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# WILL COVID-19 BRING US TOGETHER?

A message from the President

With thanks to Matt Ball, Ann Romney attended our weekly ZOOM meeting last Friday and shared her powerful and personal story of suffering and overcoming fear. When I asked her if support for her work to find a cure for neurological diseases comes from all sides of the political spectrum, she said that it did. But she quickly acknowledged that it is hard to work together on anything when we are so divided. Her words that follow, ring true to me.

**Unfortunately, suffering does bring us together. The only thing that truly heals is love and kindness and we are in very short supply right now in this country.**

**It will be interesting to see what the perspective of the post 2020 pandemic will be. It would be my prayer truly that we would be kinder to one another, more understanding and more loving. If Covid-19 can make us be like that, that wouldn't be a bad outcome.**

**It breaks my heart because we are all vulnerable. We are all wounded in some way or another, and we need more understanding in this world. We need more compassion. We need more love, we need more forgiveness. That's what I'm trying to do.**

————ANN ROMNEY

Be kind. Forgive one another. Be compassionate. Stay safe.  
I hope to see you online at our weekly meeting this Friday.



*Rick Gibson*

President,  
Rotary Club of Los Angeles  
2019 - 2020





## THIS WEEK

Andy Russell, President & CEO  
KCET & PBS SoCal

ZOOM Meeting  
[Click here for details](#)

# Mark the calendar



MAY  
20



MAY  
22



MAY  
29



JUN  
05



JUN  
12

- May 20** Online Poker - pokerstars.net (Contact Rob Menz)
- May 22** Andy Russell, KCET - ZOOM Meeting
- May 29** David Siegel, LA Sports Council - ZOOM Meeting  
Board of Directors Meeting - ZOOM
- Jun 05** DJ SKEE - ZOOM Meeting
- Jun 12** Craig Kausen, Chuck Jones Gallery - ZOOM Meeting

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*WEEKLY*  
*on WEDNESDAYS*

# ONLINE POKER GAME

\$20 BUY-IN

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She did it!



Congrats to USC Rotaractor Kiko Lin  
NOW USC GRADUATE!



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|-----------------------|-------------|
| <b>TAMMY NGUYEN</b>   | <b>5/21</b> |
| <b>MIKE HAKIM</b>     | <b>5/22</b> |
| <b>AL SHONK</b>       | <b>5/23</b> |
| <b>STAN AUGUSTINE</b> | <b>5/24</b> |





# BRENDA WIEWEL

SOCIAL WORKER  
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## **WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT YOUR CAREER?**

I love my job! I'm a matchmaker (deluxe!) and a passionate voice at USC on behalf of efforts to end homelessness. Many of my matches have resulted in wonderful new programs or collaborations for things like 3D printed housing, street medicine, new professional courses, housing development by houses of worship, and services for students with basic need challenges. I was thrilled and relieved to complete my doctoral studies in 2019 where I created a new program for women's life and financial empowerment that I'm starting to pilot this year. My favorite thing is to mentor masters level social work students as they find their talents and hone their skills. I want them to learn that the biggest gift they can give another person is to listen and care.

**IF YOU COULD CHOOSE TO DO ANYTHING FOR A DAY, WHAT WOULD IT BE?** Hike by the beach, relax with a good book, have a glass of wine with sunset

**WHAT'S THE BEST SINGLE DAY ON THE CALENDAR?** New Years Day. It is a fresh start and feels full of opportunity.

**WHAT MAKES YOU LAUGH?** I love to laugh and will likely laugh at any joke unless it is truly offensive.

**WHAT IS THE MOST DARING THING YOU'VE EVER DONE?** I traveled to South Korea for the International Rotary Convention on my own and had a wonderful time.

**WHAT ARE YOU ADDICTED TO?** Chocolate and the news.

**ANYTHING SPECIFIC YOU WANT ROTARIANS TO KNOW?**  
You are great, and I appreciate you!

# BUSINESS EXCHANGE MORNING MIXER

**TUESDAY, JUNE 16  
8:30 AM**

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

These events are currently open to LA5 Rotarians only, so please do not forward this information outside of LA5.

Sign up to make a professional announcement in one of the following three categories:

- (1) Highlighting and celebrating business you have done with other Rotarians
- (2) Exclusive offers and opportunities
- (3) Job needs or job opportunities

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