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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

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"THE THING WOMEN MUST DO TO RISE TO POWER IS TO REDEFINE THEIR FEMININITY. ONCE, POWER WAS CONSIDERED A MASCULINE ATTRIBUTE. IN FACT POWER HAS NO SEX."

Katharine Graham

When Katharine Graham, known as "Kay," took over leadership of The Washington Company in 1972, she became the first woman to be CEO of a Fortune 500 Company. Under her leadership, The Washington Post flourished and famously broke the story of the Watergate scandal to the world.





The call came at 2 am. I rubbed my eyes and brushed away the brain fog when I heard the unmistakable perky voice of LA5 President, **Matt Ball.**

He had called to ask me if I would form an investigation committee to look into the alleged member-poaching activities of the **Downey Rotary Club**. I resisted and reminded him that not only am I not a real private investigator, I am not a real person. He chuckled and said, “No worries. This is not a real problem; besides, real volunteers are hard to come by these days. I’m happy to appoint a fake volunteer to chair this committee.” I told him to mark this item off of his to-do-list. He could count on me. My head hit the pillow and I stared at the ceiling fan for the rest of the night, my thoughts growing darker by the minute.

The next morning I arose blurry-eyed. I drank a cold cup of coffee before I realized it was a can of engine oil that I had been testing as part of the great **Jiffy Lube Heist of 2020**. I winced and gagged and then acknowledged it was actually better than the coffee I would normally drink each morning and poured myself a second cup.

I made my way to my laptop to search for damning evidence of the member-poaching plans of the Downey Club. I was confident that their weekly club newsletter, **HubBub** would yield clues. Unfortunately, the autocorrect feature of my computer system replaced the search term HubBub with **StubHub** and I accidentally bought a \$2000 opening day Dodger ticket. I thought to myself, Matt should have called a real investigator and tapped a pro. That’s when I called **Ben Turner**.

To be continued.



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2020-21 LA5 BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

Curious about what your LA5 Board has been up to in 2021?



JAN 2021

- Approval of \$50,000 as a grant for the Urban League Proposal
- Approval of new member Cathrine Shaw
- Approval of January 2021 Membership Reclassifications and Terminations
- Approve the request for reimbursement of Nov and Dec 2020 dues to Thomas George
- Approval of Board Minutes December 2020

FEB 2021

- Approval of DEI Task Force Report and Recommendations
- Approval to add Bo Lee as a signer on the CNB account
- Approval of February 2021 Membership Reclassifications and Terminations
- Approval of Board Minutes January 2021



To see details on the updates above and what else the board has approved during this Rotary year, sign into Club Runner [HERE](#)

Did You Know?

- Rotarian Maureen Tepedino, artist and entrepreneur, went to high school at the Queen's School for Girls in Jamaica?

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

WHERE DID YOU ATTEND SCHOOL?

Harvard College

HOW DID YOU USE YOUR SCHOLARSHIP MONEY?

Textbooks and exam prep books.

BRAG TO US ABOUT WHAT YOU DID THIS YEAR!

Last fall, my classmates and I developed a prototype for a device that could detect a driver's drowsiness and alert them in order to avoid fatal car crashes.



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WHAT'S GOING ON THIS FRIDAY?



**FRIDAY
3.5.21**

COME ZOOM WITH US!

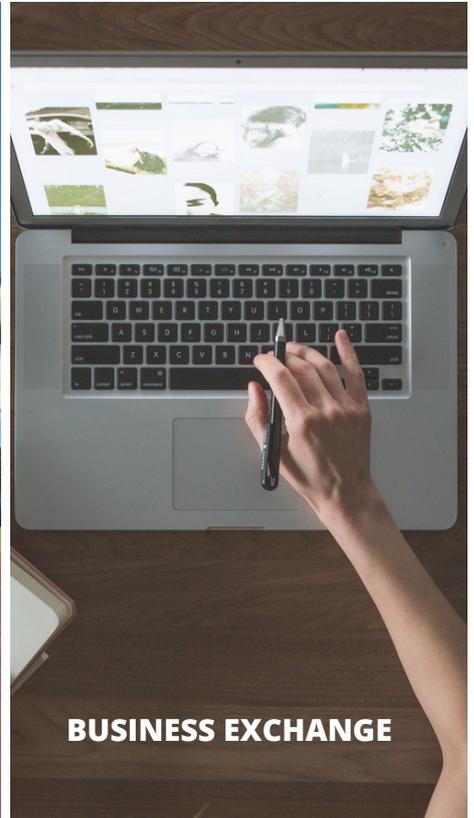
**CLUB MEETING WITH SPEAKER
CHRISTINE MCKAY**

Global Business Negotiation Strategist, Christine McKay, author of “Why Not Ask? A Conversation About Getting More,” has 26 years of experience negotiating with dozens of the Fortune 500.



[REGISTER HERE](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Christine McKay



- MAR 5** Club Meeting with speaker Christine McKay
- MAR 5** Children's Court Committee Meeting
- MAR 12** Club Meeting with speaker Katya Pronichenko
- MAR 14** St. Patty's Day Virtual Happy Hour
- MAR 16** Business Exchange
- MAR 19** Club meeting with speaker Glenn Bowie
- MAR 19** Downey vs. LA5 Trivia Night

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

All Current Events are ZOOM Video Meetings Unless Otherwise Noted

IT'S BACK!

50/50 Raffle

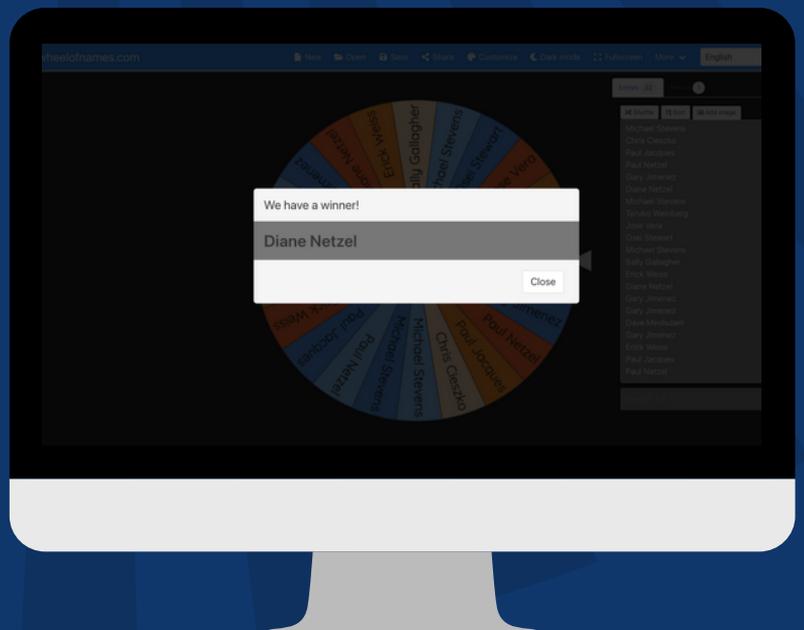
[BUY TICKETS HERE](#)

WINNER GETS
50% OF THE POT

SEVEN ENTRIES FOR \$5

LAST WEEK'S
WINNER

DIANE
NETZEL!



ST. PATTY'S DAY VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR

Sunday, Mar 14, 2021 | 2:00 - 3:30 PM



Leandro DiMonriva, The Educated Barfly, one of LA's favorite Bartenders (Cole's) and Virtual Happy Hour extraordinaire (HBO, Amazon, etc.) will helping LA5 celebrate St. Patty's Day since we can't get to Tam O'Shanter this year.

He will go over the history of Irish Cocktails and will show us how to make 3 of them at home! including:

Irish Old Fashioned
Luck Of The Irish
Tipperary

We'll let you know the ingredients and what equipment you'll need along with glassware after you sign up. Oh, and if you don't drink, get some take out and let's hang out online!

Get Lucky Here

LA TIMES

ARTICLE ABOUT LA5 MEMBER
REV. ANDY BALES

HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES



GENARO MOLINA Los Angeles Times

THE REV. ANDY BALES, chief executive of the Union Rescue Mission on L.A.'s skid row, attends a ceremony for Angeles House in Willowbrook a day after his left leg was amputated. He lost his other leg years ago.

‘He’s just go, go, go, go’

Despite health issues, Union Rescue Mission’s director is indefatigable

STEVE LOPEZ

Those who really know the Rev. Andy Bales, chief executive of the Union Rescue Mission on skid row, have come to accept that there are certain things you can't tell him.



He doesn't like to take it easy, despite chronic health problems. And he doesn't like the concept of medical leave.

"He's just go, go, go, go, go, all the time," says Kitty Davis-Walker, one of the mission's administrators.

But Bales' colleagues were hoping that now he'd finally heed their warnings. He was having his left leg amputated at mid-shin, several years after an identical amputation of his right leg.

Early Wednesday morning, Bales checked into a Glendale hospital and went into surgery.

"It was off by 10:30," he said of his left leg, "and I was home by noon."

He went home?

Yes, Bales told me when I checked in on him.

Is that normal?

Probably not, Bales said, but this was a big week for the Union Rescue Mission and he had work to do. A ceremony was planned for Thursday morning, the day after surgery, at 132nd Street and South Avalon Boulevard in Willowbrook.

An 86-unit apartment building is under construction there, and Bales plans to open the doors later this

[See Lopez, B4]



GENARO MOLINA Los Angeles Times

ROSE RIOS, center, founder of Cover the Homeless Ministry, feeds some pie to Donald Shields in 2018. She has helped many Angelenos get off the streets.

Using empty buildings as shelters? She says yes

ERIKA D. SMITH

"Mama. That's what they call me."

Rose Rios lets her words trail off to wave at a man approaching her Mid-City home. His name is Salvador, and he's one of the many Angelenos she has helped get off the streets and into housing as



the founder of Cover the Homeless Ministry.

For more than a year, he lived in her guest bedroom. Rios took him in after finding him in a tent, suffering from the aftereffects of a stroke, including temporary blindness.

"She Mama," Salvador told me, as if on cue, before strolling away. He has his own apartment now. "The Mother Teresa of this country."

But unofficial sainthood

is not what Rios is seeking.

Looking around at what she sees as a glut of buildings emptied by the COVID-19 pandemic, and considering the skyrocketing need for housing in an economy that's pushing people into homelessness, Rios is telling everyone who will listen that she plans to buy a vacant building in South L.A. and turn it into a shelter.

"God spoke to me and [See Smith, B4]

Happy Birthday!

Leon Elster - Mar 03

Mike Birkholm - Mar 04

Christina Hurn - Mar 04

Diane Netzel - Mar 04

John Spokes - Mar 04

Virgil Aoanan - Mar 05



HAPPY ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

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

Ben Harati - 5 years, Feb 19

Christopher Kim - 5 years, Feb 19

Lauren Schlau - 5 years, Feb 19

Charisse Lara - 12 years, Feb 20

Darin Marinov - 12 years, Feb 20

Johannes Masseuré - 12 years, Feb 20

Judy Jenkins - 18 years, Feb 21

Kipp Kreutzberg - 3 years, Feb 23

Marwan Fattal - 25 years, Feb 27

Bill Shaw - 27 years, Feb 28

Al Shonk - 25 years, Feb 29

