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WHY I SAID YES

A message from the President

Our club passed an important milestone last Friday. With minimal fanfare, the slate of leaders for the 2020-21 Rotary year were approved without objection. According to our club's bylaws, the immediate past president facilitates the process by which nominations for club leadership are made. The ten most recent past presidents will gather to discuss the draft slate of potential office holders and will vote to approve the list of nominees to be brought before the club for consideration ten days before the last meeting of the calendar year. Barring any objections or the introduction of other nominees, the line-up is approved during the last meeting of the year. It was my privilege to carry out the duty this year.

But... it got me thinking about how I might approach my task as immediate past president next year. Apart from outlining a process and setting a calendar, I thought I would start by trying to encourage our members to aspire to club leadership.

LA5 is a community of leaders. Even though there are several reasons to decline the invitation to serve, I thought I would share just a three reasons I said "yes". First, LA5 provides a platform for demonstrating and exercising leadership skills. It should never be viewed as a personal platform or stepping stone, but it certainly has the potential to strengthen your career. Second, the club convenes an unusually large number of mentors and leaders willing to encourage and guide future leaders. Finally, our club is positioned to influence the future of our community. Each of these motivated me to accept the invitation to serve and to invest the time and energy into my various roles of club leadership. I look forward to talking with many of you next year to consider the role of leadership. And I hope you will say, "yes" to LA5.



Rick Gibson

President,
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2019 - 2020



The Rotary Club of Los Angeles

Celebrating 10 years of service
to Los Angeles

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ANGEL
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HOLIDAY
PARTY

TUESDAY
DECEMBER

10

6 PM
RECEPTION
7 PM DINNER

CALIFORNIA
CLUB

THIS WEEK:
ANGEL CITY HOLIDAY PARTY

TUESDAY EVENING

there's NO Friday meeting!
See you at golf or in the New Year!

Mark the calendar

THE ROTARY CLUB OF LOS ANGELES
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF SERVICE TO LOS ANGELES

TUESDAY
DECEMBER
10
6PM-8PM
CALIFORNIA
CLUB

**ANGEL CITY
HOLIDAY
PARTY**

DINNER
DRINKS
ENTERTAINMENT
HOLIDAY FUN
CELEBRATE
WITH
FAMILY AND
FRIENDS



LA5
Rotary
Club of Los Angeles
Happy Holidays

**BUSINESS
EXCHANGE**

JAN
03



- Dec 10** Angel City Holiday Party - 6 pm at the Cal Club
- Dec 14** Golf Committee - Chevy Chase Country Club
- Dec 20** Dark - Happy Holidays!
- Dec 27** Dark - Happy Holidays!
- Jan 03** Business Exchange - Breakfast at the Cal Club
- Jan 04** Golf Committee - Chevy Chase Country Club

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The LA5 Wine Committee

**A SPOTLIGHT ON THE GROUP THAT PUTS THE FUN INTO LA5,
WITH CO-CHAIR DENISE ANTHONY**

After a five year hiatus, we thought it “high” time to restart our Rotary Wine Tasting events. It was long overdue!! Getting our fellow Rotarians back to having some good times; while enjoying wine and promoting camaraderie is what we love.

So **Chrissy Mosses** and myself (**Denise Anthony**), started looking for hosts who would be willing to welcome us into their homes to start our wine down time. **Tony Medley** was the first one who stepped up a few years ago. Then the brainstorming and back and forth emails commenced!!

The host may choose their wine by either country or grape type. They have a say in what they would like to serve as appetizers. Marketing takes over as we come up with a theme. (Seems that when we are having a committee meeting with wine that the ideas flow better)! Any good Happy Hour (or two) at a Bar or Hotel is our meeting place. We move around! We can’t divulge any funny story since what is done in the committee, stays in the committee!!

We are so grateful to our ongoing wonderful sponsors **David & Cheryl Bland**,

(Cheryl is also on the committee, doing whatever is needed) and **Chris Campbell**. Thank you!!

Having music while sipping is always enjoyed. Thanks **Paul** and **Ben**!

We are always looking for volunteers to help out at the event and/or if they are inclined to bring a favorite dish of theirs. It is amazing how much prep time is needed to get everything ready.

We certainly would like some Rotarians to join our wine committee; if they are so inclined to imbibe and help out. All worthwhile when we see our Rotarians and their guests get time to mingle and compare wine notes.

What is the purpose of the wine committee?

The Wine Committee has the very noble mission of “No Wine Left Behind”! Just kidding, it’s a committee focused on building fellowship between members all while enjoying a nice glass of wine. No wine knowledge necessary!

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Tell us about your meetings, the who, what, when, where, etc. ...

We are dependent on the kindness of our members opening their homes to allow a wine tasting event to happen. We aim to have three wine tastings a year, typically on weekend afternoons.

Our themes vary with each event and host preference. Our last one was ¡Viva La Vino! Featuring wines from across Spain. We threw in some (non-alcoholic) Sangria and Sparkling Grape Juice for good measure.

The best part is almost all of them are free for members to attend! Well, almost free, you do need to bring wine to share with the group, but that seems like a reasonable price for admission;) We have been lucky to have gracious members, like **PP David Bland, Chris Campbell, John Lockhart,** and **Charles Hamilton,** sponsor our events.

Our biggest wine tasting happens each year at **Tony Medley's** home. Tony's been very generous with allowing us to take over his phenomenal home for a day and share the Rotary experience with new members and long-time members. We've been lucky enough to have some amazing members, like Nancy Howard and Marjorie Heller, host wine tastings as well.

What typically takes place during a meeting?

Lots of talk about wine, more wine, and food ...usually over martinis....

Who are your current members?

Denise Anthony and **Chrissy Moses** chair the committee. Our members include **Cheryl Bland, Maureen Tepedino, Rose McCoppin, Lauren Schlau, Malinda Monterrosa,** and **Eddie de Ochoa.**



How can an LA5er get involved?

We can always use help! Reach out to **Denise Anthony** or **Chrissy Moses** if you're willing to:

- Host a Wine Tasting at your home
- Volunteer the day of an event to welcome guest, bring food, or ensure all our guests are having a good time!
- Help plan upcoming wine tasting events.
- Play music at one of the events (we're looking at you, **Paul Jacques** and **Ben Turner!**).
- Sponsor an event so we can keep the events free to members.

Tell us a fun story about the committee ...

The best thing that happened was to have **Hugo & Malinda Monterrosa** take over as our "caterers" for the last wine tasting. The menu was exquisite and was created specifically by **Hugo** to pair with Spanish wines. How often do you get a customized menu to go with your wine?

Anything else we should know?

We are always looking for theme ideas, support putting together the events, and locations to host them. We could have more each year with a few extra helping hands!

LAST WEEK IN PHOTOS

TWO PAGES OF PHOTOS!!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING WITH THOMAS ILAND, AND THE 10TH ANNUAL ANGEL CITY CELEBRATION!





CHECKING IN WITH LA5 SCHOLARS

**EMMANUEL, 2016 RECIPIENT
CURRENTLY ATTENDING
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY**

**How did you use the
scholarship money?**

"Buying flights and books."

**Brag to us about what you
did this year...**

**"I studied abroad for a
semester in Madrid, Spain. I
also interned at UBS this
summer where I was offered
a full-time offer after
graduation."**



THE WASHED UP PRESIDENT'S PODCAST

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Meet: Tony Medley

LAWYER, AUTHOR

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COMMITTEE CHAIR

What is your proudest accomplishment?

.Although I wrote the first book on UCLA basketball when all the publishers said that was a book of only "regional" interest (several followed; Coach Wooden also published his book before he had planned after mine came out), I also wrote the first book on how to be interviewed for a job aimed at the interviewee and started an industry!

However, on my 30th birthday working in the Litton Industries Law Department, I went to Washington, D.C. to sign the contract as Secretary of the Company for the DD963 Destroyer (which became the

Spruance Class Destroyer) along with Harry Gray, then a Senior Litton VP and later to become a Captain of Industry as President and CEO of Pratt & Whitney which he turned into United Technologies, who was to sign on behalf of the Company. We were there along with Bath Ironworks to both sign contracts and then the Navy would award the contract to the winner.

We were in the Pentagon and the room was filled with Admirals and dignitaries. As I was chatting with the Navy Counsel, I saw the Navy Contracting Officer go up to our Project Manager and talk with him and the Director of Contracts out of the corner of my eye. Then I saw them go over to Harry and confer. Then Harry came over to me. Harry didn't know anything about government contracts. Fred O'Green was the VP of the Defense Group, but Harry was going to DC anyway so Fred said he could sign and save him the trip. Harry came over to me and told me that in addition to the contract, the Navy wanted us to sign two more documents and he showed them to me and said that both the Project Manager and the Director of Contracts said that it was OK to sign them. I looked at them. One of them was OK,

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the other was a Certificate of Current Cost and Pricing Data. I told him he could not sign that for reasons too complex to go into here. He told the Navy that his lawyer said he couldn't sign it and all hell broke loose. So he came over to me, relatively panicked, and asked what we could do. I said all I could think of was to sign it but post date it for a week or two so we could submit the data required, which we had not yet done and I knew it. He asked what would happen if he just signed it with today's date and I said, two things. First several years hence some guy in the bowels of the Pentagon with a green eyeshade would find the discrepancy in the dates and Litton would have to pay back the \$2 billion and second, Senator Proxmire would hold a press conference and the next day the New York Times would headline "Litton Defrauds Government!" So he did as I suggested and post dated it. After we left the room he immediately called Roy Ash, Litton's President, and told him. Roy's first comment was, "I hope you didn't sign it!" As a postscript I was 20 years younger than everyone in the room and looked even younger, and Harry and I had not met until we boarded the plane in LA, so it took courage for him to rely on me, but such was the power of the Litton Law Department.

Are you usually early or late? Why?

Early; it's rude and inconsiderate to be late.

What takes up too much of your time?

Keeping email from piling up; Yikes!

What's your favorite thing about LA5?

My fellow Rotarians



Where would you spend all your time if you could?

Playing the piano if I could play like Maureen and Stan

What is the best book or series that you've ever read?

"Winds of War" by Herman Wouk, "Katharine of Aragon" by Patrick Williams, Susan Howatch's "The Rich Are Different," "Sins of the Fathers," "Penmarric," and "Cashemara." Anything by Michael Connelly, Robert Parker, Ken Follett, and Lee Child.

John D. MacDonald's Travis McGee series; 17 books that transcend the private eye genre into great literature.

What's the most daring thing you've ever done?

Quitting my job with Litton Industries Law Dept. to write a book on UCLA basketball.

Who inspires you to be better? Why?

Donald Trump; he takes a hit and keeps on ticking.



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