

# EL RODEO

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# HISTORY MONTH

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**"EXCELLENCE OF PERFORMANCE WILL TRASCEND ARTIFICIAL BARRIERS CREATED BY MAN."**

### **Charles Richard Drew**

An American surgeon and medical researcher. He researched in the field of blood transfusions, developing improved techniques for blood storage, and applied his expert knowledge to developing large-scale blood banks early in World War II.



A MESSAGE...

## FROM OUR MEMBER

Dear Rotary LA5ers,

Helping the community is one of the most rewarding parts in our lives and requires the kind of compassion seen in the Rotary spirit. Being compassionate towards others brings personal happiness that is meant to be shared. When you reach out to the community or help those in need, it sparks joy for yourself and everyone around you.

As a personal happiness tip, at some point in your day try to think about what you are thankful for and show gratitude for your surroundings. If you continue to do this daily you should find yourself in a better mood and notice it affects your well being. Just a simple change of thought can bring you joy.

Especially during this pandemic, an important part of living a happy life is staying positive, hopeful, and doing things that bring you joy. Happiness has its own mental and physical health perks, linked to having a longer life span and a higher quality of life. Making friends with the incredible people of Rotary LA5 has contributed to our positive outlook on life. I hope one day soon we can get together in person at the California Club like it used to be.

There are many people suffering all across the country. In our own movie industry, almost all the productions have been shut down. So, Manny Ahsan and I thought about how we can create jobs and still work together in this crisis. With some innovative thinking, we came up with a unique idea to make a movie in difficult times when social distancing is required. The cast involved were grateful to finally find work, and so we were all happy to be able and help each other. I believe that even the smallest gesture can spread happiness, and we should continue to look out for one another. This is the Rotary spirit.

Believe it or not, more than one thousand actors have applied for the audition from all over the States. We finally worked with many actors and crews from Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Atlanta, Dallas, even from China and Japan. We really struggled to make this movie but, we had a amazing experience. Our film talks about what makes us happy and has many positive ideals that are seen in the Rotary spirit.

Positivity and hope bring happiness, which makes getting through a pandemic just a little easier. I think creating our own happiness gives us the power to get through dark times, and this power only comes from within ourselves. So, it is only up to us. Let's try to enjoy life's small pleasures, practice gratitude, and grow relationships with our other remarkable LA5 members who continue to show each other what it means to lend a hand.



*Ted Fukuda*

Scholarship Committee  
Club service Committee



INTERESTING...

I JUST GOT AN ANONYMOUS TIP FROM SOMEONE WHO SIMPLY CALLED HERSELF, "A CONCERNED LAS ROTARIAN". SHE ASKED ME TO INVESTIGATE THE SINISTER ACTIVITIES OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF DOWNEY.

HMMM...

DOWNEY?

IS THAT A CLUB OR A FABRIC SOFTENER?

I SMELL A RAT-- ALBEIT A FLUFFY, SOFT, FRESH SMELLING RAT, BUT IT'S A RAT.



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## 2020 Rotary's Vision-Mission & Guiding Principles

### ROTARY'S VISION STATEMENT:

"TOGETHER we see a world where PEOPLE unite and take action to CREATE lasting CHANGE across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

### ROTARY'S MISSION:

"We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders."

### CORE VALUES:

Service, Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity and Leadership

### MOTTO:

Service Above Self

### ROTARY'S DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION STATEMENT:

As a global network that strives to build a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change, Rotary values diversity and celebrates the contributions of people of all backgrounds, regardless of their age, ethnicity, race, color, abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

### 2020 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL'S STATEMENT ON RACISM:

At Rotary, we have no tolerance for racism. Promoting respect, celebrating diversity, demanding ethical leadership, and working tirelessly to advance peace are central tenets of our work.

We have more work to do to create more just, open and welcoming communities for all people. We know there are no easy fixes and that challenging conversations and work lie before all of us. Rotary's strength has long been our ability and commitment to bringing people together. We will tap into that strength now as we stand with those who are working for peace and justice.

Rotary will do our part to listen, learn and take action to ensure that we continue to contribute to making positive change.

Rotary will cultivate a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture in which people from underrepresented groups have greater opportunities to participate as members and leaders.

### FOUR WAY TEST:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

### ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT:

AS A ROTARIAN, I will ...

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to: mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians
5. Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities, report any suspected harassment and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment.



In 2019, Rotary International's Board of Directors articulated a vision and commitment to advancing diversity and inclusion throughout Rotary by adopting our first-ever Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Statement.

This Statement is the foundation for creating an organizational culture that reflects today's world. It enables us to fully deliver on the central tenets of our work: promoting respect, demanding ethical leadership, and creating more just, open, and welcoming communities for all people.

Earlier this month, the Board engaged the DEI experts at PwC, a multinational business consulting group. They will help us develop perspectives and practices for making DEI part of our shared experiences as Rotary members. The goal is to support all members and participants – particularly those from communities traditionally underrepresented in the organization – so that they see our clubs, programs and our leadership ranks as places where they are welcomed and encouraged to celebrate all aspects of their lived experiences.

As we begin this work, Rotary's leadership is united in stating that Rotary does not tolerate speech or behavior that promotes bias, discrimination, prejudice, or hatred because of age, ethnicity, race, color, abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity. There is no place within Rotary for racism, homophobia, transphobia, sexism, classism, or ageism. We do not believe that this is a political stance and we *do* believe that we should openly discuss these issues within our organization.

Rotary's diversity strengthens us. Diversity is one of our core values, and the tremendous breadth and variety of experiences, cultures, and perspectives that are represented in our organization are what make us unique.

Rotary is learning. We know that this journey will take time and lead to challenging conversations, deep self-reflection, and new opportunities for discovery and growth. We must all feel empowered to speak out respectfully and hold ourselves and each other accountable when our actions do not reflect Rotary's ideals. Look for more opportunities to be a part of this shared journey. We want participation, input, and ideas from our members all over the globe as we strive to show what's possible when we uphold our commitment to diversity and respect for all.

Holger Knaack,

President, 2020-21

# Did You Know?

- ...that you have to be at least 120 lbs in order to give blood? Tammy Nguyen did not. She left Beverly Hills last Friday with all of her blood and no cookie.

**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



**SINA**

### WHERE DID YOU ATTEND SCHOOL?

Harvard College

### HOW DID YOU USE YOUR SCHOLARSHIP MONEY?

Pay for Books and Transportation (Plane tickets to visit family on school breaks).

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

I worked in a research lab at Harvard's chemistry department and published a new article.

## WHAT'S GOING ON THIS FRIDAY?



**FRIDAY  
2.19.21**

## COME ZOOM WITH US!

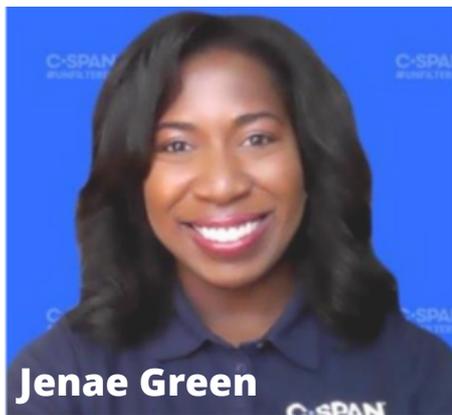
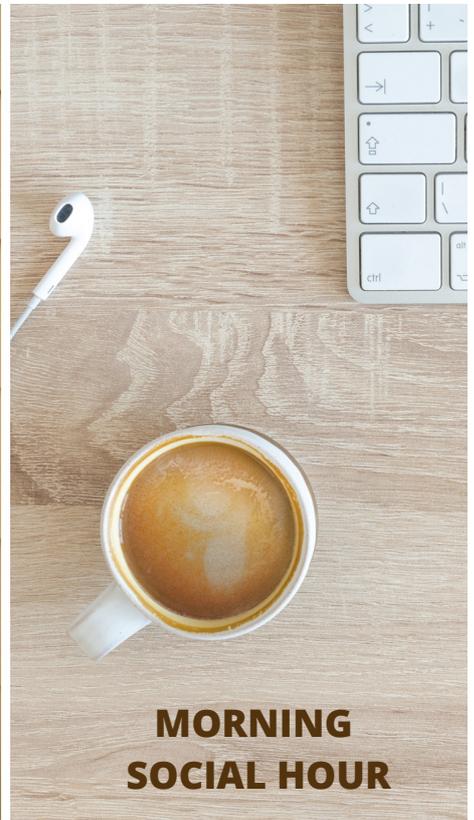
**CLUB MEETING WITH SPEAKER  
JENAE GREEN**

Jenae Green has been at C-SPAN for over 5 years and is currently a member of its community relations team. She spends her time coordinating community-education events that engage students, teachers, civic groups, public officials and those interested in politics to share how C-SPAN's unfiltered mission and resources can be used as a "Window on Washington" to follow the daily happenings of the Federal government.



[REGISTER HERE](#)

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



- FEB 19** Club Meeting with speaker Jenae Green
- FEB 19** Board Meeting
- FEB 26** Club Meeting with speaker Dr. Jane Ward
- MAR 4** Morning Social Hour
- MAR 5** Club Meeting with speaker Christine McKay
- MAR 12** Club Meeting with speaker Katya Pronichenko

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

All Current Events are ZOOM Video Meetings Unless Otherwise Noted

IT'S BACK!

50/50  
Raffle

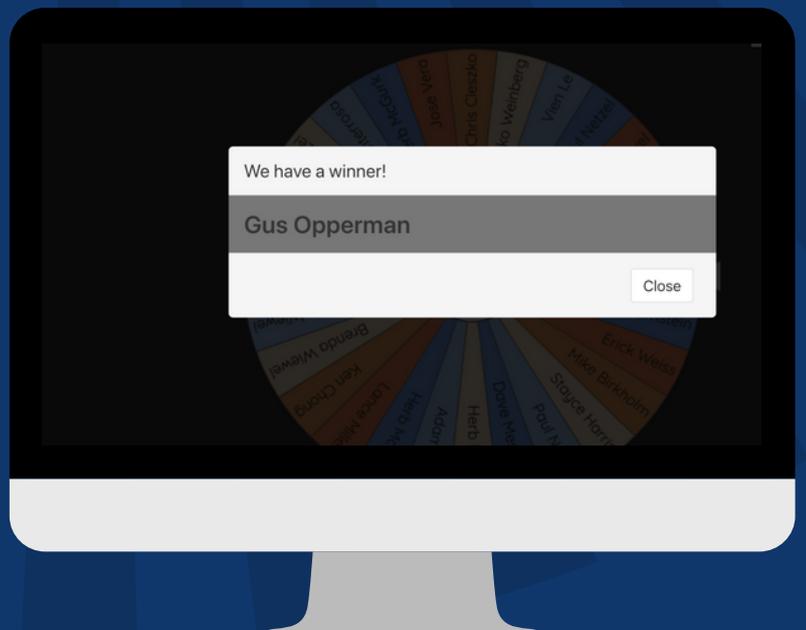
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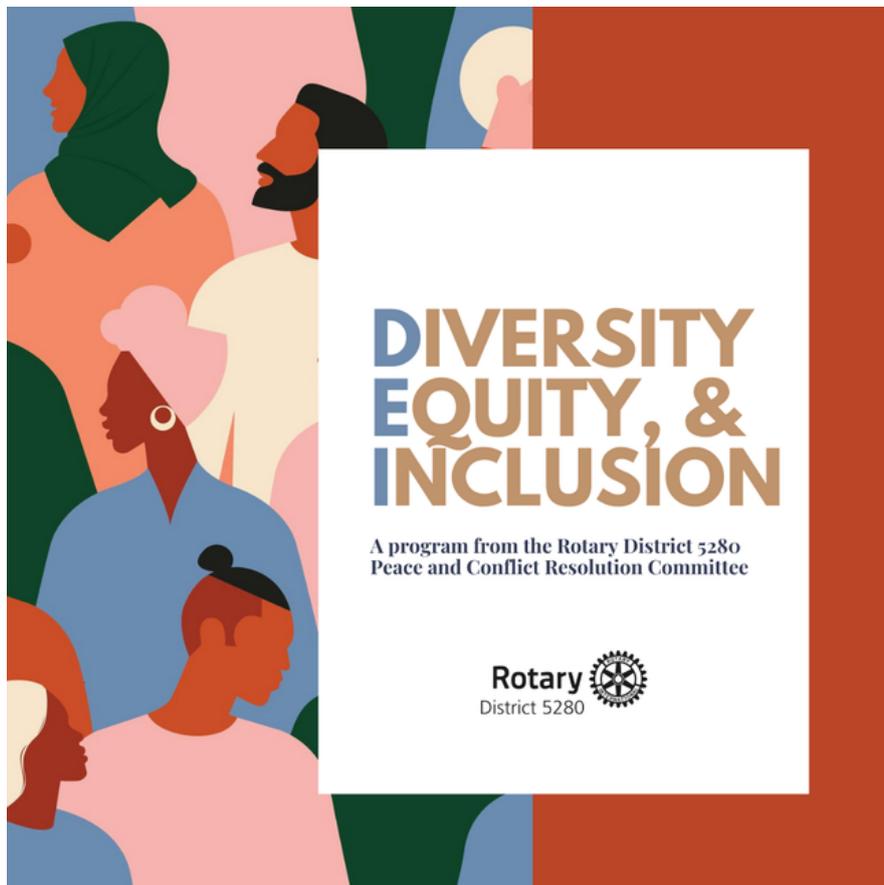
WINNER GETS  
50% OF THE POT

SEVEN ENTRIES FOR \$5

LAST WEEK'S  
WINNER

GUS  
OPPERMAN





## **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Program February 27, 2021 | 10:00am-12:00pm**

Dear Rotarian,

As some of you may be aware, the District 5280 Peace and Conflict Resolution Committee has been developing an informative (virtual) program for members to support the District's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) goals. The program is based on Rotary International statements on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and on Racism.

I am pleased to announce that the program is ready!  
It will be held on **February 27, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

We have designed the program to be informative with a contextual presentation, and to be interactive with facilitated small groups to ensure a safe and comfortable environment in which to carry out dialogue. To be productive these programs are limited to 60 attendees. The program will be on a first come first served basis. So please register early.

Please [register here](#). The program access link will be emailed to you after you register.

We look forward to seeing you at this most important program to support DEI throughout our District and in our clubs!

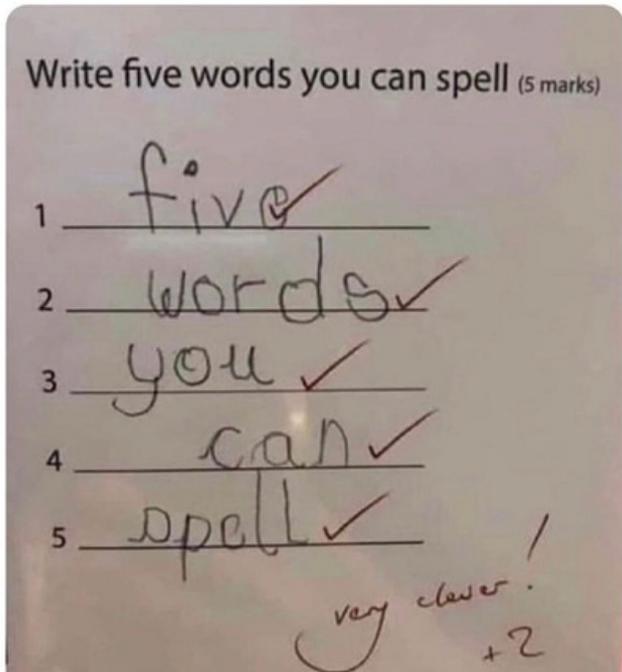
Yours in Rotary Service,

Mark Ameli, Chair  
District 5280 Peace and Conflict Resolution Committee

# WHAT DO YOU MEME?



Fact that my child is smarter than  
 yours 🤔🤔🤔🤔 Rotary Club of Downey



Matt Ball going over to Rotary Club of Downey  
 to unplug their internet





## GIVING FROM THE HEART

BY LAUREN SCHLAU



Just in time for Valentine's Day, Rotarians headed over to the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce Offices. We were met by LA5 PP Todd Johnson who had arranged for Cedars-Sinai medical personal to be there with needles and blood bags for a necessary blood drive. With COVID still raging, hospitals are critically low on this life-saving fluid we each have within to give!

Among LA5ers who joined in were PP Charisse – with Nick and Leo, PE Paul Ekstrand, Herb McGurk, Todd, and myself (*see page 5 for why Tammy was not there*).

It was a great feeling to give blood at this time and as well to see fellow Rotarians IN PERSON and for such a good cause.

# Happy Birthday!

Ted Fukuda - Feb 15

Charlie Gallagher - Feb 15

Ivan Lovegren - Feb 23



## HAPPY ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

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

Nish Ahmed - 5 years

Jennifer Gregg - 11 years

Gina Doyle - 8 years

Ben Harati - 5 years

Christopher Kim - 5 years

Lauren Schlau - 5 years

Charisse Lara - 12 years

Darin Marinov - 12 years

Johannes Masserer - 12 years

Judy Jenkins - 18 years

Kipp Kreuzberg - 3 years

Marwan Fattal - 25 years

Bill Shaw - 27 years

Al Shonk - 25 years

