

HISTORY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF LOS ANCELES



"Those that fail to learn from history, are doomed to repeat it." Winston Churchill

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A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dear LA5 Rotarians,

As I was reflecting on last week's meeting and Gary Jimenez's inspirational Rotary memories, it struck me on how much I personally was missing doing Rotary life in person with you all. Those memories also came back when we learned AbilityFirst's Camp Paivika service event would be online this year. I really do wish I was heading up the mountain soon to be a part of that amazing service event as it truly is our inaugural service event that really gets the Rotary year moving in my mind.

That said, what they are doing online with us will be really special, so be sure to sign up and lose yourself in the service of others as the famous quote Mahatma Gandhi once said; The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

In fact, this week is a good week to lose yourself in another Rotary way as we have an amazing Benefit Concert this Friday at 11:30am instead of our normal meeting to help support club operations. So grab a drink (I plan to at least) and get those virtual checkbooks out.

Ok, enough fun stuff. One of my tasks this year as your president-elect is to head up a strategic plan for our club. Fortunately, I will be working on this with smarter people than myself in leadership and we will be looking forward to hearing from all of our members to help organize our thoughts, goals, and related strategies to help the continual improvement of our great club and its members.

Feel free to reach out to me personally in the meantime if you have any questions on this or if you just want to talk.

See you online this Friday!



Paul Ekstrand

President-Elect Rotary Club of Los Angeles 2020 - 2021



Rotary Opens Opportunities



THIS WEEK

VIRTUAL BENEFIT CONCERT!

Featuring Various Artists & Special Recognitions

Click Here to Register



All Current Events are ZOOM Video Meetings Unless Otherwise Noted

July 23 Morning Social Hour

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- July 24 Virtual Concert Benefiting Club Operations
- July 24 Board of Directors Meeting
- 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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a tale of two Rotary clubs

a bit of history of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles

Knowing the financial potential he had with LA5, H.C. Quick immediately set out to start a new club articles of incorporation for the 'National Rotary Club of Los Angeles' were filed on February 14, 1910





The Rotary Club of Los Angeles (LA5) was formed, and one H.C. Quick was named as Secretary, whose main duty was to solicit new members - his compensation being a percentage of the dues collected. For various nefarious practices, Mr. Quick was dismissed from his role after less than a year.

H.C. Quick moved to expand his new club and attempted to file articles of incorporation in Washington -but members of LA5 ensured that his reputation preceded him, and he was unsuccessful.



Membership of this second Rotary club grew to over 150 members



Intended as a practical joke, a mutual acquaintance arranged a meeting of the Presidents of each Rotary club. The joke failed, and the two gentlemen took to each other quickly - and agreed in that meeting that the two clubs should consolidate



The two clubs merged: the National Rotary Club was dissolved and its members became members of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles. This made the club roster 310 in membership count.

After the consolidation of the two clubs "there was an understanding that a fine would be placed on any member who spoke or referred to the National or Los Angeles Rotary Club ... This plan worked exceedingly well and after a brief period, no one spoke of 'the other Rotary club.'"

> source: History of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles - Golden Edition



Virtual District Club Assembly

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Rotary District 5280 held its first virtual District Club Assembly on May 16, 2020. Recordings of each session are recorded and available to view. <u>CLICK HERE</u>

Camp Paivika





Summer 2020

August 5th - 8th

Three Days of virtual Summer Camp!

LA5 Rotary Club of Los Angeles

Wednesday, August 5 th	Detective Day - 11:00 – 11:45 am

Reverse Charades – 3:00 – 3:45 pm

Friday, August 7th

Hollywood Squares – 11:00 – 11:45 am Dance Party – 3:00 – 3:45 pm

Saturday, August 8th

Mid-summer Campfire &

Cabin Banner Sharing – 2:00 – 3:30 pm

<u>Register Here</u>

Happy Birthday to this week's Birthday-ites

Howard Goodman July 17 Victor Walch July 19 Adam Reusché July 20 Dr. Sumi Kawaratani July 24 Heidi Taylor July 24 PP Rick Gibson July 27 Bob Price July 27 Rickard Frank July 28

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!