

EL RODEO

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TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY

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"A LOT OF WHAT FEMINISM IS ABOUT IS MOVING OUTSIDE OF ROLES AND MOVING OUTSIDE OF EXPECTATIONS OF WHO AND WHAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE TO LIVE A MORE AUTHENTIC LIFE."

Laverne Cox

American actress and LGBTQ+ advocate. She rose to prominence with her role as Sophia Burset on the Netflix series *Orange Is the New Black*, becoming the first transgender person to be nominated for a Primetime Emmy Award in any acting category.

A MESSAGE...

FROM OUR PAST PRESIDENT

Dear Rotarians,

This is a very special week for several members. Traditionally, we have been “dark” on such occasions out of respect to the religious mores practiced by so many who make the true meaning of Easter a part of their lives. Indeed, for more than a week leading up to Easter Sunday, the history of this time represents some of the most sacred reminders in all Christendom of what it means to renew our lives with redemptive possibilities.

It seems to me that Rotary’s motto, “service above self,” provides a parallel opportunity to proffer the kind of hope that is expected on this occasion. Indeed, I have learned that by performing service to our neighbors (aka, our fellow man), it is a divine reminder that we are lifting burdens and providing hope to grateful recipients as well as ourselves. Indeed, by sharing our strength and substance with others, I have learned that it is a way to express thanks for all that I have been given.

In the spirit of this meaningful week, Rotary’s Pageant of the Arts will be presented this Friday. Indeed, it will be a “good Friday” where so many amazing students have prepared countless hours to inspire us with their talents. Our hope is that the demonstration of their music and dance will remind us that sharing artistic gifts is another way to offer hope and renew our perspective: an appropriate parallel to the appreciation of a lovely Easter season.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve with you as a fellow Rotarian and simply be counted among this wonderful company of people trying to do well to others. You inspire me more than you know. I always want to be a better person when I share time with you.

Happy Easter,



Matt Ball

Matt Ball, President
LA5



I COULDN'T MAKE IT TO THE SIT-IN PROTEST LAST NIGHT; SO I HIRED A STAND-IN.

I HOPE THAT'S OK.



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YA' KNOW...IF THEY COULD GENETICALLY ENGINEER HUMANS TO HAVE POUCHY CHEEKS LIKE HAMSTERS, WE WOULDN'T NEED THESE DANG STYROFOAM "TO GO" BOXES.



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THE ONLY DAY BETTER THAN TACO TUESDAY IS SIESTA SUNDAY.

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I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THE WORD "GODSPEED" THAT MUST BE REALLY, REALLY FAST.

A LOT FASTER THAN YOU ARE.



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Did You Know?

- In case you might be wondering, “the Continental Plates that drift across the Earth’s surface do so at about the same speed that your fingernails grow” ...Neil deGrasse Tyson.

**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?

Georgetown University

HOW DID YOU USE YOUR SCHOLARSHIP MONEY?

I used my scholarship to purchase my textbooks for the school year, professional clothing, and my study abroad flight. In addition, I used the scholarship to buy toiletries for my dorm and other essentials that were needed.



KIMBERLY

BRAG TO US ABOUT WHAT YOU DID THIS YEAR!

I am very thrilled that I was accepted into Georgetown's U.S-China Student Fellowship. It is a very selective and competitive process and I am glad that I was able to represent my community and my Latinx identity in politics. I was able to speak to officials at the State Department and network with other government officials. Due to COVID-19, I was unable to travel to Beijing, China to further my program in diplomacy and U.S.-China affairs. For the Spring 2020 semester, I studied abroad in Italy to learn about European politics and Italian. Furthermore, this summer, I am an intern for the William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies. I am currently co-authoring a publication about Women, Peace, and Security in Latin America with a professor. I was recently accepted to the Women's Alliance Fellowship at Georgetown, which recognizes women for their leadership on the Georgetown campus and the DC area. I am very grateful for the growth and academic achievement I have developed when being at Georgetown. Thank you to Rotary for believing in me and in my story. I will never forget how empowered this organization made me feel once I walked out of my interview for this scholarship. With your support, I am able to be the student I am today.

YOURS IN ROTARY SERVICE

International zoom with Rotarians from France. Arranged by John Green.



TIVOLA FAMILY

John Green has enlisted Charles Black from the Beverly Hills Rotary club as a co-chair to support the Tivola family as they travel from France to the U.S. and are in need of Rotarian support for lodging while their daughter undergoes surgery and subsequent therapy.

Charles Black has graciously offered his home to the Tivola family. We now hope to supplement their trip with happy memories of Los Angeles to offset (in some small way) the stresses of the medical procedure and all of the logistics that come with.

Conversations continue as efforts are underway to get additional support in Northern California.

Rotarians wanting to help the cause, please contact John Green.
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WHAT'S GOING ON THIS FRIDAY?



**FRIDAY
4.2.21**

COME ZOOM WITH US!

**SPECIAL CLUB MEETING
PAGEANT OF THE ARTS**

Annual Pageant of the Arts program



Special
**CLUB MEETING
PAGEANT OF THE ARTS**

[REGISTER HERE](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



- 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

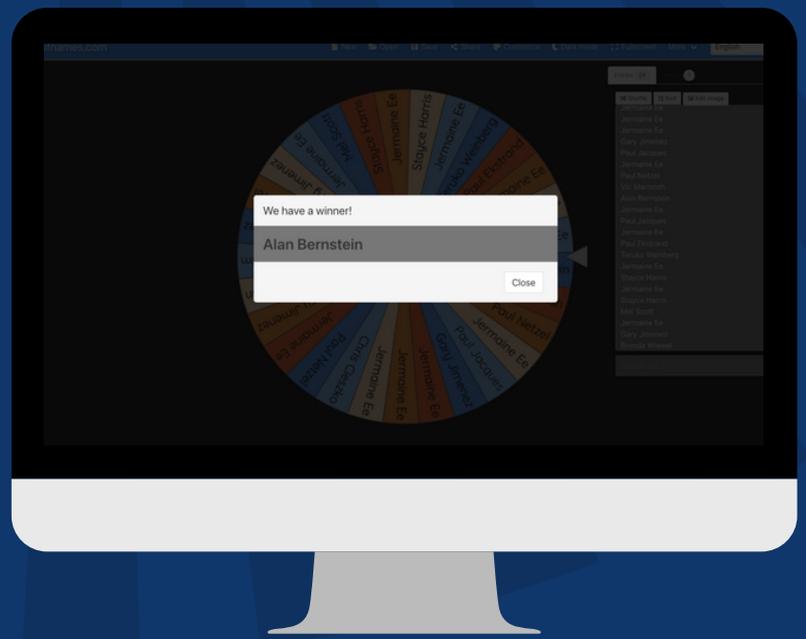
[BUY TICKETS HERE](#)

WINNER GETS
50% OF THE POT

SEVEN ENTRIES FOR \$5

LAST WEEK'S
WINNER

ALAN
BERNSTEIN



NEW MEMBER

Douglas Montgomery **Vice President, Category Management / Insights**



**WARNER BROS.
HOME ENTERTAINMENT GROUP
VICE PRESIDENT, CATEGORY
MANAGEMENT / INSIGHTS**

About Douglas

Originally from Canada, Douglas received his Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Alberta before going onto USC for his MBA.

His wife and son are Japanese. Their family hosts many (at least 100) Japanese kids at their home in Los Angeles for homestays over the years. Additionally, they produce a festival (both live and virtual) every year that is focused on Japan and Japanese culture. It is no surprise that Douglas also speaks Japanese!

Welcome to LA5, Doug!

Josh Schimmels
Publisher and CEO

March 24, 2021

Dear Matt Ball:

On behalf of *the Los Angeles Business Journal*, I'd like to personally **congratulate** Rotary Club of Los Angeles for being an official nominee of our **2021 Nonprofit & Corporate Citizenship Awards!**

Please join us for this year's **live digital awards event** taking place on **Wednesday, April 21st at 2:00 PM PST**. We will honor the amazing contributions of the nonprofit community along with the corporate citizens and businesses that support them. This program will highlight the tireless work of nonprofit leaders, teams, and programs, alongside the efforts of individuals and companies who donate their time, funds, and efforts to improve the Los Angeles communities they serve.

Register for FREE here:

<https://labusinessjournal.com/CitizenshipAwards/>

Nonprofit & Corporate Citizenship Awards

Wednesday, April 21st

2:00 – 3:30 PM PST

All 2021 nominees will be highlighted within the April 19th edition of the Business Journal – with all finalists and winners featured in the April 26th edition.

Congratulations on being one of the 2021 nominees!

Best Regards,



Josh Schimmels
Publisher & CEO
Los Angeles Business Journal

Happy Birthday!

Terry Dedeaux - Mar 27

Felix Keats - Mar 27

Jon Gibby - Mar 28

Jayme Wilson - Mar 28

Robert Menz - Mar 31

Aaron Wilkins - Apr 02



HAPPY ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

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

Nat Kawada - 31 years

Chris Cieszko - 21 years

Tammy Nguyen - 1 year

Shahla Rahimi Reynolds - 17 years

