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THREE THINGS AND A PROMISE

A message from the President

Just two days before last Friday's State of the Club meeting I was horrified to see that only 19 members had pre-registered. Why were there so few? Does this point to sense of apathy within the Club? Is the link on the website broken? Have the members finally had enough of me? (Trust me, I obsess over things like this all of the time. Just ask Agnes.)

Thankfully, by the time I gavelled the meeting to order, the California Club staff was adding tables to a room that was already at capacity. We had a great showing and a sense of energy in the room as the Board presented a snapshot of the current state of our Club. Through follow-up conversations and emails, three things emerged as priorities for the members of LA5.

First, the members would like to find ways for LA5 to **become more efficient and nimble**. Are there steps we can eliminate without sacrificing our responsibilities to Rotary International and the District as well as our fiduciary and legal obligations?

Second, our members would like to better **understand the purpose of the funds being raised through the Club**. How do we get closer to the people we serve and understand their needs?

Finally, the members want to **make sure the funds raised are to getting to the people who need it most**. This question is about impact and it seems to be a reflection of the first two. How can we effectively raise money and make maximum distributions to the people who need it?

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about our Club. My administration will endeavor to address each of these in the second half of this Rotary year and with your help will see significant improvement.



Yours in Rotary Service,

Rick Gibson

President,
Rotary Club of Los Angeles
2019 - 2020





**THIS WEEK:
HARLAN LEVINE, M.D.
City of Hope**

Lunch at the Cal Club

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JOIN US AT LA5'S

WINE TASTING

JAN
25



📍 A TOAST TO CENTRAL COAST



Jan 18

Service Opportunity - Downtown Women's Shelter

Jan 24

David R. Preston - Lunch at the Cal Club

Jan 25

Wine Committee Social Event - Afternoon at Lauren Schlau's

Jan 31

Jeff Kightlinger - Lunch at the Cal Club

LA5 Board Meeting - Immediately Following Lunch

Feb 01

Golf Committee - Chevy Chase Country Club

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CHECKING IN WITH LA5 SCHOLARS

**MIRANDA, 2016 RECIPIENT
CURRENTLY ATTENDING
LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY**

How did you use the scholarship money?

"I used it for buying groceries, school supplies, and anything else I needed that was school-related, such as using Lyft to get to and from doctor's appointments. I mostly used it for food though which was super helpful."

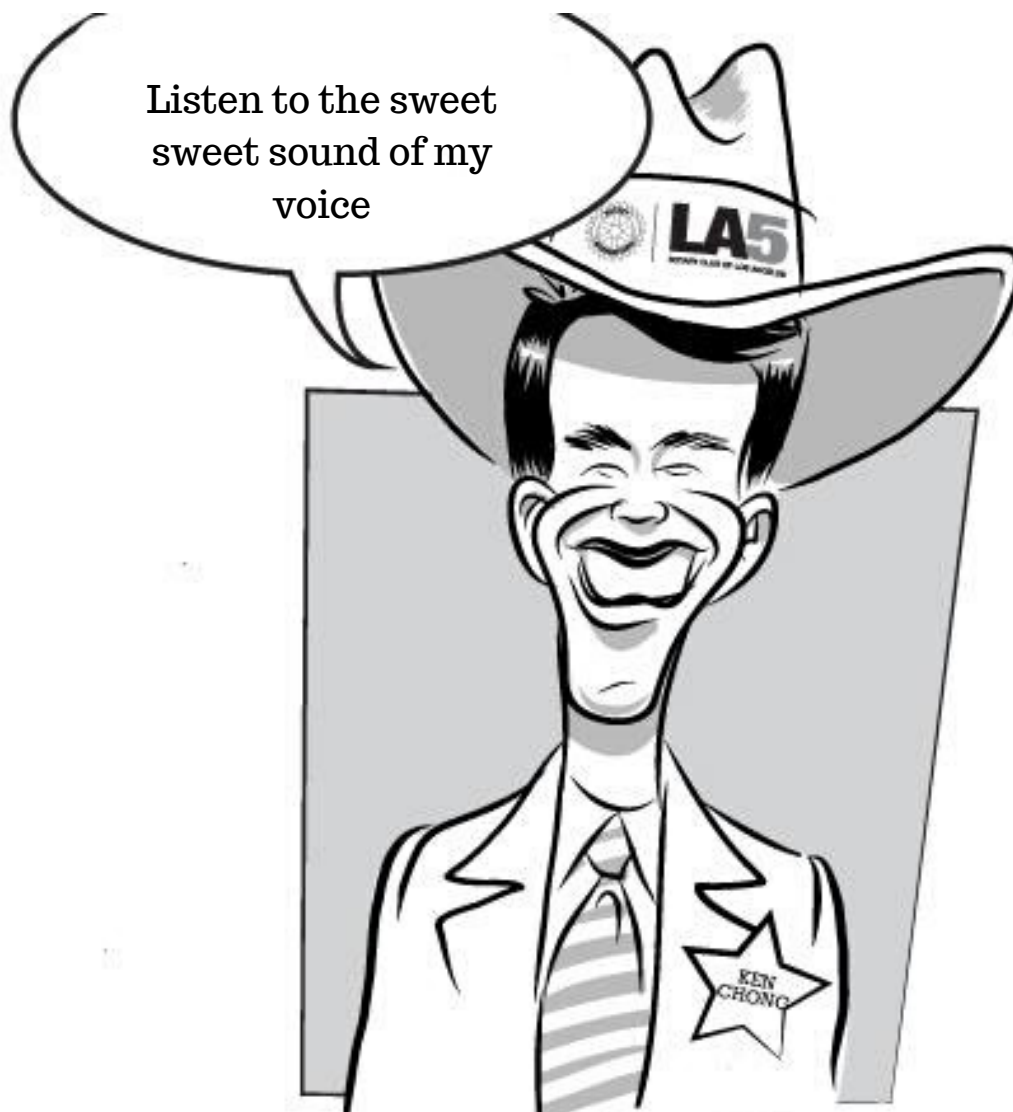
Brag to us about what you did this year...

"The biggest thing I did this year was that I studied abroad in South Korea for a month at Sogang University in Seoul. I took Elementary Korean and a Korean Cultural Studies Class which helped me understand Korea's history and appreciate it more, but allowed me to make friends with other international students in the program. We were able to go to various parts of Seoul and South Korea such as the DMZ and traditional villages, got to eat all sorts of traditional Korean food, and experience both the modern and historical aspects of Korean culture. It was a great experience and it really has helped me be more confident just being an adult here in the U.S."

THE WASHED UP PRESIDENT'S PODCAST

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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**.

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📍 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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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!

Celebrate
LUNAR
NEW YEAR

with PP Todd Johnson

Feb 7

*at O'Gara Coach in
Beverly Hills*



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