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OUR GOLDEN YEARS

A message from the President

I walked into the house a few months ago and found that my wife, Agnes, had pulled a large plastic tub from the garage and put it in the middle of the floor so that I couldn't miss it. When I opened the box I found hundreds of 8mm video cassettes with faded writing on the label. The message was clear. We need to get these videos transferred to a digital format. After several months watching every minute we finally prioritized the box of cassettes and sent them off for processing. I now have a Google Drive filled with family memories.

As I watched these videos, I first became sentimental about what seemed to be an easier time. I caught glimpses of family members who have passed away. Upon further reflection, though, I remember stresses and difficulties that were present at the time even though the camera doesn't quite pick it up. I thoroughly enjoy revisiting these memories; but I never think about actually returning to that time. Those memories are precious but they don't include the people I had not yet met, or the people I have yet to meet.

As we prepare to celebrate the legacy of LA5 this Friday at Homecoming, let me remind you that our story as a club is still unfolding. Chapters are yet to be written. I appreciate our past, but I care deeply about our current and future story. When we gather at Homecoming events this weekend we will be celebrating a club that continues to be a force for good in our community. If there is such a thing as "golden years", they are in our future, not our past. Happy Homecoming. See you on Friday.



Rick Gibson

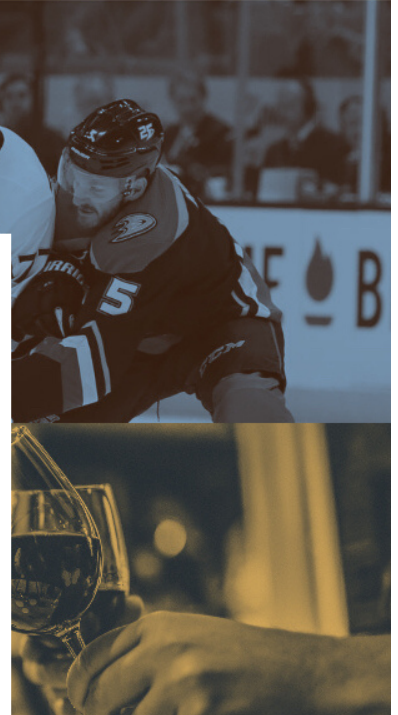
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HOMECOMING
WEEKEND



**THIS WEEK:
HOMECOMING WEEKEND
FEATURING ANDY RUSSELL
CEO, KCET**

Lunch at the Cal Club

[Click Here for Tickets](#)

Mark the calendar



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MARCH 13-15

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MAR **17**

LA5 Rotary

Club of Los Angeles

The Rotary International logo is displayed on the right side of the banner.

MAR **20**

A portrait of Phil Ansell, a man in a suit and tie, smiling.

Scholarship DAY

MAR **25**

An image of graduates in caps and gowns, with a yellow banner across the bottom.

Mar 14

Homecoming Weekend Kings Game @ StaplesCenter

Mar 15

Homecoming Weekend Wine Social @ Nancy Howard's

Mar 17

Gateway Committee Meeting - Lunch at Northwestern Mutual

Mar 20

Phil Ansell - Lunch at the Cal Club

Mar 25

Scholarship Committee - Application Evaluations

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

Rotary District 5280
Presents

DISTRICT BREAKFAST

March 31, 2020
7:00am-9:00am



Featuring Lt. General Stayce D. Harris: "Rotary's positive influence in my military career"

Lt. Gen. Stayce D. Harris retired in Mar 2019 as the Inspector General of the Air Force, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Washington, D.C. In this capacity, she reported to the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force on matters concerning Air Force effectiveness, efficiency and the military discipline of active duty, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard forces. General Harris received a commission in the Air Force through the University of Southern California's Air Force ROTC program graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering and a Masters degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. A cargo/transport pilot, General Harris has commanded an airlift squadron, an expeditionary operations group, an air refueling wing and a numbered air force. Serving on active duty and in the Air Force Reserve, she is also a pilot with United Airlines, most recently flying the Boeing 747-400 aircraft. She is a 20+ year proud member of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles (LA5).



Location

Proud Bird Restaurant
11022 Aviation Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90045



Time

7:00am: Breakfast & networking
7:30-9:00am: Stage program



Cost

\$40/person by March 24
\$45/person after March 24



RSVP

Register and pay at
www.rotary5280.org

Shoe Collection

District 5280 is collecting shoes of all types for Soles4Souls. Bring shoes (bound together) to the District Breakfast and make a difference!



Magazines for RYLA

Bring your old magazines for a project the RYLA students will be doing. No Rotarian Magazines please- we have plenty of those!

HOW DID YOU BECOME A ROTARIAN?

My father introduced me to Rotary.

WHAT QUIRKS DO YOU HAVE?

I guess I take awhile to get to know people and then I will open up .

WHAT JOB WOULD YOU BE TERRIBLE AT?

Lawyer because I need to be more assertive.

IF YOU COULD CHOOSE TO DO ANYTHING FOR A DAY, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

I would do more charity for autistic and learning disabled children.

WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO START A DAY?

Running in the morning.

WHAT'S YOUR CLAIM TO FAME?

I performed and assistant directed for an opera company in the same season.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT LA5?

The members are amazing and talented in their own ways.

HOW DO YOU RELAX AFTER A HARD DAY OF WORK?

Binge-watching British television or Anime.

WHAT'S YOUR HIDDEN TALENT?

Graphic art.

LEGAL SECRETARY,
LA5 MEMBER SINCE 2018

meet
SAMANTHA
KIM



CHECKING IN WITH LA5 SCHOLARS

**ARIANA, 2017 RECIPIENT
CURRENTLY ATTENDING
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE**

How did you use the scholarship money?

"I used the scholarship money to pay my tuition"

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

"This year I was very active on my campus and performed much better academically. I became involved in a cultural organization and served as the secretary and was elected to become to the president of the Womxn of Color organization next year. I also served as a First Year Counselor whose responsibilities include living in a first year dorm and mentoring them. It was a very rewarding year and I was finally able to declare my major in Education and American Studies."

LAST WEEK IN PHOTOS

SPEAKER JERRY MITCHELL
Photos by: Tony Medley



A treat when Paul Jacques accompanies Ken Martinet for the patriotic song.



Ivan Lovegren chose to wear his divorce-certification pin in lieu of his Rotary pin, and had some 'splainin' to do.



Jerry Mitchell awed the room with his stories of investigative journalism in the pursuit of justice for racially-charged hate crimes.



Walker Railey did what he does best - reminds us why Rotary matters, and what it means to be a Rotarian.



Rotary meetings are fun!



Lance Miller - handin' out dolla dolla bills!

he's back!

ED John Green returns from vacation



While in London on vacation, ED John Green still conducted Rotary business and visited the Rotary Club of London to exchange flags.

The Rotary Club of London is the oldest Rotary Club outside of the U.S. - founded in 1912.

RICHARD & HELEN CLOSE GOLF TOURNAMENT

On March 4, approximately 40 golfers (and some additional spectators) - comprised of Rotarians and non-Rotarians - gathered on the hallowed greens of the Wilshire Country Club for a full day of fellowship in the best way. A full course of play offered plenty of opportunity for fun, engagement, and an opportunity to win a Tesla! Each golfer walked away with a brand new Calloway wedge inscribed with "LA5."

“ We are so fortunate to have such generous sponsors supporting our foundation and such engaged members who are willing to put the time, sweat, and tears into making this event happen.
-Chrissy Moses



“ Thank you Bo and Jared for sticking your necks out there and taking on the responsibility to make this happen. I played horrible, but had a lot of fun. ... I want to thank the Rotarians that answered the call to make this happen and also additionally reached out to your associates for more support...”

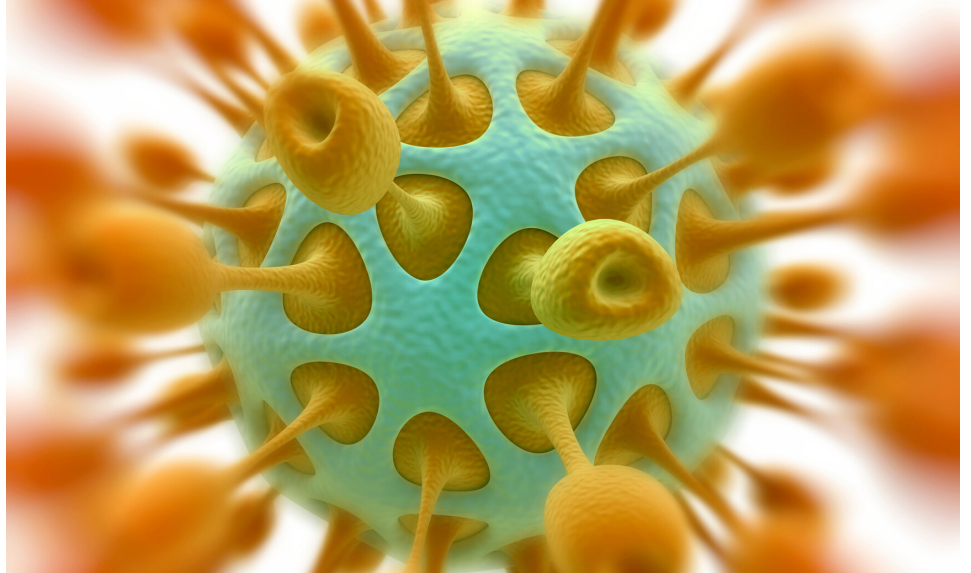
-PP Ken Chong

“ Many many thanks and congratulations on today's tournament, it was a gem. One can begin to appreciate the number of moving parts, the advance planning and the on site effort Most of all, the opportunity to enjoy the day with friends, new and old, while advancing our cause of service made all of us winners.
- PP Dave Meshulam



Covid-19 & More

*Advice from experts -
who are also your
fellow Rotarians*



Dear Rotarians,

In recent weeks, we've seen several major

stories in the news. On the political front, in addition to the arrival of the presidential election through the 2020 caucuses and primaries, we have just experienced the third presidential impeachment in American history. In international news, the latest coronavirus outbreak has hit, now referred to as COVID-19, leading to closed borders and heightened screening at hospitals worldwide.

It's not so much the facts of what's going on that are unusual – none of these matters are unprecedented – but the way that they are reported in the media can be alarming. Even frightening.

How might this affect me? When major events make headlines, it's easy to put yourself in the picture. Knowing, as well, how such events might affect the financial markets, it's also easy to wonder how your investments and retirement strategy might fare.

The truth? Political ups and downs, virus outbreaks, and other circumstances might lead to some short-term volatility on Wall Street. But it's important to remember two things:

- 1) Your portfolio is positioned to reflect your risk tolerance, time horizon, and goals.
- 2) The way we experience news has changed over the years, and not all of it for the better.

Never-ending news. On June 1, 1980, businessman and broadcaster Ted Turner debuted Cable News Network (CNN), the world's first 24-hour tele-

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vision news channel. In the four decades since, other similar channels have emerged. Collectively, they changed how the world experiences news. Notably, it was the dawn of the 24-hour news cycle.

The never-ending news cycle means that news organizations have an interest in continuing to report on the same news story even though little or nothing has changed. Twenty-four hours is a lot of time to fill, and they need ratings in order to be of value to advertisers. While this doesn't necessarily mean that the news has become inaccurate or sensationalistic, it might be perceived as repetitive.

It's also becoming ubiquitous. With our smartphones, we're often receiving news updates immediately throughout the day.

Keep informed, but don't be rattled. Your investment and retirement strategy, which you have designed and put into place with your trusted financial professional, has considered big news events,

both major and minor. Your professional knows the difference between something that may be a minor force in your financial life and something that might require you to make some changes. A good strategy gives you room for market changes that might see reactions that last a few days – even a few years. Staying the course is often the smartest move, partially because you aren't reacting immediately to a dip, and you might benefit from a potential recovery.

So, keep yourself informed, but if you get too worried, have a conversation with your financial professional. They can help you understand what the news means for your financial life and offer you the context you need to remain confident in your strategy.

Best wishes,

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