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ROTARY CLUB OF LOS ANGELES

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THIS
FRIDAY

LUNCH
AT THE
CAL CLUB

GRANT DELGATTY

USC MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND
INNOVATION



THE CONNECTION BETWEEN
FAILURE & INNOVATION
[READ ABOUT GRANT: CLICK HERE](#)

MARK THE CALENDAR



Nathan Elson
Lunch at Cal Club



**Camp Paivika
Carnival**



Michael Gates
Breakfast at Cal Club



Angeleno Wine Co
Lunch at Cal Club

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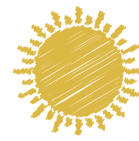


LA5 Rotary Camp Day



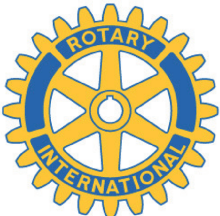
Saturday, July 27th

Camp Activities 9:30AM - 12PM
Lunch 12PM - 1PM



LA5 members, along with friends and family, will create lasting memories for 60 adult campers with developmental disabilities by having a Rotarian pair up with a camper throughout the morning to enjoy fun camp activities!
Lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP to Jessica Hughes
jhughes@abilityfirst.org | 626.316.7988





A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

RETENTION IS THE KEY TO MEMBERSHIP

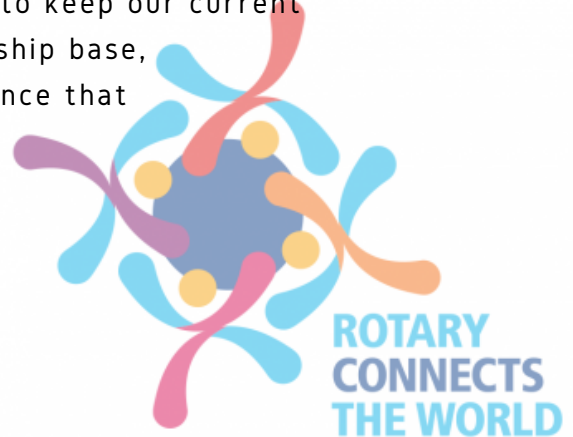
Thanks for reading the El Rodeo. It is one of the best ways to keep up with the news about your Club. This week I would like to give you a preview of an idea that a member of our Membership Committee, Laine Wagensellar, has come up with. Laine is passionate about getting together in small groups. He would say that while he enjoys the weekly meetings and fellowships that are planned, he gets the most benefit during a shared meal with a few people. In this setting he learns something meaningful about the other person. What is their passion? How did they develop their career? What is their family like?

Hopefully it has been made clear that growing our membership is a major goal of our club this year. As important as that is, it is also our goal to retain our members by providing meaningful events, fellowship opportunities, and service projects. For this reason, I have encouraged Laine to run with his idea and develop what he is calling a "troika" visit where members who choose to participate are added to a randomly organized group of two other Rotarians to form a group of three (a troika) that will get together informally for lunch, dinner, or coffee to get to know one another more deeply. I fully support this idea knowing how well it has worked for other groups. I look forward to launching this program later this summer after Laine returns from a mission trip to Uganda.

Remember, the best way to grow our club is to keep our current members active and engaged. With a stable membership base, we can add new members to our roster with confidence that our club will begin to experience net growth.

If you haven't seen a Rotarian for awhile, reach out. Write a note. Make a call. They will be glad you did.

Rick Gibson



WIN FREE LUNCH

What red item were the Past Presidents wearing when presenting PP Erick's scorecard during his final meeting on 6/21? The first to tell Exec Director John Green the correct answer in person at this week's meeting will win a free lunch!

(Hint: you can find the answer in last week's issue of El Rodeo)



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

HONOLULU

WWW.RICONVENTION.ORG/EN/HONOLULU

JUNE 6-10, 2020



HONOLULU HAWAII 2020



DISTRICT BREAKFAST



AUGUST 13, 2019 | 7-9AM

New Location!

Proud Bird Restaurant
11022 Aviation Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045
Parking is complimentary!

Pricing:

\$40 per person before August 1st
\$45 per person beginning August 1st

Special offer:

Buy a table of 10 for all three breakfasts before August 1st and lock in a special rate of \$375/table (\$1,125 total for all breakfasts.)

RSVP & pay online: www.rotary5280.org

Questions: office@rotary5280.org or 310-670-9792

MEMBERS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Q&A with Peter Weinberger



****LA5 disclaims any responsibility for the content of this profile. Please send your angry letters and emails to weinbergerlaw@yahoo.com. Certain contents of this interview have been redacted for the general safety and concern of the public. To obtain the full, un-redacted version, please reach out to Peter Weinberger directly.****

What is the favorite thing about your career?

In the past, it was getting a victory for the underdog in a righteous case. Now that I'm a mediator, I get great satisfaction out of getting cases resolved. There is so much money wasted on legal fees. A good mediator can bring some financial sanity to the legal system. Lawyers, judges and the system are the enemy of this sanity.



Do you have any hidden talents?

I play ice hockey. It's not a talent (and you'd know it's not a talent if you ever saw me play!)

Do you have a motto that you live by?

[REDACTED]
(And, never move to the Valley.)

Tell us about your podcast...

"Freakonomics." It's really helped me develop a contrarian and objective way to look at the world (which has annoyed innumerable people). It encourages you to reject the conventional wisdom and take a deep dive into the facts.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

Working for the Illinois Democratic Party in the late 1980's and remaining un-indicted.

If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be?

I have no idea, but [REDACTED] come to mind.

Scandalous, Peter!

Let's get Social!



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post, tag the club, use these hashtags.

DID YOU MISS IT?

MEETING RECAP: 7/12/19

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE 111TH YEAR

If you haven't yet sent your scorecard to President Rick for his first meeting, the year is still young. The room was full, the energy was high, and Luc Robitaille was a champion. Rookie mistakes? You tell us ... or rather, tell President Rick.



"Standing applause just for standing up here?! I rather like this Presidency-thing," thought President Rick.



All smiles!



Full house!



The room was graced.



Pro tip for the new President: when checking your watch, try to do so inconspicuously.



Presentation of the board, AKA the club's firing squad for the year.

save the date
August 18
wine & tapas
at Tony Medley's house

RSVP required - email Denise Anthony

WEEKLY THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PAST PRESIDENTS
PP KEN CHONG ON NEEDING ATTENTION...

I miss the sound of my voice!
How can I get back all the attention?!
I really like that Dax Shepard fellow...

THE WASHED UP
PRESIDENT'S
PODCAST ...
COMING SOON!

