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Hidden **GAVEL**

**WIN A \$50 GIFT
CARD!**

Somewhere in this issue hides a gavel.
The first person to email Brenda Wiewel
with the correct location of the gavel
will win a gift certificate
to a Rotarian-owned restaurant!

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WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD

A message from the President

Rotary meetings tend to be run with a fair amount of predictability. We begin with the traditions of an inspirational thought and a patriotic song and end with the recitation of the four way test. Typically, if a meeting ever “goes off the rails,” it is not a good thing. Last week, however, our meeting broke that rule of thumb in a marvelous way.

As we ended the meeting, I asked Jeremy Weinglass to play a tune as we exited the virtual meeting. Like a regular Friday meeting, most people exit quickly to get on with their day. But as Jeremy began to play the first chords of “What a Wonderful World” about 30 members stayed on line and listened. I was moved to write in the ZOOM chat box, “I miss you, all.”

The music played and smiles appeared, some tears flowed, and friends waved to one another. One blew a kiss. It was a very special, unpredictable ending to what already had been a fine meeting. This final touch made it magical.

In the near future I hope to see...

**“Friends shaking hands, saying how do you do.
They’re really saying, I love you.”**

We’ll see one another soon. Until then, stay home, stay safe, stay in touch.



Rick Gibson

President,
Rotary Club of Los Angeles
2019 - 2020



The first-five clubs in Rotary invite you to join

A ZOOM-SIDE CHAT



Featuring



**MARSHALL
SCHMITT**

Chicago (#1)



**CASEY
BLAIR**

San Francisco (#2)



**PETER
SHERRIS**

Oakland (#3)



**KIM
MOORE**

Seattle (#4)



**RICK
GIBSON**

Los Angeles (#5)

facilitated by special guest



MARK MALONEY

President
Rotary International

**THURSDAY
MAY 7**

11 am PDT / 1 pm CDT

Register at: <https://bit.ly/2RNEOPs>

THIS WEEK

ZOOMside Chat &
Meeting of the First Five Rotary Clubs
with RI President Mark Maloney

[Advanced registration is required. Click here.](#)

Mark the calendar



CHAT

Featuring



MARSHALL SCHMITT Chicago (#1) CASEY BLAIR San Francisco (#2) PETER SHERRIS Oakland (#3) KIM MOORE Seattle (#4) RICK WILSON Los Angeles (#5)

MAY 07

facilitated by special guest



THURSDAY
MAY 7



- The real reason why people get up in the morning -

LA5 COFFEE & TEA HOUR

hosted by Ivan Lovegren



MAY 14

- May 06 Online Poker Tourney - pokerstars.net
- May 07 ZOOMside Chat with the First Five Rotary Clubs
- May 12 2-2 Tuesday - ZOOM with Dominic Choi & Florence Chung
- May 13 Online Poker Tourney - pokerstars.net
- May 14 Coffee & Tea Social - ZOOM Meeting

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WEEKLY
on WEDNESDAYS

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BUSINESS EXCHANGE MORNING MIXER

**TUESDAY, MAY 19
8:30 AM**

**ZOOM MEETING
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
[CLICK HERE](#)**

Doing business with fellow Rotarians is part of the LA5 4-way test and we are excited to bring back our monthly business exchange. Since we cannot meet in person at this time, we will be hosting these mixers virtually via zoom. These events are currently open to LA5 Rotarians only, so please do not forward this information outside of LA5.

This meeting will be hosted by PP Charisse - which means there will be a prompt start!



Happy Birthday

LEE BLACK	5/1
PATRICK CASTER	5/1
JANET LINDSTROM- ATCHLEY	5/3
BEN HARATI	5/4
VIC MAROVISH	5/4
MATT BALL	5/10
DON CROCKER	5/10



MEET: JOSE VERA

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What is your favorite thing about your career?

Cities are in the “forever business” and I enjoy helping them.

How did you become a Rotarian?

A partner at my investment bank invited me. Shortly thereafter I learned that my wife is an LA5 scholarship recipient (class of 1995). Done deal!

What do you consider your hometown?

Isabela, Puerto Rico

What's the best way to start a day?

Feeling loved.

What's one of your favorite smells?

My wife’s cooking.

What stereotype do you completely live up to?

I’m that Puerto Rican neighbor playing music way too loud outside and having family parties way too often. Where do these people come from?!?!?

What's the best single day on the calendar?

Thanksgiving. I think it’s great that the government sets aside a mandatory 24 hours to have everyone think of what they should be grateful about. Fantastic mental health policy.

What's your favorite thing about LA5?

Feeling connected.

What is something everyone should do at least once in their lives?

The Porsche driving experience. It’s fantastic.

What's the most daring thing you've ever done?

Escaping poverty. It does try to chase you down, so KEEP RUNNING! River rafting with your entire family down waterfalls in a secluded jungle is a close second.

Anything else we should know?

I miss Rotary.

LA5 member Razia Jan is making hand-sewn cloth masks, and taking orders!



Please contact Razia directly if you have an interest or a need.

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LA5 MEMBER JEREMY WEINGLASS

is bringing some much needed joy to these times
and keeping the world entertained..

TUNE IN!



NOW STREAMING:

THE WEINGLASS FAMILY **PIANO HOUR**

Live Streaming on
Facebook and YouTube

Every Fri & Sun
5-7pm (PDT)

From our family to yours!



A MESSAGE FROM ANGELENO MAGAZINE

WE AT ANGELENO MODERN LUXURY ARE COMMITTED TO WEATHERING THIS STORM WITH YOU AND STANDING BY YOUR SIDE AS WE STRUGGLE THROUGH THIS UNPRECEDENTED GLOBAL EVENT TOGETHER.

IN THE MIDST OF ALL THIS CHAOS THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE. ANGELENO HAS CHANGED OUR PRODUCTION SCHEDULE AND OUR EDITORIAL CALENDAR TO BRING OUR READERS A NEW CONCEPT: THE HOPE ISSUE. FROM COAST TO COAST, THIS ISSUE WILL CELEBRATE THE EXTRAORDINARY INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES IN OUR COMMUNITIES WHO ARE EMERGING AS HEROES DURING THESE UNPRECEDENTED TIMES. MAYOR ERIC GARCETTI WILL KICK OFF THE ISSUE WITH A SPECIAL MESSAGE OF HOPE TO ALL OF OUR FELLOW ANGELENOS, ALONG WITH A BEAUTIFUL PIECE OF COVER ART BY FAMED ARTIST, MR. BRAINWASH. LAUNCHING MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND WE INVITE YOU TO BE PART OF THE HOPE ISSUE AND JOIN A NATIONAL NETWORK OF ORGANIZATIONS LEADING THE CHARGE FOR AN INSPIRING NEW WAVE OF CHANGE. WE ARE CREATING A "THANK YOU" TO THE HEROES ON THE FRONT LINES OR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY COVID-19. WE INVITE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS ISSUE WITH A SIMPLE MESSAGE. A MESSAGE OF HOPE! PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF WE CAN COUNT ON YOU TO SEND A MESSAGE TO THESE AMAZING HEROES.

THE FEE FOR YOUR THANK YOU MESSAGE IS \$350 DOLLARS AND WE ARE ALSO DONATING 100% PERCENT OF OUR NET PROFIT TO A NATIONAL RELIEF FUND TO HELP THOSE WHO ARE HELPING THOSE AFFECTED BY COVID-19. BELOW IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE "THANK YOU" MESSAGE FOR THE HOPE ISSUE.

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PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOYALTY AND SUPPORT ALL OF THESE YEARS.

WARM REGARDS,
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the cooped-up cook book

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FROM MEMBER TO MEMBER
TO HELP PASS THE TIME AT
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PETER WEINBERGER'S HOMEMADE BLINTZES



STEPS

BLINI

- 4 eggs
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- a little salt - about 1/4 tsp (it's up to you)

FILLING

- 1 pound Farmers Cheese or Low Water Ricotta
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp sugar (not necessary, but can be added based on preference)

- 01** Use a blender or a lot of elbow grease to mix the blini ingredients together. You don't want it to be lumpy. It's got to be smooth (who wants little balls of flour in their blinis - yuck).
- 02** When the blini batter is smooth. Heat a non-stick pan. Add a some butter for flavor to the pan but not too much. Pour at most a 1/4 cup of the batter into the hot pan and swirl it around. You want it to be a thin coat on on the bottom of the pan. Let it cook quickly. As soon as it looks solid slide it out onto a waiting plate. Or, if you want to get fancy, flip it over so it's just a little brown on both sides (instead of one).
- 03** The filling is simple. Just put all the ingredients together in a bowl and combine them. Some like more sugar, or lemon or vanilla. I prefer it as simple as possible.

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PETER WEINBERGER'S HOMEMADE BLINTZES

STEPS

- 04** Now you've got your blinis and your filling. It's time to make the Jewish burrito. Put your first blini on a plate. Spread a line of the filling along the bottom of the blini. Fold the blini over the filling. Don't make a cigar, make it a rectangle. Then fold the sides in. Flip it over so the sides are underneath your now complete blintz.
- 05** When you've got all the blintzes assembled, heat a pan with some butter. You don't need a lot, just enough for it not to stick and give a nice buttery flavor when you fry the blintzes. Cook them on both sides so that they are nicely browned -- like an over ripe banana, lots of brown but not all brown. The inside should be heated up in the process.
- 06** Serve them on a plate with sour cream and a good jam. My photo has fresh strawberries only because it looks better.

You can have them any time of year, but it's traditional to have them on the Jewish holiday of Shavuot. This is the holiday that marks Moses getting the Torah on Mount Sinai. You traditionally are served two blintzes side by side because they look like a Torah scroll!

Shavuot is a holiday where you eat dairy foods and study Torah all night. It's coming up this year on May 28. That would be a great time to make your blintzes.