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# THE WORLD COMES TO LA5 THIS FRIDAY

A message from the President

Consuls General Day is one of LA5's most impactful meetings of the year. It is the meeting when the world visits our Club. Matt Ball, your president-elect, and his team do an outstanding job of planning this event and hosting the Consuls General Corps of Los Angeles. The program is engaging, often funny, and always inspiring and hopeful.

This year, we have over 33 guests representing countries from around the world who will share information and stories about the people they represent. They will invite you to travel to conduct business with their countries.

To make our guests feel welcome, we are asking our members to volunteer as Club Ambassadors and host one of the Consuls General. Their lunch has been sponsored by the LA5 Foundation, so there is no cost to you. We invite you to get to know the guest and introduce them to members of our club and to sit with you at lunch.

**SIGN UP TO HOST A MEMBER OF THE CONSULS GENERAL CORPS**

Email: [MattBallLA5@gmail.com](mailto:MattBallLA5@gmail.com)

Finally, this is an ideal meeting to invite a guest of your own. They will be impressed. See you this Friday.



Yours in Rotary Service,

*Rick Gibson*

President,  
Rotary Club of Los Angeles  
2019 - 2020





# **THIS WEEK: CONSULS GENERAL DAY**

Lunch at the Cal Club

[Click Here for Tickets](#)

# Mark the calendar



- Feb 21** Ed Reyes - Lunch at the Cal Club
- Feb 22** Paint with a Purpose - Evening at Staples Center / LA Kings
- Feb 28** Pageant of the Arts - Lunch at the Cal Club
- Mar 04** Richard and Helen Close Golf Tournament - Wilshire CC
- Mar 06** Jerry Mitchell - Lunch at the Cal Club

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# MEET: KEN MARTINET

## CEO, CATHOLIC BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

LA5 MEMBER SINCE 1982, PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

**What is your favorite thing about your career?**

Helping youth from underserved communities to graduate and achieve their potential in life.

**What is your claim to fame?**

My staff claims I'm the world's most interesting man - my family, on the other hand, thinks I'm a bore.

**Are you usually early or late? Why?**

On time, so I can be available to conduct the singing.

**What quirks do you have?**

For Myers-Briggs fans, I'm an ENFP - a supporter of the underdog. I also feel I'm related to everyone - my '23 and Me' DNA test says that I probably am.

**What's your dream car?**

I once heard someone talk about a 1908 Jaguar pickup but I've never seen one. I did have a 1950 Chevy Deluxe fast-back. Heather blue, raked, pipes-twice as we Latinos call them, and racing discs. It attracted my wife.

Though the Chevy is gone, Peggy is still with me.

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

I start every day at a church service and breakfast at Mac's with some of my friends and associates.

**What's your favorite thing about LA5?**

Definitely the philanthropic nature of the club, but also the fellowship.

**How do you relax after a hard day at work?**

Watch Jeopardy with a vodka (jalapeno infused) on the rocks. Then read.

**What gets you fired up?**

The plight of the underdog, whether it be socio-economic, gender equality, racial prejudice, and even sports. I'm a Bruin fan.

**Do you have a motto by which you live?**

Anything worth doing is worth doing poorly. In other words, give it a go and do the best you can.



# LAST WEEK IN PHOTOS

PAGEANT OF THE ARTS FINALISTS, NEW MEMBER INDUCTIONS, GREEN BADGE GRADUATION, AND FORGOTTEN HOLLYWOOD AND ITS TIES TO ROTARY



FELIX KITS



Talented students displayed their artwork for consideration as finalists for the Pageant of the Arts.



Awards were handed out, art was celebrated, and all were happy ... President Rick moderately so.



Major Osei graduated from green badge status, PP Ken Chong got mic time, and all were happy ... except, it seems, President Rick.



New members! Their sponsors! Life is great! ... President Rick?



Don't let anyone tell you that LA5 does not have youth in its club.



Manny Pacheco told great tales of Old Hollywood, some with special ties to Rotary ... ever wonder where the Club Sandwich got its name?

# **CHECKING IN WITH LA5 SCHOLARS**

**TERESA, 2016 RECIPIENT  
CURRENTLY ATTENDING  
CAL STATE LONG BEACH**

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

**"I used some portion of the scholarship for transportation, some for organization memberships, and some for engineering competitions through school organizations."**

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

**"Last semester, I was able to attend and compete in an engineering conference for my university organization named ASCE. The cost for the conference overall included: transportation, hotel, and conference. This conference helped me gain technical engineering experience and looks great on my resume. In addition, I had to pay for summer school courses to complete my degree in four years. I am very grateful for this generous scholarship!"**





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# HOMECOMING WEEKEND

MARCH  
13-15

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**MARCH 28th**  
**SATURDAY**



**\$50  
BUY-IN**

**CARDS  
FLY AT  
3:00 PM**

**ROCKWELL TABLE & STAGE**

**TOURNAMENT-STYLE TEXAS HOLD 'EM**

**\$50 BUY-IN ♠ PRIZES ♠ UNLIMITED RE-BUY UNTIL TBD LEVEL**

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**REGISTER BY:**

- March 10th for an extra \$1,000 in chips
- March 26th for an extra \$500 in chips

**WINNINGS:**

- 1st Prize = \$400
- 2nd Prize = \$250
- 3rd Prize = \$150
- 4th Prize = \$100
- 5th Prize = \$75

**SPONSORS:**

- Rockwell Table & Stage
- Rob Menz, RJM Financial Group
- Christina Moses, 3shades design

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