Ruth A. Karron, M.D.
- FEB 5** Children's Court Committee Meeting (MOVED FROM 1/29)
- FEB 12** Club Meeting with speaker Rr. Admiral Len Hering

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

All Current Events are ZOOM Video Meetings Unless Otherwise Noted

SAVE THE DATE

**LA5 FOUNDATION FELLOWS
& LEGACY CIRCLE DONORS:**

**SAVE THE DATE
FOR THE FOUNDATION DONOR
RETREAT**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29TH AT 12:30 PM

(IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR CLUB MEETING)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

HAPPY HOUR

Italian

HAPPY HOUR



WHERE

On Zoom and in your home!

WHEN

Friday
January 29th, 2021
5:30pm-6:30pm

WHAT YOU NEED

To fully embrace the experience, guests will be invited to participate in crafting their own cocktails and preparing an antipasti plate.

Ingredients you will want to have on hand include:

Aperol, Campari, Prosecco, Club soda, Orange peel, Baguette, flatbread or grissini/bread sticks, Prosciutto, Good Italian olives, Eggplant Parmigiano reggiano, Olive oil

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DISTRICT BREAKFAST



Join us!

February 2, 2021
8:00am - 9:00am

Our keynote speaker is Rotary International Director and Past District 5170 Governor Brad Howard, who will share insights that delight and inspire.

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UPCOMING
BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday!

Maureen Tepedino - Jan 28

Noel Hatch - Jan 31

Shahla Rahimi Reynolds - Jan 31



HAPPY ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

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

Peggy York - 23 years
Don Robinson - 27 years

