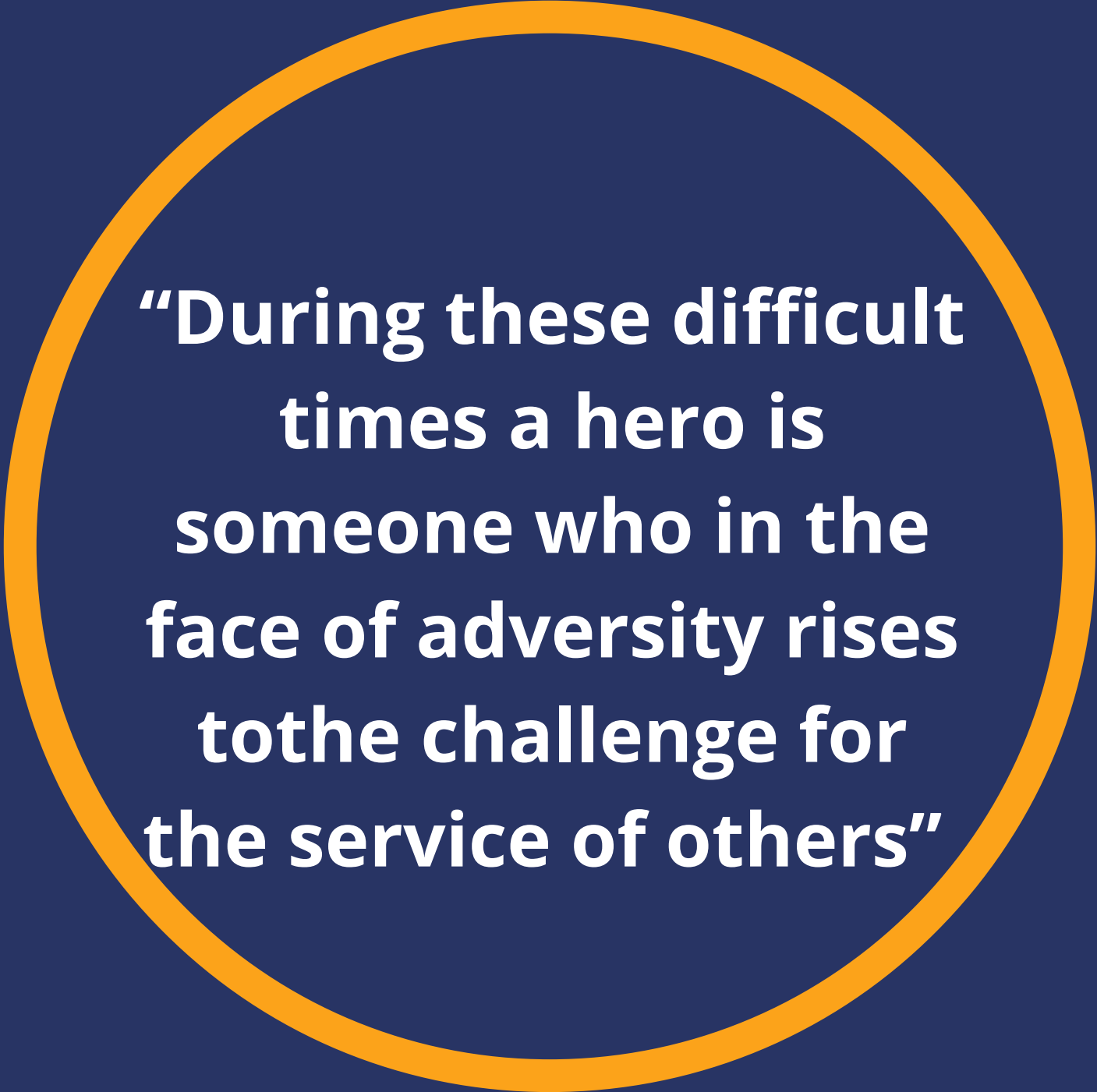


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AUGUST 18, 2020



“During these difficult times a hero is someone who in the face of adversity rises to the challenge for the service of others”

-Jonny Kim (Navy Seal, ER Doctor and NASA Astronaut).

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dear LA5 Rotarians,

When Matt Ball asked me to write an inspirational letter for El Rodeo I reluctantly obliged. What inspirational message can I write when I'm struggling every day to remain positive during this pandemic and longing for the days of golf.

To prevent spiraling into depression, I remind myself every day how fortunate I am. I'm fortunate to have a loving wife and 2 boys who continue to be healthy, to have economic security, and to have friends who care about me. I also remind myself that some of us have family and friends who are going through hard times. They may have lost their jobs or have a loved one who is going through the physical and mental struggles of testing positive for COVID-19. It's hard to live in social isolation, but it's that much harder if one has to also deal with economic hardship or failing health.

Back in April I was really disappointed for not meeting the revenue goals from our golf tournament at Wilshire Country Club and the pandemic was the perfect excuse to not renew membership. When Malinda Monterosa heard about my fragile mental state, she reached out. A quote from one of my favorite movies, "Just When I Thought I Was Out, They Pull Me Back In!"

Like everything with my journey being a member of LA5 Rotary Club, each year I accidentally experience something new to remain a member. While participating in the weekly Executive Committee meetings, I volunteered to reach out to some of the members. I figured if I was going to serve on the Board and Executive Committee I should get to know more of our members. These phone calls have been fun and has helped me cope with these uncertain times. We're all living through this pandemic and a caring phone call can go a long way. Pick up the phone and reach out to a member you haven't seen in a while.

Look forward to seeing you at the next LA5 Zoom meeting or connecting by phone.



Bo Lee

Director
Rotary Club of Los Angeles
2020 - 2022



Mark the calendar

Aug
18

**SOCIAL
HOUR**

Aug
21



Aug
28

**CLUB
BOARD
MEETING**



Aug
28

**DISTRICT
GOVERNOR
VISIT**

**COMMUNITY
CONVERSATION**

Aug
29

All Current Events are ZOOM Video Meetings Unless Otherwise Noted

- Aug 20 Social Hour
- Aug 21 Economic Forecasting Amidst Covid19 with Paul Single
- Aug 28 Club Board of Directors Meeting
- Aug 28 District Governor Bette Hall
- Aug 29 Community Conversation

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



RSVP
Today

LA5



COMMUNITY
CONVERSATION
BEGINNING WITH US...

Working Together

Saturday, August 29 | 9:30am - Noon

[Learn more & RSVP here](#)

VEERALI JUTHANI



Veerali Juthani has been a member of **USC Rotaract** for 4 years, and over that time, served as the club's Director of Membership, Vice President, and President. Within that time, she worked to increase the club's membership, begin a mentorship program, foster a community and passion for service within the club, and strengthen ties with LA5. Veerali credits Rotaract and LA5 Rotary for allowing her the opportunity to network with Rotarians, work with local organizations to support the surrounding LA community, and build her leadership skills.



Veerali joined Rotaract because it gave her a chance to be of service to others and build her professional leadership skills. One of her LA5 highlights is volunteering at the **Angel City Celebration** each winter (5 years and counting!) to help distribute toys and provide resources to undeserved families in children in South LA. The smiles on the children's faces make her thankful to be connected to Rotary and the incredible work they do to support the LA community. She strongly recommends that every Rotaractor/Rotarian serve and join this event at least once!



Veerali received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees in Occupational Therapy from the **University of Southern California**, and is currently pursuing her **clinical doctorate in occupational therapy** as well. She is completing her residency at the USC University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA). Her passion resides in working within the pediatric mental health sector and delivering quality services to infants, children, and youth with developmental disabilities and mental health needs.

*Happy Birthday
to this week's
Birthday-ites*

Bob Reed

Aug 21

Dr. Carmen Estrada-Schaye

Aug 22

Ken Martinet

Aug 22

Manny Ahsan

Aug 24

PP Jose Vera

Aug 26



Save the Date

Virtual

CHEF EXPERIENCE



CELEBRATE WITH
WOLFGANG PUCK CHEFS

OCT 8

4:30 PM

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Happy Rotary Anniversary

Paul Bennett, 39 years
PP Dave Meshulam, 30 years
Bruce Murdoch, 26 years
Mike Hainkel, 23 years
Lance Ito, 17 years
PP Todd Johnson, 17 years
PP Ken Chong, 16 years
Karl Pettijohn, 16 years
Joshua Mandell, 11 years
Javier Cano, 10 years
David Takakawa, 10 years
Michael Reagan, 10 years
J.T. Warring, 9 years
Janet Dial, 6 years
Walker Van Antwerp, 6 years
Katrina Eagilen, 5 years
Hon. Richard Riordan, 5 years
Ana Rosales, 5 years
Teruko Weinberg, 3 years

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

