

# EL RODEO

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ROTARY CLUB OF LOS ANGELES  
FOUNDED 1909

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## TALK TO US

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*this friday, Sept 20*  
**BREAKFAST!**  
**WITH DAVID EADES,**  
**DIRECTOR / CEO,**  
**PASADENA TOURNAMENT**  
**OF ROSES**



The background is a light blue color with several stylized fried eggs scattered around. Each egg has a white, irregularly shaped yolk and a bright orange, circular egg white. The eggs are positioned at various angles and sizes, creating a playful, breakfast-themed pattern.

RISE & SHINE! IT'S A

# *Breakfast Meeting*

THIS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

with

David Eades

the Pasadena Tournament of

Roses

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7:30 AM SHARP

AT THE CAL CLUB

# Mark the calendar



- Sep 20** David Eads - Breakfast at the Cal Club
- Sep 27** Alex Bloomingdale - Lunch at the Cal Club & LA5 Board Meeting - 1:30 at the Cal Club
- Oct 03** Golf Committee - Chevy Chase Country Club
- Oct 04** Courageous Citizen Awards with DA Jackie Lacey - Lunch at the Jonathan Club
- Oct 11** Kevin Basin - Lunch at the Cal Club

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

# save the date

District 5280  
Rotary Foundation Gala  
**OCTOBER 27**

## RAFFLE TICKETS

Earn points toward your Paul Harris  
Fellow by purchasing raffle tickets.  
\$100 for a book of 12.

\$3000

\$1500

\$ 500

Raffle prizes  
will be awarded  
at the Gala

GALA CHAIR: PP ERICK WEISS!

RAFFLE TICKETS  
AVAILABLE AT THE  
REGISTRATION TABLE  
AT ALL LA5 LUNCH  
MEETINGS

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

**HONOLULU**

JUNE  
6-10  
2020

[www.riconvention.org/en/honolulu](http://www.riconvention.org/en/honolulu)

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IS OPEN



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# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

## WE MADE HISTORY PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Several years ago, LA5 published a commemorative book that presented highlights of over 100 years of Rotary in Los Angeles. As much as I enjoyed reading about LA5's past story and am excited and optimistic about Rotary's present story, I am most interested in Rotary's future story. Like many historic institutions, Rotary is finding that its growth rate is flat or declining. We must be intentional about growing Rotary and our own club by engaging and investing in young people. I am proud of our current support of the USC Rotaract Club and appreciate the good work our fellow Rotarian, **Brenda Wiewel** who has organized much of our this effort.

For those who don't know, as the sponsoring club, LA5 provides a modest level of programming, mentoring, and support for the USC Rotaract Club. We do so to offer support to these promising young people; but we also do it to build a pipeline into Rotary. To that end, I announced last Friday that our club has taken an historic and important step in our endeavor to build this pipeline. In accordance with new Rotary International guidelines, I have reserved a spot on the LA5 Board of Directors for the President of the USC Rotaract Club and have offered it to **Ellen Desper**, who has agreed to serve. I have asked Ellen to keep the USC Rotaract agenda front and center in our meetings and to keep our projects and programs before the club she leads. The LA5 Foundation has approved funds to lower or even cover the costs of USC Rotaractors who attend our weekly meetings. I look forward to welcoming these students and partnering with them on their projects and preparing them for an exciting future in Rotary.

*Rick Gibson*

President,  
Rotary Club of Los Angeles  
2019 - 2020



# LAST WEEK



LUNCH MEETING, 2-2 TUESDAYS ... AND THE FACEBOOK TROLL STRIKES AGAIN!



**MEN CAN BE FEMINISTS TOO!**  
LA5 JOINS IN ON 2-2 TUESDAYS ON THE TOPIC OF GENDER PARITY



**CHARLIE SLEMAKER**  
IS THE NEWEST PAUL HARRIS FELLOW INDUCTEE!



**SPEAKER STEPHEN MEADE**  
LAYS IT DOWN ON BLOCKCHAIN



**ADAM WEISS**  
VISITS THE PALOS VERDES ROTARY CLUB



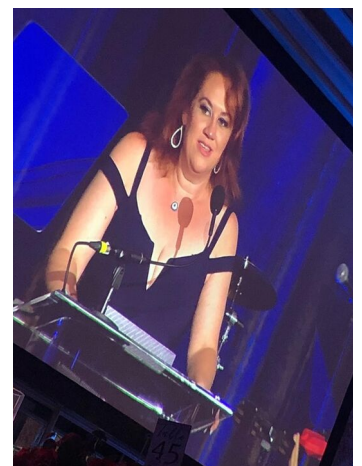
**WALKER VAN ANTWERP**  
TAKES A TRIP TO HAWAII!



**IVAN LOVEGREN**  
THE KING OF NETWORKING!



**MAUREN TEPEDINO**  
DOING WHAT ARTISTS DO!



**MANDI BUDD**  
HOSTED A GALA!

10TH ANNIVERSARY

Angel City  
Celebration

December 7, 2019  
Jesse Owens Park

*To volunteer:*

*Contact Rick Gibson or Marjorie Heller*



**What is your favorite thing about your career? Any recent wins or successes?** Being able to help Real Estate people; whether commercial or residential close their transactions successfully. The variety is wonderful; so it is not boring. Having the freedom to be out and about (although tiring especially in the heat), and seeing what is being developed.

**What is your proudest accomplishment?** Making good Real Estate investments

**If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be?** There are so many things that I would like to do. That being said; I guess I would opt for a Spa Day complete with manicure, pedi, massage and facial. End with a dinner & wine at CARUSO Restaurant at the Santa Barbara Rosewood Miramar Resort, overlooking the beach!

**Do you have any hidden talents we should know about?** Love to play the piano (been on hiatus for 3 yrs, since the grand piano is being stored at Hollywood Pianos) after we sold our house. When I retire; I will get back into playing!

**Who makes you laugh the most?** My Husband

**Do you have a motto that you live by?** "Live as if you were to die tomorrow; Learn as if you were to live forever" Mahatma Gandhi

**What's the most daring thing you've ever done?** Helicopter skiing in the French Alps in deep powder and staying away from the Glacier crevices!

**What's your favorite book, podcast, song, or movie? Or what are your top three books you recommend everyone read (or movies to watch or podcasts to listen to)?** Again, so much to choose from. South Pacific movie from when I was a kid. Seen it in every version. Love all the songs. Wind Beneath My Wings as Eddie sung it at our wedding. From the Classical side, anything Mozart. I can recommend two favorite books: Think and Grow Rich/Napoleon Hill & The Power of Positive Thinking/Norman Vincent Peale. Also like Biographies; so much can be learned from them!

**What's your superpower?** That is in another world!

**Is there anything else that you'd like to share with the Club?** Another Gandhi "The Best Way to Find Yourself; is to lose Yourself in the Service of Others"



## Get to know: **DENISE ANTHONY**

Senior Vice President, Major  
Accounts Manager at  
Westminster Title Company, Inc.  
by Chrissy Moses