

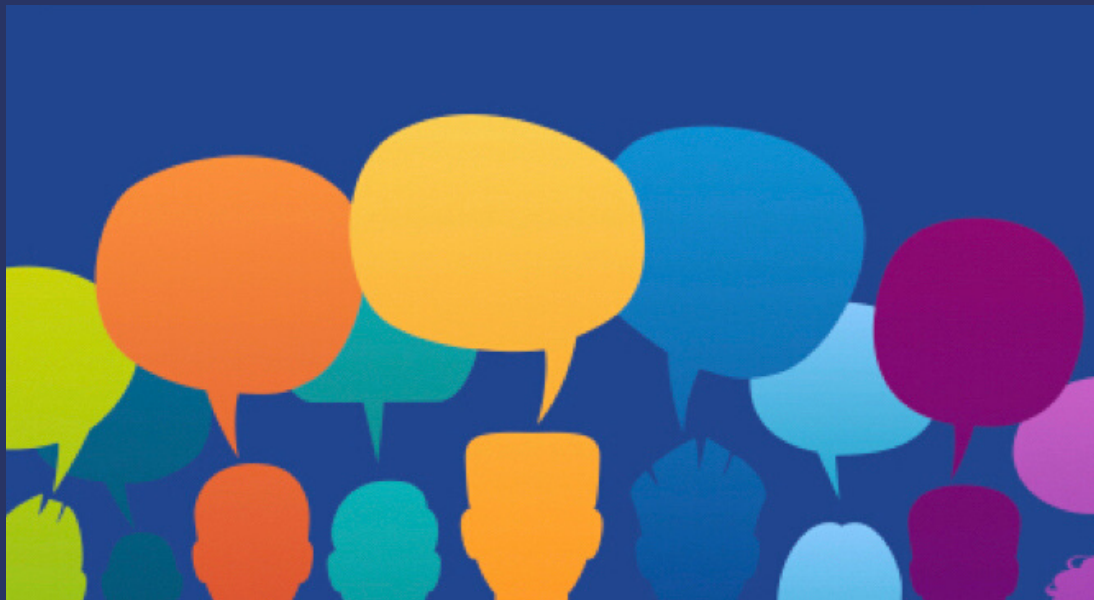
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MIDYEAR UPDATE

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HELLO AGAIN, READER!

A new calendar year already! And officially half way through our Rotary year... How time flies!

We've already accomplished so much as a club this year, and yet there's so much still to come!

Our hope is that the El Rodeo has proven resourceful and enjoyable to you for the past 28 weeks. We strive to keep you updated on all things LA5 on a consistent basis. But still one fact remains true: as President Rick put it "the best way to enjoy Rotary is in person." As such, the best way to stay informed is to show up. We hope you find this mid-year update an issue that's both informative and to your liking; but truly the best way to understand where our club is, and where its headed, is to show up this Friday for our "State of the Club" meeting. We hope to see you!

YOURS TRULY,

El Rodeo

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from
the
editors

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ENDING POLIO

PROMOTING PEACE

FIGHTING DISEASE

PROVIDING CLEAN WATER

SUPPORTING EDUCATION

SAVING MOTHERS AND

CHILDREN

GROWING LOCAL ECONOMIES

DISASTER RESPONSE



HOW ARE WE DOING?

A message from the President

There are so many exciting projects and events on the 2020 LA5 calendar. I am looking forward to meeting and hearing from the great distinguished speakers that Vice President Paul Ekstrand has lined up. Consuls General Day is just around the corner. The LA5 Homecoming Weekend promises to be a great time of Rotary fellowship. As always, we look forward to our annual Scholarship Program. And...of course, the highlight of the year for many you will be the day I am demoted, but let's not get too far ahead of ourselves. Before we go much further we need to take a moment to check in on our progress as a club. How are we doing?

During the members only annual assembly this Friday, club leaders will present an overview of our progress toward membership, service, fellowship, and fundraising goals. I will present an overview of our financial position and the LA5 Foundation will make a presentation outlining its portfolio. Finally, we will hear from our president-elect, Matt Ball who will give us a preview of his vision for our club in the 2020-21 Rotary year. I will do my best to leave some time for Q/A.

Think of it as a progress report as we seek ways to strengthen our club and serve our community. I hope to see you on Friday.

Yours in Rotary Service,



Rick Gibson

President,
Rotary Club of Los Angeles
2019 - 2020



STATE OF THE CLUB 2020



**THIS WEEK:
STATE OF THE CLUB
MEMBERS-ONLY CLUB ASSEMBLY**

Lunch at the Cal Club

[Click Here for Tickets](#)

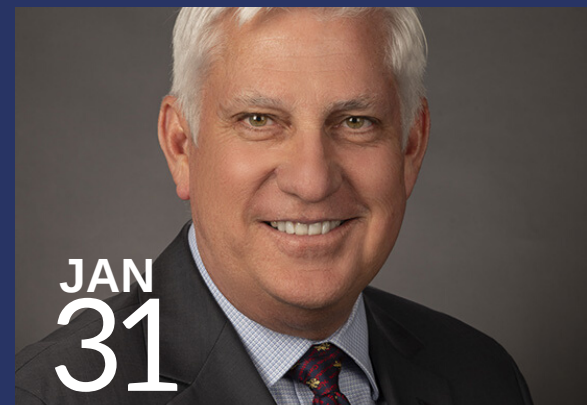
Mark the calendar



enter • Ontario, California



JAN 24 David Preston



- 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
- Jan 25 Wine Committee - A Toast to the Central Coast
- Jan 31 Jeffrey Kightlinger - Lunch at the Cal Club
Board Meeting - Immediately following lunch

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

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 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.

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



*Past President
Ed Matveld*

FUNERAL DETAILS:

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Memorial Service at 12:30 pm

*Internment immediately following the
service.*

Location:

Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills

6300 Forest Lawn Drive

Los Angeles, CA 90068

**Location at Forest Lawn: Church of
the Hills**

Reception:

Oakmont Country Club in

Glendale (open to all)

MIDYEAR HIGHLIGHTS

A busy second quarter included National Adoption Day - where LA5 assisted with capturing family photos of the newly minted adoptive families, served snacks, and witnessed heartwarming adoption hearings.

The day included a dozen LA5ers, about 7 USC Rotaractors for setup, 241 adoptions, and over 400 extended family and friends of the court. We cannot ignore the 10th Annual Angel City Celebration - another wonderful successful day of service to our Los Angeles community, led by Major General **Marjorie Heller**.

The breakfast meetings continue with success! "There is a fun, casual air around the breakfast meetings that seems to make conversations more personal and business less formal," says **Ivan Lovegren**. Our interns are still with us- and smiling! Thanks to **Adam Weiss**, auto-pay is in effect, saving members money and time, and the program continues to grow!

Troikas continue!
We have 5 new members!
We feel a sense of momentum for member engagement!

SERVICE

ADMINISTRATION

MEMBERSHIP



MIDYEAR HIGHLIGHTS

SOCIAL

Denise Anthony and **Karen Ash** coordinated a most wonderful social holiday reception and dinner with music, dinner and dancing - in celebration of our club and Angel City. It was a night not easily forgotten! The wine committee has already marked the calendar with another event at the historic home of **Lauren Schlau**, and the golf committee is thinking big with a full scale tournament in the works at the prestigious Wilshire Country Club! (Contact **Bo Lee** or **Jared Smith** to sponsor!)

COMMUNICATIONS

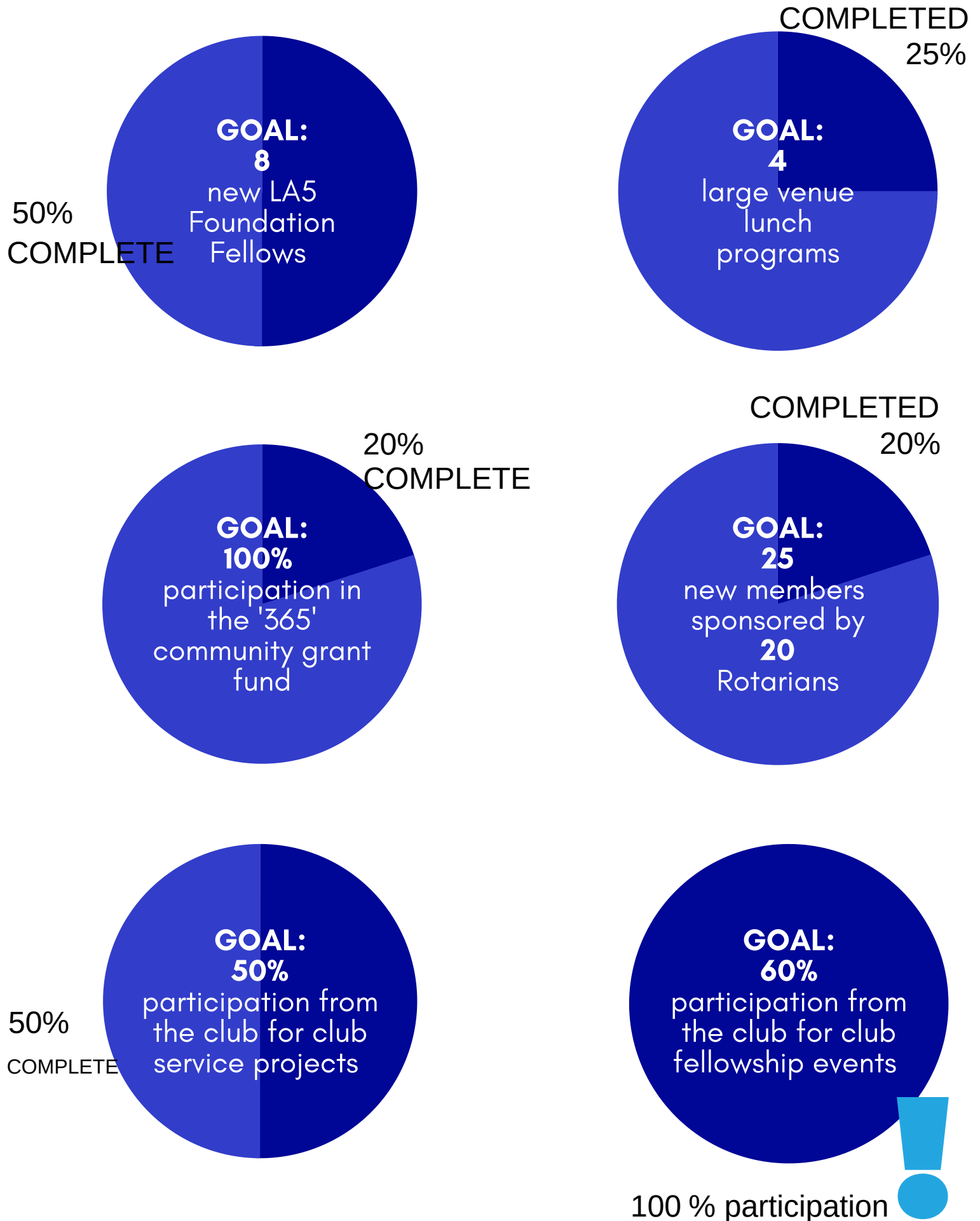
The El Rodeo has stayed the course, publishing an issue each week without fail. So far, no major complaints! (phew!) **Ken Chong** now has 5 episodes available for listen of the Washed Up President's Podcast. (Available on all podcast platforms.)

FOUNDATION

Rotarians who opened their hearts and wallets to the club and its foundation were put up for prizes! **Heather Shuemaker**, **Alan Bernstein**, and **Bo Lee** all won tickets to sporting events as a thanks for their contribution toward the club.



OUR GOALS FOR THIS ROTARY YEAR & OUR PROGRESS



HOW YOU CAN HELP TO GET US ALL THE WAY!

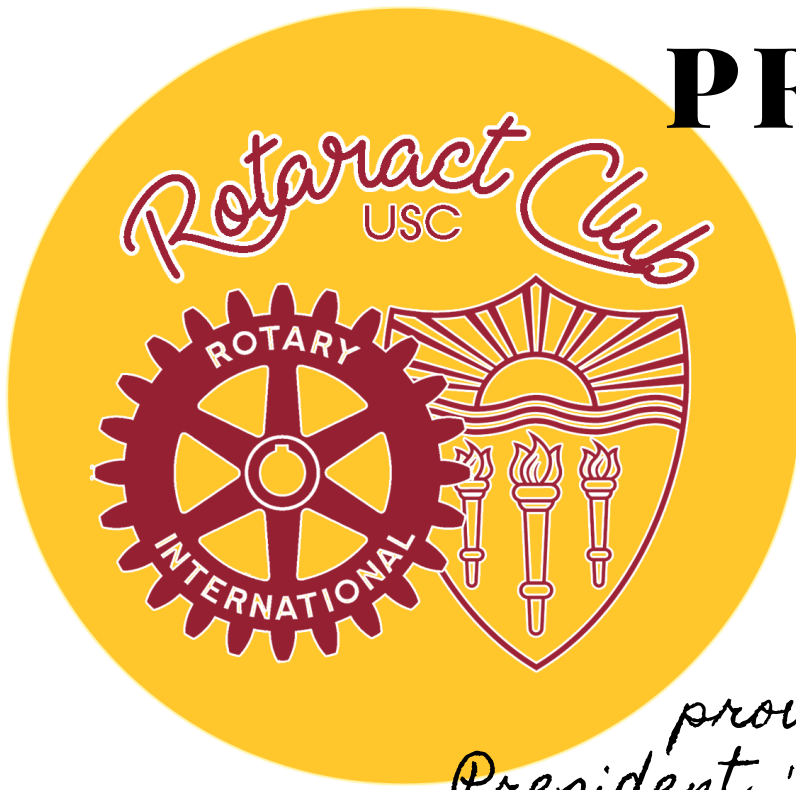


Donate to the club's community grants fund. Become a LA5 Foundation Fellow. Your time, treasure, and talent are just as valuable! There are innumerable ways one can give to the club with one's expertise, knowledge and talents.

Attend club meetings. This is the single highest expense the club incurs and has difficulty recuperating. The more attendance we have, the better off the club is financially! Not to mention the added benefits of engaging with your fellow Rotarians and friends!



Volunteer for service projects. Engage others at meetings. Join a committee. Help is needed, leadership is appreciated and rewarded, and friendships will be cultivated!



PROGRESS REPORT

*provided by Ellen Desper
President, USC Rotaract, 2019-2020*

- Our goal of obtaining a USC Rotaract banner has been completed!
- Start of Spring 2020 Semester: January 13th
- 6 volunteer events completed in Fall 2019 | Totaling 25 hours of service
- Future Spring 2020 Events (not including General Meeting service events):
 1. Downtown Women's Center | January 18
 2. Midnight Mission | February TBD
 3. Garden School Foundation | February 22
 4. LA Food Bank | March 28
 5. Desi's Personal Volunteer Project | TBD
 6. Goal for Spring 2020 Semester: 30 hours of service!

WELCOME
**BABY
BOY!**



**LEONEL (LEO) LARA
BORN NEW YEARS DAY
JAN 1, 2020 @ 5:55 AM
6 LBS, 12 OZ & 20 INCHES**

Everyone in the family is healthy, recovering, and basking
in their new baby joy!

Congrats PP Charisse and Nick!

FOUND!

GIBSON LAUNCHES PRESIDENTIAL INQUIRY

LA5 was notified last week that the President's pin that once featured a stunning blue diamond has been replaced by a pin with a Cubic zirconia. Gibson set to launch official inquiry.



Potential trial date in review for responsible parties