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Hidden GAVEL

Somewhere in this issue is hidden a gavel.
Be the first to identify and email the correct location
to Brenda Wiewel will win a gift certificate to
support a local Rotarian-owned business!

Brenda Wiewel: frankens@usc.edu

THE FIGHT FOR PEACE

A message from the President

Last January, only weeks before our world went into pandemic lockdown and the protests and riots of this past week erupted following the death of George Floyd, I participated with Lauren Schlau, Paul and Melody St. John, and several thousand Rotarians from around the world in the Rotary International Peace Conference in Ontario, California. (Perhaps you remember my president's message in the January 21 edition of El Rodeo where I wrote about Hiroshima nuclear bomb survivor Takashi Tanemori's session, "How to Dismantle a Nuclear Bomb".)

The goal of the conference was to examine the way war, poverty, natural disasters, human trafficking, and lack of education impact billions of people around the world. I left the conference with a sense of urgency, but comfortable enough to remain complacent and inactive in the fight for peace. The lessons coming out of COVID-19 and George Floyd demand that it is time to get off the sideline, cross the ropes, and get into the ring.

It seems oxymoronic to declare that I must join the "fight for peace"; but peace and justice for all people is worth fighting for and there are consequences, whether justified or not, if we don't. Rotarians of LA5, let's prepare ourselves to join the fight for peace. Where do we go from here?

I look forward to seeing you online this Friday.



Rick Gibson

President,
Rotary Club of Los Angeles
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At Rotary, we have no tolerance for racism. Promoting respect, celebrating diversity, demanding ethical leadership, and working tirelessly to advance peace are central tenets of our work.

We have more work to do to create more just, open and welcoming communities for all people.

We know there are no easy fixes and that challenging conversations and work lie before all of us. Rotary's strength has long been our ability and commitment to bringing people together. We will tap into that strength now as we stand with those who are working for peace and justice.

Rotary will do our part to listen, learn and take action to ensure that we continue to contribute to making positive change.





THIS WEEK

DJ SKEE
Dash Radio

ZOOM Meeting
[Click here for details](#)

Mark the calendar



- June 10** A Conversation About Racism - ZOOM
- June 12** Craig Kausen, Chuck Jones Gallery - ZOOM Meeting
- June 16** Business Exchange, Morning Mixer - ZOOM
- June 19** Scholarship Program - ZOOM
- June 26** President Rick's Demotion - ZOOM

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

BUSINESS EXCHANGE MORNING MIXER

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

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

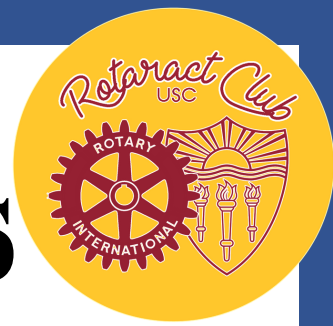
These events are currently open to LA5 Rotarians only, so please do not forward this information outside of LA5.

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!

rotaractors



SEEKING INTERNSHIPS OR PART-TIME REMOTE WORK

Desiree Davis (Female, 21): President of USC Rotaract Just finished her Junior Year. Double majoring in Law, History and Culture and Religion. Living in LA for the summer, willing to work in person.

John Tolar (Male, 21): Director of Finance for USC Rotaract Just finished his Junior Year. Majoring in Economics; Double Minor in French and Business Finance. Living in LA for the summer, willing to work in person.

Shanaya Khubchandani (Female, around 20): Secretary and Public Relations for USC Rotaract. Just finished her Sophomore Year Majoring in Communication; Double Minor in Critical Approaches to Leadership and Dance Entertainment. Living in London for the summer, willing to work remotely.

Maxsim Franko (Male, around 21): Director of Membership and Professional Development for USC Rotaract. Just finished his Junior Year Majoring in Economics and Mathematics. Living in LA for the summer.

Long Tran (Male, around 20): Director of External Projects for USC Rotaract. Just finished his Sophomore Year Majoring in Electrical Engineering; Air Force ROTC. Living in LA for the summer.

CONTACT ED JOHN GREEN TO CONNECT



ADAM WEISS	6/2
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GREG WASHINGTON	6/4
RAZIA JAN	6/5
SALLY GALLAGHER	6/6
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MARK MENDELSON	6/8



PAUL EKSTRAND

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What is your proudest accomplishment?

My family, my wife, my children, they are truly salt of the earth.

How did you become a Rotarian?

Paul Jacques fault, he brought me in, made me sign up and well, its been a huge blessing to be a part of such a great group of people.

What website do you visit the most?

I build them, so, unless its football season, none really.

What's the best way to start the day?

Eggs, Bacon, Coffee

What's your zodiac sign?

had to look it up, Sagittarius

What is one of your favorite smells?

Bacon.

How do you relax after a hard day of work?

Scotch & Music

What's the best book or series you've ever read?

Count of Monte Cristo

What gets you fired up?

Teamwork, nothing like achieving a goal with multiple people using their strengths

Do you have a motto by which you live?

Love & Respect others all the time

What do you want to be remembered for?

Loving people

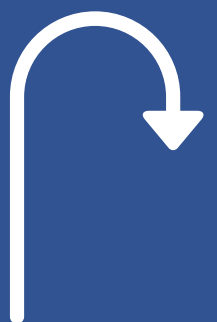
There are two types of people in this world:

Those who care, and those who don't.

FEELING ALL THE FEELINGS?

You're not alone.

Here are some ways to become educated and do your part to support our community and help the fight against racism.



01

EDUCATE YOURSELF

This Los Angeles based, black-owned bookstore recommends a number of books to help learn about racism, black history, and the history of privilege.

[Click here.](#)

[Click here for some children's books](#)

Note: please don't ask your black friends to educate you.

02

DONATE

These are just a few organizations
where your donations will be put to
good use.

Minnesota Freedom Fund

George Floyd Memorial Fund

I Run with Maud

Black Lives Matter

NAACP Legal Defense Fund

American Civil Liberties Union

Reclaim the Block

Campaign Zero

03

PETITION

These are just a few petitions to
sign in a collective call for justice

Text 'FLOYD' to 55156

[Color of Change](#)

[Change.org](#)

[NAACP](#)

04

SUPPORT

Patron black-owned businesses.

Here are a few resources:

List of black-owned restaurants in LA

BlackBookLA

BlackOwned Business Network

05

SHOW UP

and clean up!

Get some industrial cleaning supplies and reach out to your local business owners to see if you can help with clean up and repairs.

LOOKING FOR MORE?

try these resources:

[Click here](#)

[Or here](#)

[Or here](#)