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***"Every New Beginning Comes
From Some Other
Beginning's End" Seneca***

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Rotarians,

Welcome to the 112 year of the 5th oldest Rotary Club in the world. Pretty awesome stuff when you stop to consider our wonderful history and the tremendous personalities which have helped to make it so strong and so memorable. More than anything, I find it quite humbling to be a part of something that shows me how to be more engaged, more grateful and more charitable. What an honor to work with such committed people. Thank you for welcoming me as your new President.

To ring in the new year, our Executive Board members have reminded me that the personal touch is appreciated more than anything else. Consequently, we hope to connect with each of you by phone over the coming days. Your perspective and input are vital to keeping our Club vibrant and we want to hear it from you personally. Your opinion, your ideas and your support are invaluable resources to help us grow. We want you to know that our sincere gratitude for Rotary lies in you: the people who give it the heart to survive and thrive, despite whatever challenges the world faces.

All of you should have received an update from our special committee over the 4th of July weekend, outlining their process as we get closer to holding a Town-Hall like assembly with our Club. Please know that as soon as they select the Facilitators to help lead our discussion, we will recommend a date for gathering together (in a Zoom format) to enable, what we hope, will be an open and productive discussion. Our desire is to hold this meeting as soon as possible. We will keep you apprised with each new update. The committee has been working in earnest.

On a final note, we are very excited to hold our first Club fundraiser for the year within the next few weeks. It will be an on-line virtual concert with some internationally recognized singers. Their messages and songs will be a source of healing for us all. Keep a look-out for the announcement on our Club Website: rotaryla5.org

So grateful to share this coming year with you,

Matt Ball



Matt Ball

President,
Rotary Club of Los Angeles
2020 - 2021





THIS WEEK

**Looking Up:
Being Raised by a Mom with an Iron Lung**

Craig Needham, Partner,
Needham Kepner & Fish LLP

[Click Here to Register](#)

Mark the calendar



All Current Events are ZOOM Video Conferences Unless Otherwise Noted

- July 10** Looking Up: Being Raised By A Mom With An Iron Lung with Craig N.
- July 17** Clean Waters for Developing Countries with Dr. John Dracup
- July 24** Economic Forecasting: Coming Out of Covid19 with Paul Single
- July 31** Rotary Opens Opportunities with RI President Holger Knaack
- Aug 7** Service Above Self in the White House with Stewart McLaurin

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Happy Rotary Anniversary

Carol Medina, 3 years

Charlie Gallagher, 4 years

Michael Hart, 4 years

Bill Covino, 6 years

President Matt Ball, 10 years

Lance Miller, 12 years

Eddie Turner, 13 years

Spencer Walsh, 18 years

Don Knabe, 22 years

Annie Ruth, 24 years

David Bland, 24 years

Paul Netzel, 52 years

*Thank you for you years of service to
LA5 & the Los Angeles community!*

Help Us Assemble New Masks!

LA5 FACE SHIELD PROJECT



And a generous donation for more!

Another successful delivery, thanks to retired Lt General Stayce Harris and Julia Matthews (President, Palos Verdes Chapter, The Links Inc.)



We need you!

TO HELP US
ASSEMBLE NEW
FACE SHIELDS!

LA5 will hold its final volunteer
face shield assembly event.
Socially distanced of course!

**Join us on Saturday July 11th
10am to 2pm @ Illuminar
(119 E. Palmer Ave, Glendale, CA 91205)**

Bring Masks, Gloves, and Sign Up Today.

PEACE THROUGH CONVERSATION

BY LAUREN SCHLAU

We are at a crossroads, as a society, as individuals and as a Rotary Club. We are being asked, each of us and as an organization, “what are our values,” “what do we stand for,” “what will we do?” A Chair of LA5’s Peace Initiative offer my comments about our club’s current place and potential future.

As to values, what do we believe in (and are willing to fight for)? Do these include equality and justice to eliminate sexism and racism of any kind? Do we as a club accept these as overarching values and agree that they transcend politics and partisanship? Do they pass the Four Way test?

Past President Rick wrote to the club from having attended the 2020 Rotary Peace conference, that “my inspiration at this time is to ‘fight for peace’....as peace and justice for all people are worth fighting for and there are consequences, whether justified or not, if we don’t.” He called upon LA5 to get involved.

Equality and justice are baked into our Constitution and Bill of Rights. “Liberty” and “justice” are in the Pledge of Allegiance. Sadly for some, our country has a long and regrettable history where it remains painfully evident that some lives have been and are more valued than others. A peaceful world is attained with “justice for all.” With these overarching transcendent values we as a country hold dear, many now are working hard to help fulfill these promises for all our citizens.

Now we are at a crossroads. How we express our values, what we stand for and what we do at this critical moment will be the legacy our club inherits. Both our country and Rotary uphold respected and meaningful traditions that contribute to our betterment, where we honor our past, yet look forward to continuing to make the world better. These are enshrined in the 4-way Test of truth, fairness, goodwill and friendship, and benefit to all. This is our mission and our value as an organization and has kept

PEACE THROUGH CONVERSATION

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us viable for 111 years. Yet when certain traditions and institutions are detrimental it may be beneficial to question how well they serve us now and in the future.

Our members are from various backgrounds, beliefs, and experiences, who through good acts of service together are bettering the world and ourselves. How can we as a club with some opposing viewpoints come together and maintain our integrity and our values? What we choose to do will make all the difference.

One recent positive action was the recent joint board meeting that produced the Statement of Principles as a place to start and from which to go and grow forward. As well, having been trained with the District by Mediators Beyond Borders, I agree that holding “peaceful” conversation is the pathway for resolving high-stakes differences, where each can speak, and importantly where each listens to what others have to say, good or bad, right or wrong, without judgement.

We can disagree without disrespect. Such conversations are illuminating and transform people and relationships by really hearing and understanding others, and along the way finding common ground and our common humanity.

LA5 has formed a committee to plan for engaging the club in a facilitated (virtual) Assembly. While perhaps raising difficult issues, nothing of high worth is easy and the stakes are high. And we will have set a new foundation of understanding, to emerge from this better as a club than when we entered.

Let’s reflect on what our 111 year old Rotary club really means to us and to the many others who depend on our services and funding. Let’s talk, let’s listen, let’s find our common truths for the benefit of all concerned. The future of LA5 is at stake.



THE LA5 CARES TEAM WILL BE HERE THIS YEAR
TO SUPPORT YOU AND/OR THOSE CLOSE TO
YOU BOTH PERSONALLY AND
PROFESSIONALLY.

PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT BRENDA
LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN HELP!

*Happiest Belated Birthday
to our June and July
Birthday-ites*

Osei Stewart
Carolyn DeVinny
Gina Doyle
Margaret Peterson
Mike Hainkel
Janet Dial
Paul Branks
Christina Moses
Ylenia Mino
Walker Railey
Jim Hoyt
Kathy Turner
Carrie Hidding
Jim Simonds



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