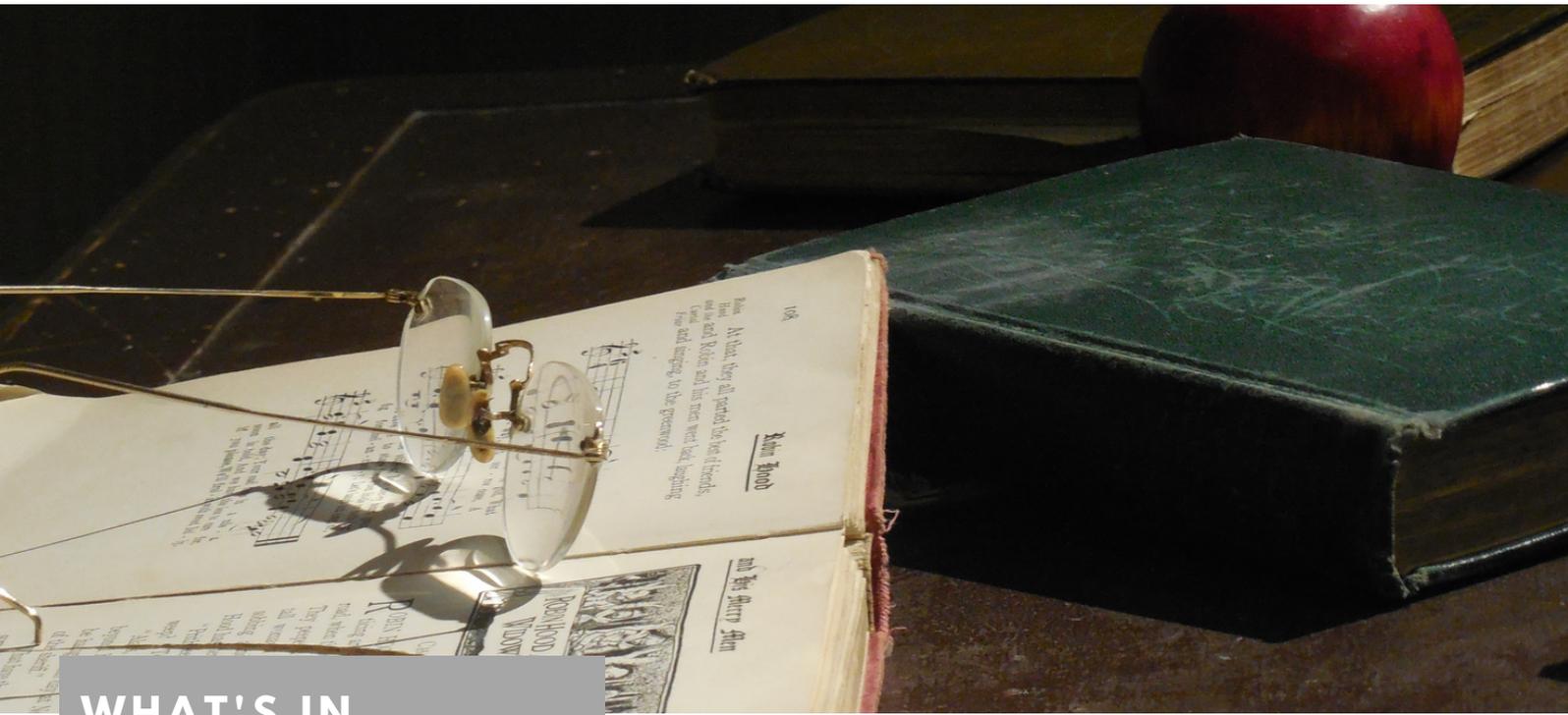


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March 24, 2021



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"PEOPLE WHO ARE LIFTING THE WORLD UPWARD AND ONWARD ARE THOSE WHO ENCOURAGE MORE THAN CRITICIZE."

Elizabeth Harrison

American educator from Kentucky. She was the founder and first president of what is today National Louis University in Chicago, Illinois. Harrison was a pioneer in creating professional standards for early childhood teachers and in promoting early childhood education.

A MESSAGE...

FROM OUR PAST PRESIDENT

Dear Friends!

Wow I really miss seeing you all in person. I have been greatly enjoying our virtual meetings and I have to say that Malinda Monterrosa has been doing an amazing job with the speakers! Every meeting has been fascinating. And, it's just great to see you all. Our social events have been really fun too! Out of the craziness of this pandemic our club's leaders have truly been Leaders with a capital "L." I am encouraged every time I participate in one of our online activities, I am encouraged when we get to speak with one-another and I am encouraged by the stability of our club and the energy new members are bringing to it!

I recently joined a fun Facebook group called G.A.S.P (Grammer and Spelling Police). It's a hoot. Some people take things very seriously and there is lots to learn there, but for the most part it's just good fun. I think Brenton would really enjoy it! But I got to thinking about the word "encourage."

Webster says the following: "to inspire with courage, spirit or hope,... to spur on,... to give help or patronage to." It's from the 15th century old English derived from Old French encoragier "make strong, hearten."

LA5 and Rotary do that for me. It has given me hope and heartened me when times were rough. And our club, through our foundation, has patronized many much deserving organizations in Los Angeles and in the world and encouraged countless young souls to pursue their dreams in college.

It gives me great pride to be part of such an encouraging group of humanitarians. "Service Above Self" is the motto of encouragement! So many of you have filled my heart; truly heartened me. Courage my friends. We are getting through this pandemic and our club will continue to be a model of encouragement.

Oh, and as to that Downey loss.... COURAGE my friends, we will live to fight another day!



Erick Wiess

Past President
Rotary Club of Los Angeles
2018-2019



HEY...HERE'S A
MULTIMILLION
DOLLAR IDEA:
A CHAIN OF OF
BODY SHOPS
CALLED
AUTOCORRECT.

(YOU'RE
WELCOME.)

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LIFE IS PRETTY GOOD,
BUT I STILL HOPE THE
SEQUEL WILL BE BETTER.

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TACOS

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TODAY KINDA SNEAKED UP
ON ME WHILE I WAS ASLEEP.

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Did You Know?

- Dynamic Rotarian Duo Diane and Paul Netzel just celebrated their 58th anniversary- CONGRATULATIONS!

**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?

Glendale Community College

HOW DID YOU USE YOUR SCHOLARSHIP MONEY?

Tuition

BRAG TO US ABOUT WHAT YOU DID THIS YEAR!

As much as I wish to say there have been many successes this year, there haven't been very many and of those I do consider to be a success, I cherish very closely. While these successes may be considered "primal" in every sense of the word and not very advancing for my career, I felt these were worthy of being called successes. Presently, I am recovering from a devastating knee injury that has taken months of recovery and rehab to be only 60% of my prior strength and flexibility. I was playing flag football when a guy tackled me and our knees collided; he undoubtedly meant to tackle me out of revenge I can assure despite being flag football. It has been a process and an injury I have never experienced before as lengthy recoveries are usually an aberration for me. However, perhaps like all injuries, it has strengthened my mental fortitude in pushing forward and even surpassing my limits I dare say.



BRANDON

...CONTINUED

I would have never trained so hard to get in shape if not for this injury and in turn, my mind would not have endured the arduous frustration accompanying it, developing patience and grit unlike any other exercise. It was also a hard truth in realizing I was nowhere near in physical shape as I thought nor should be and has pushed me to create a rigorous schedule of working out starting at 6:30 in the morning. While I take pride in my recovery process and workout schedule, I cherish the time with my family above all else, especially during this crisis. My mom works a 9-5 job so I hardly got to see her during the day but now she teleworks from home which has strengthened our bond as we converse and eat together almost every day. She's taught me how to cook seafood and I have to say I have mastered cooking the most delectable fried shrimps. I also perfected my culinary skills with steak which tastes so different now that I am the one cooking it. The only downside is that now I am usually in charge of dinner and it takes a surprisingly extensive amount of time to prepare all the food. My sister recently came back from Berkeley and it has been nice catching up as I have not seen her for months; her Berkeley stories are some of the strangest, to say the least considering the prestige the college holds. Albeit the occasional annoyance as we share a room once again; oh it was so peaceful for a couple of months, it has been a blessing that I will never forget and enjoy while it lasts.

WHAT'S GOING ON THIS FRIDAY?



**FRIDAY
3.26.21**

COME ZOOM WITH US!

**CLUB MEETING WITH
CYNTHIA LEVIN**

Cynthia's stand-up experience has taken her around the globe, including performances in Latin America, Canada, Asia, and Europe. While focusing on the creation of original comedic content, she continues to build her film and series credits as an actor, including her most recent role in the FX Network's "Legion."



[REGISTER HERE](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



- MAR 26** Club meeting with Cynthia Levin
- APRIL 1** Morning Social Hour
- April 2** Pageant of The Arts
- April 2** Children's Court Committee Meeting
- April 9** Club Meeting with Marty Cooper
- April 16** Consuls General Day
- April 16** Club Board Meeting

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

All Current Events are ZOOM Video Meetings Unless Otherwise Noted

IT'S BACK!

50/50
Raffle

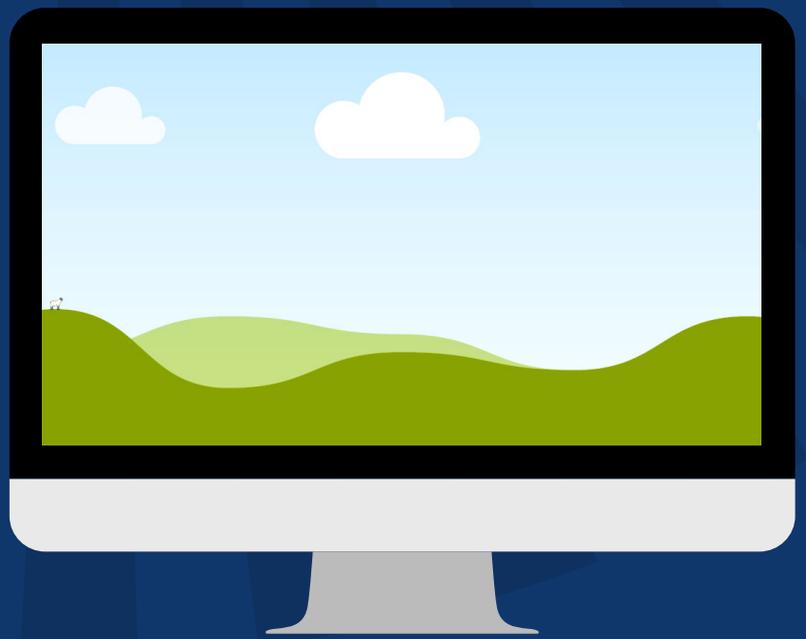
BUY TICKETS HERE

WINNER GETS
50% OF THE POT

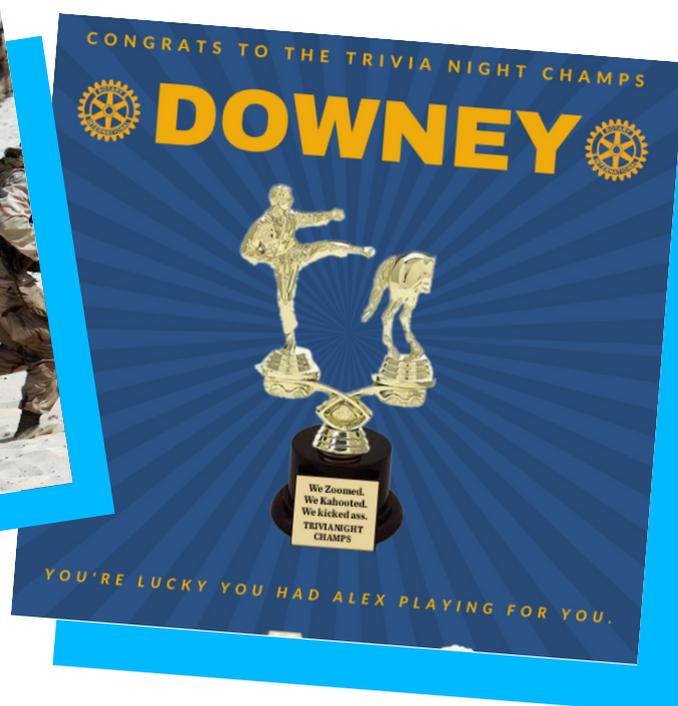
SEVEN ENTRIES FOR \$5

LAST WEEK'S
WINNER

Paul Jacques!



DOWNNEY DRAWS 1ST BLOOD



SMILING FACES, SOMETIMES THEY DON'T TELL THE TRUTH

The Undisputed Truth reminded us back in the 70's that a smile is just a frown turned upside down...



It was the Rotary equivalent of The Gunfight At the OK Corral. Except there were no guns. And no western attire. Oh, and the battle didn't play out in a corral. And no Doc Holliday.

Ok, the first Happy Hour/Trivia Contest between mighty LA5 and little Downey Rotary had no equivalents, except just maybe the Biblical fight between David and Goliath.

The Friday evening event started slowly. As Rotarians dialed in to the Zoom event, friendly greetings were exchanged between fellow club members, and looks of disgust and loathing were directed at members of opposing clubs.

As the event was marketed as both a Happy Hour and a Trivia Contest, significant amounts of alcoholic beverages were on display, most notably on the part of LA5 leadership.

Chrissy Moses and Malinda Monterrosa of LA5 gave instructions on the basics of how the trivia contest was played on the Kahoots! platform, and, not surprisingly, it needed to be repeated twice for Downey Rotarians. It was announced that the game would be played in three rounds: first with multiple choice Rotary historical questions, followed by True/False Rotary International Themes, and lastly, general trivia questions involving LA and the Southern California area.

Moderator Matt Kinley, President of the Rotary Club of Long Beach, generally ran the show. He read the questions, provided commentary, and occasionally belched between questions.

The earlier reference to David and Goliath was purposeful, because by evening's end, Alex Lopez led Downey Rotary to some serious ass-kicking of LA5. The evening might have ended even more one-sided had Tom Hutchinson, on a serious stretch of correct answers and tops on the scoreboard, had to leave the meeting and attend to some lesser Boy Scout matters.

The priceless trophy (\$11.99 at Amazon) will remain with the Downey club until terms of a rematch are worked out.



2020-21 LA5 BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

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



MARCH 2021

- Approval of \$50,000 of the proposal for the Rotary Club of Downtown Los Angeles Water Project in Kenya (Rotary Clean Water Systems for Lake Victoria), including \$5,000 in funding.
- Approval of the proposal for the Myanmar Water Management Systems Project, including \$9,000 in funding.
- Approval of new member Mel Scott
- Approval of new member Alfred Poirier
- Approval of Board Minutes - February 2020

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

Happy Birthday!

Dennis Kneier - Mar 20

Dave Tomblin - Mar 22

Patrick McClenahan - Mar 23

Terry Dedeaux - Mar 27

Felix Keats - Mar 27

Jon Gibby - Mar 28

Jayme Wilson - Mar 28



HAPPY ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

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

Anna Flores - Mar 15 2019, 2 years

Jared Smith - Mar 15, 2019, 2 years

Elvia Soukup - Mar 15 2019, 2 years

Mandi Budd - Mar 16 2018, 3 years

Ian Eddy - Mar 16 2018, 3 years

Chris Galanella - Mar 16 2018, 3 years

Harlen Gleeson - Mar 16 2018, 3 years

Rose McCoppin - Mar 16 2018, 3 years

Sally Gallagher - Mar 18 2005, 16 years

Allissa Johnson - Mar 18 2005, 16 years

Harry Barseghian - Mar 19 2004, 17 years

Carmen Estrada-Schaye - Mar 22 2002, 19 years

Erick Weiss - Mar 26 2010, 11 years

