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# FRUITCAKE AND FUDGE

## A message from the President

With family and friends coming and going this holiday season, our refrigerator has been filled, emptied, and filled again several times over. Now that the house is empty, I find myself with the task of taking inventory of the leftovers and deciding what stays and what goes. Fruitcakes, for example, are gone. Fudge can stay a little longer.

Applying the same mental process to our club, I made a list of fruitcakes—those things that hinder our club and need to go; and fudge—the sweet things of our club that need to carry over into the new year. First the fudge:

### FUDGE

Let's keep the sweet spirit of supportive Rotary friendship growing in our club. Make it your priority to get together more often. Attend meetings. Volunteer for a service project. Join a committee. Sign-up for a "Troika". Rotary is best enjoyed in person.

*RESOLUTION: Commit to attend meetings at least 2-3 times per month. Lock in your commitment by enrolling in Auto-Pay and save money on lunches while supporting your club.*

### FRUITCAKE

The biggest fruitcake that needs to go (in my opinion) is the fruitcake of indifference toward sponsoring new members. If you find Rotary personally rewarding, why not share it with others in your network? Invite guests to attend meetings. Invite those who have expressed interest in our club to an upcoming Dinner with the President at the Cal Club. I will be happy to make the case for joining LA5.

*RESOLUTION: Commit to inviting friends to meetings and sponsoring at least one new member this year.*

Thanks for being a member of our club. I look forward to seeing you this Friday, January 3, for the first meeting of 2020.

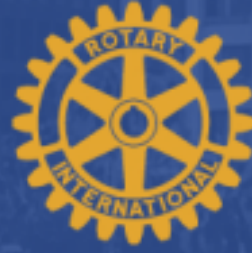


*Rick Gibson*

President,  
Rotary Club of Los Angeles  
2019 - 2020



**LA5**  
**Rotary**  
Club of Los Angeles



**BUSINESS  
EXCHANGE**

**THIS WEEK:  
LA5 BUSINESS EXCHANGE**

Breakfast at the Cal Club

[Click Here for Tickets](#)

# Mark the calendar



- Jan 04** Golf Committee - Chevy Chase Country Club
- Jan 10** State of the Club - Lunch at the Cal Club
- Jan 17** Harlan Levine, M.D. - Lunch at the Cal Club
- Jan 17-18** Rotary Peace Conference - Both days in Ontario
- Jan 24** David R. Preston, Ph.D. - Lunch at the Cal Club

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

# **CHECKING IN WITH LA5 SCHOLARS**

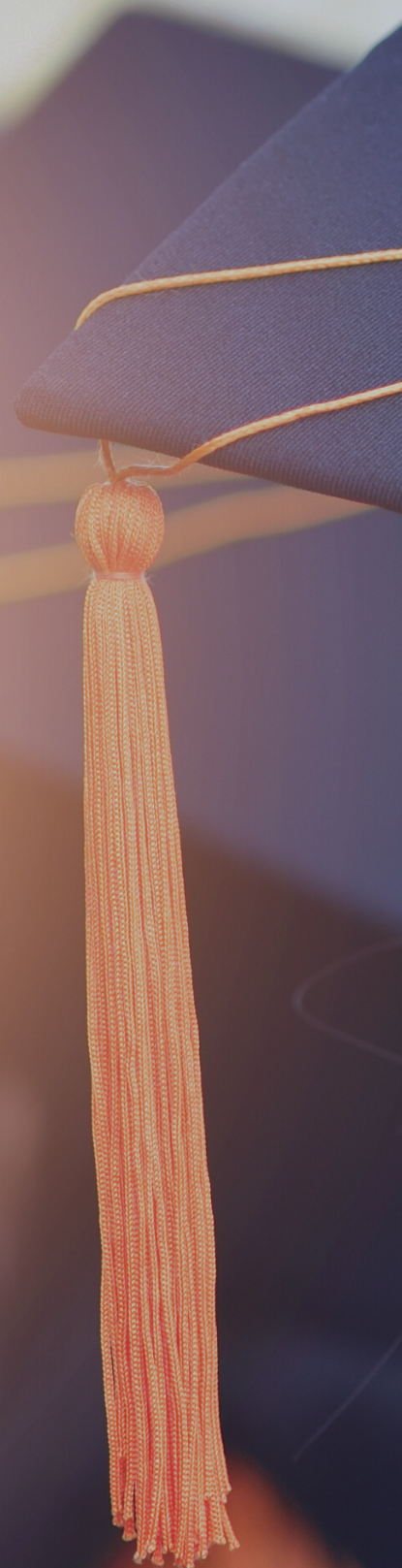
**RYAN, 2017 RECIPIENT  
CURRENTLY ATTENDING  
BROWN UNIVERSITY**

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

**"Pay off school loans."**

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

**"I managed to get great grades my  
sophomore year. I also became a  
successful organic chemistry tutor  
and have started to engage in  
biomedical research."**



JOIN US AT LA5'S

# WINE TASTING



## 📍 A TOAST TO CENTRAL COAST

If you want to boast, bring an extraordinary wine to share. Kick off the new year at the lovely historic home of **Lauren Schlau** in Country Club Park.

Enjoy the delicious hors d'oeuvres while sipping on delicious wine. Listen to the musical stylings of LA5 member, **Paul Jacques**.

## 💎 THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Lauren Schlau, Lauren Schlau Consulting | David Bland, CWS, SVP, D.A. Davidson & Co. | Denise Anthony, Westminster Title | Christina Moses, 3shades design

## 📍 DETAILS

**Saturday, January 25th from  
4pm to 7pm in Country Club Park**

*(Address will be provided before the day  
of the event.)*

## 🍷 WHAT TO BRING

**Bring a bottle of a Central Coast  
wine (red, white, or non-alcoholic).**

Light hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

## 📧 RSVP

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/la5-wine-tasting-a-toast-to-central-coast-tickets-87560262101>



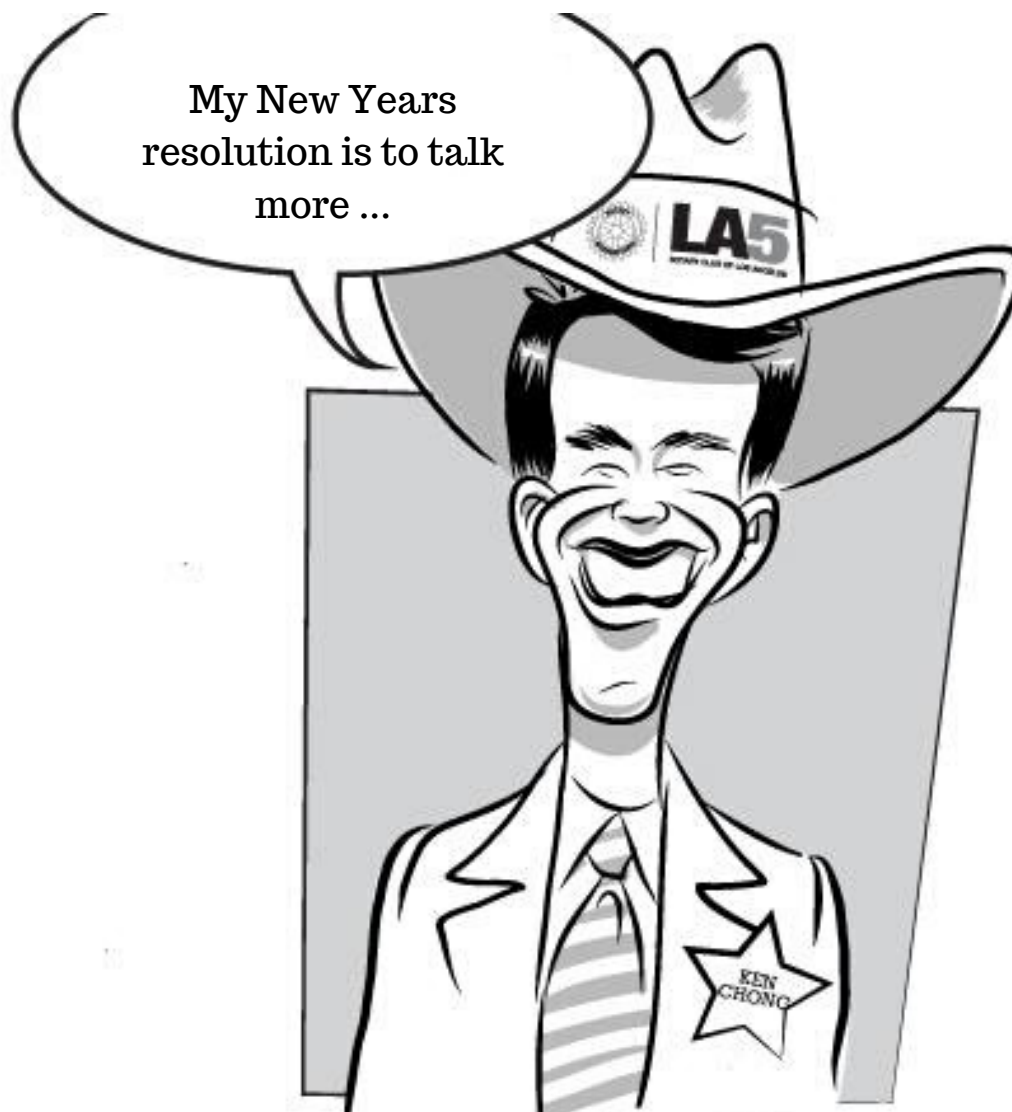
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*Meet:*

# *JT Warring*

RETIRED FUNDER & CEO OF TWO  
MANAGEMENT CONSULTING FIRMS &  
FORMER FOUNDING EQUITY PARTNER  
AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF KORN/FERRY

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LA5 Member since 2011,  
Founder - Myanmar Water Management  
Systems Project,  
Myanmar Committee

**How did you become a Rotarian?** The week I was elected a VP of Korn/Ferry (May, 1974) in Century City, I was dispatched to a famous portrait photographer for my official corporate mug shot. He (Merrett Smith) was a big-time member of Century Rotary, and he invited me immediately to join him for Wednesday Rotary lunch at the Century Plaza Hotel. I belonged to that awesome club for 30 years until transferring to Newport-Irvine RC in 2004; thence to LA 5 in 2011. Celebrated 45 happy years a Rotarian last July!

**What are you addicted to?**

Voracious reading, and that early-morning coffee!

**What is your proudest accomplishment?**

A few over span of 45+ years in parallel, voluntary public service, of which 15 productive years of our Rotary Myanmar Water Management Systems Project unquestionably ranks as most gratifying to me, and to the awesome partners I've served with in LA 5 and our on-ground Team-mates in Myanmar; each integrally needed to make it happen!

**What's the best way to start the day?**

My one large, daily cup of strong coffee & the freshly delivered LA Times newspaper.

**What's your zodiac sign?**

I don't even know!

**How do you relax after a long / hard day?**

A good book, TV show/movie; sometimes both (in sequence; I'm a poor "multi-tasker!"

**Who's your go-to band or artist when you can't decide what to listen to?**

I'm afraid I'm a boring aficionado of classical music, so the LA Phil tops my list, along with some of the other major orchestras, such as the Berlin Phil, counterparts in Philadelphia, Cleveland, Chicago.

**What is one of your favorite smells?**

Pasta cooking with garlic.

DECEMBER

*birthdays-ites*

**NICHOLE BAKER  
HARRY BARSEGHIAN  
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TERUKO WEINBERG**

Rotary



ROTARY  
**WORLD PEACE**  
CONFERENCE 2020



**January 17-18, 2020**

### **Help Create Peace in the New Year!**

If you want to help make a difference in the world and at home, you have an excellent opportunity at the Rotary Peace Conference 2020 on January 17 & 18.

And it's right here in Southern California at the Ontario Convention Center!

Over 150 experts from the U.S. and around the world will share their experience and solutions to helping create a more just and peaceful world.

Six general sessions include a Nobel Laureate Nominee, the CEO of Institute for Economics and Peace, the Chief of Staff of the Peace Corps, a former Ambassador and CEO of the Carter Center, the celebrity spokesperson for World Vision, the father of modern mediation, the CEO of CARE USA, the CEO of Project Concern International, a 2017 Nobel Peace Prize recipient, the President of Rotary International and more.

Even more insight will take place in the 104 breakout sessions featuring experts on human trafficking, child abuse, spousal abuse, cyber-bullying, trauma therapy, sexual harassment, unconscious bias, violence prevention in our cities, homes, and schools and much more.

Please visit the website [www.peaceconference2020.org](http://www.peaceconference2020.org) to see the inspiring activities and speakers. The Friday night dinner honors Community Heroes, emceed by Fritz Coleman and Saturday night includes a dinner and Peace Concert.

To date registrants come 39 states and 37 countries. Registration for the conference for the two days includes lunch and a special \$150 rate for college students. Register at [www.peaceconference2020.org](http://www.peaceconference2020.org).

We truly can make a difference when we come together, learn together, share with each other and take what we learn to our clubs!

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NEW YEAR

