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# THIS FRIDAY



# NATHAN ELSON, CDF CAPITAL

More from Less: How to embrace your limitations and exploit them

# 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



Ken Basin Lunch at Cal Club

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In 1926, a group of businessmen from the Los Angeles Rotary Club reached out to help children affected by the polio epidemic. Originally the Crippled Children's Society of Southern California, it was later renamed AbilityFirst to reflect its commitment to the unique abilities of every child to flourish and thrive.

AbilityFirst developed Camp Paivika, among the nation's first accessible camps for people with physical and developmental disabilities, offering horseback riding, swimming, adaptive sports, cookouts, arts and crafts, performing arts and other activities. With a sense of freedom inspired by time spent outdoors in natural surroundings, campers learn and develop new interests and confidence through guided play, skills building and exploration.

LA5 members have the opportunity to live "service above self" at our annual Rotarian Day at Camp Paivika on Saturday, July 27. Rotarians will arrive by 9:30 a.m. for sign-in, introductions and assignments.

Each Rotarian will be paired with an assigned camper and participate in activities, see them perform, followed by lunch to end the day by 1:30pm.

Please join us at Camp Paivika to do good and get so much more in return!

# FUN FACT: THIS SERVICE PROJECT IS HOW PRESIDENT RICK WILL BE CELEBRATING HIS BIRTHDAY!



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# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

# **FOCUSING ON OUR TRUE NORTH**

Rotary, like so many legacy institutions must adapt to dramatic social, economic and technological changes. It's hard. We like things the way we like them. But if we are going to move forward into the future we must leave some of those things behind.

Happily we don't need to leave the mission, our purpose for being behind. In fact, it would be a catastrophic mistake to do so. When we lose track of our raison d'etre, we have no basis for making decisions or setting a direction. Without it, we lose our way.

So let me begin this year with a reminder of the elements of our true north.

As Rotarians, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change—across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

At our core, we are people of action. We are deeply committed to ending Polio, promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, strengthening the lives of mothers and children, and building local economies.

As members of the Los Angeles community, we are deeply concerned about the current homeless crisis and the shortage of clean water in our most vulnerable communities. We are committed to concentrating our efforts on what I call "up-stream" solutions especially when it comes to supporting young people in health and education.

Finally, we are committed to one another. Over the years, we have become friends. We are a community that finds joy in being together, working together, and playing together. To fully experience this we must recommit ourselves to actually getting together.

We are a club that possesses extraordinary talent and resources and our neighbors are counting on us to find ways to meaningfully share that with our community.

Rick Gibson

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# LA5 HQ TRIVIA

# **WIN FREE LUNCH**

Who is the current RI President? email answer to elrodeola5@gmail.com

# MAKE NOTE:

# AUGUST 2 IS A BREAKFAST MEETING

let's change it up sometimes. it might be fun.

# WEEKLY THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PAST PRESIDENTS

DID YOU KNOW THAT JULY IS NATIONAL ICE CREAM MONTH?
IT WAS SIGNED INTO LAW BY PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

**IN 1984.** We assumed, then, that the best person to ask for advice on ice cream would be a past president. So we asked ours about their favorites and recommendations.

... we did *not* tell them what we deduced about their personalities based on their choices. But you can make

your own assessment with this article.

"Favorite flavor: Formerly Ben & Jerry's Coconut Almond Fudge Chip (which ceased production a decade ago). Now it's Talenti Double Dark Chocolate gelato.

Fact: In Hawaii and South Africa, ice-cream bean trees (inga feuillei) produce pods that tastes like vanilla ice cream.

Best ice cream shop: Bulgarini Gelato Artigianale in the back of an old Altadena shopping center." -- PP Marc Leeka "My love of ice cream started when my Dad would take me to McConnell's as a little girl, I still love their ice cream! But, my all-time favorite place is Rori's Artisanal Creamery in Montecito (which has now expanded to several locations including one in Santa Monica!!). All of their flavors are amazing, but my faovirte is Malted Milk English Toffee ... yummmmmmmmmmmy!!"

- PP Megan Tunnell O'Rourke



"Tough call between Cherry Garcia and Haagen Dazs Rocky Road." - PP Ken Chong



"My favorite ice cream is vanilla bean mixed with peanut butter and the best place to get it is Humphry's in Sherman Oaks!"

- PP Todd Johnson

"Baskin Robbins Jamocha Almond Fudge" - PP Don Crocker



# LET'S KEEP THE TUNES ROLLIN' ...



EL RODEO: YLENIA, IT'S TIME TO UPDATE OUR PLAYLIST. WHAT ARE YOU LISTENING TO RIGHT NOW?

YLENIA: SÌ SÌ, MA CERTO! LET ME HELP YOU OUT. CHECK OUT THIS SPOTIFY PLAYLIST! (CLICK HERE)



"Thinking Out Loud" - Ed Sheeran

"Breathless" - The Corrs

"I'll Be There"

"Shallow" - Lady Gaga & Bradley Cooper

"I Ran"

"Shape of You" - Ed Sheeran

"New York, New York" - Frank Sinatra

"Hello"

# speaking of ice cream ...



# JULY BIRTHDAY-ITES

**Carrie Hidding** Kim Rathman Jim Simonds Chris Johnson Simon Khinda

Sumi Kawaratani Heidi Taylor Rick Gibson **Bob Price** Richard Frank Adrian Heryford

George Mueller **Howard Goodman** Victor Walch Adam Reusche **Gerry Turner** 

# **HOT GOSSIP**

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# IN CASE YOU MISSED IT: LAST WEEK'S MEETING SPOTTED! ROTARIANS HAVING FUN

Speaker Grant Delgatty from USC's Young and Iovine Center for Innovation conducted a great talk, through reflecting his life lessons and career, on innovation.

Also - Rotarian shenanigans spotted!



President Rick's board, after just one week of service, needed to take a break for fun and attended the Paul McCartney concert. "Worry not," says President Rick, "work hard, play hard is a motto for a reason!"



The golf committee stakes its claim as the comeback cool-kids committee by perfecting the group selfie.

VP Paul Ekstrand caught having delusions of grandeur.



Visiting Rotarian, Vicenza Frisardi, from club Mantova in Italy!



Speaker Grant
Delgatty gives a great
talk on failure and
innovation, while
humbly and casually
glazing over his
relationship with Dr.
Dre (!) and Jimmy
lovine (!), and dishing
out parenting advice to
PP Ken Chong.





# LA5 WINE TASTING

### iViva la Vino!

Explore the delicious wines of Spain this year at **Tony Medley**'s home in Hancock Park. And enjoy the delicious tapas prepared by **Chef Hugo Monterrosa** (thanks for the hook up, **Malinda**:)!

Thanks to our generous sponsor, **Past President David Bland**. Listen to the musical stylings of LA5 member, **Jeremy Weinglass**.

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### LOCATION

**Hancock Park** (Address will be provided after receiving RSVP. RSVPs are required for entrance to event as a list will be provided to the guard gate.)

### **DATE & TIME**

Sunday, August 18, 2019 from 3pm - 6pm

### WHAT TO BRING

Bring a bottle of a Spanish wine (red or white). Light hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

Sponsorships are available. Sponsors will be able to showcase their company and be listed in the invitation. Please contact Denise Anthony at danthony@titleguru.com with any sponsorship questions.



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