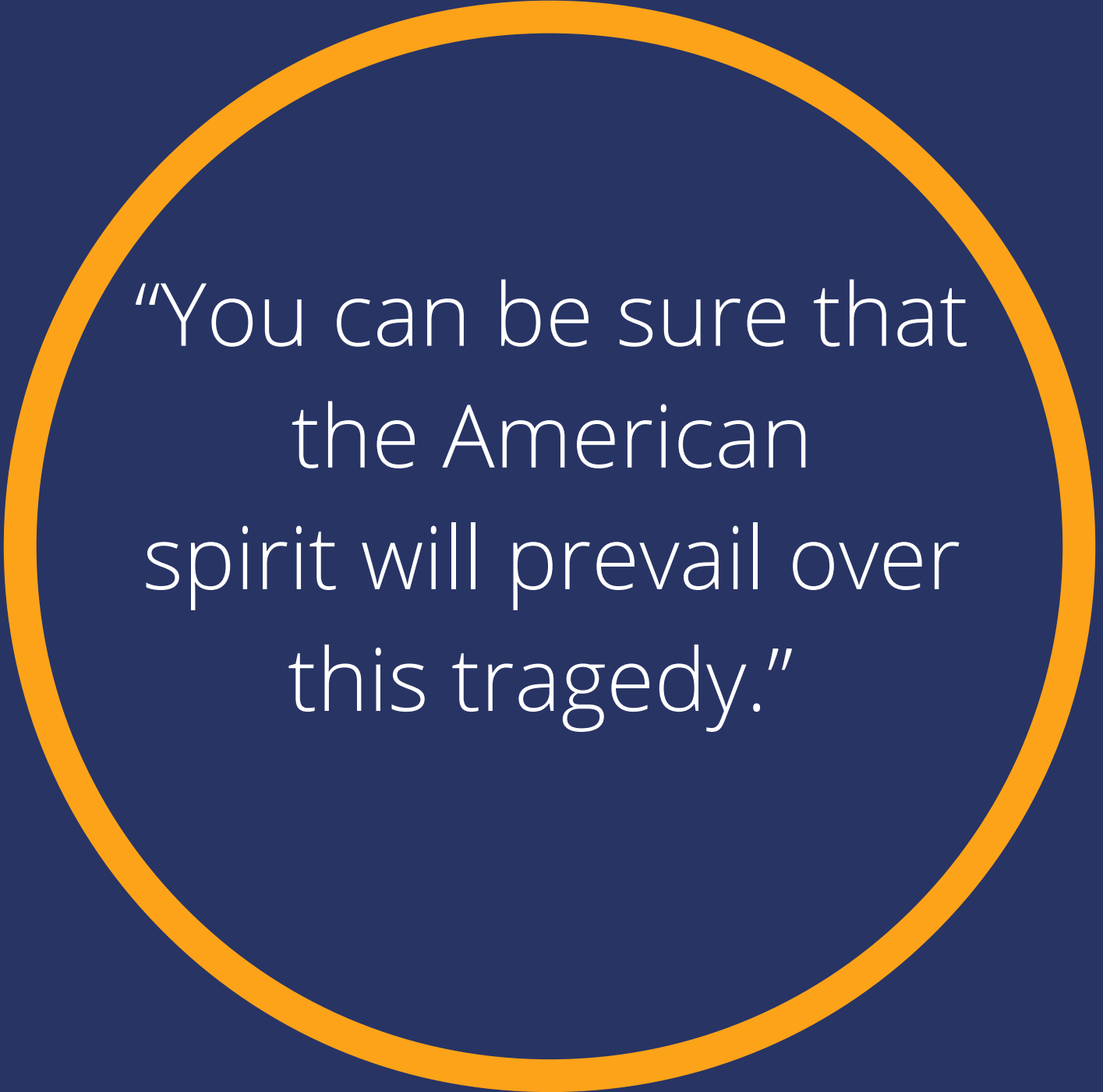


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“You can be sure that
the American
spirit will prevail over
this tragedy.”

- Colin Powell

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

My Fellow Rotarians,

When the Oklahoma bombing happened in 1995, I was about to give birth to my son, Cyrus. We were in the middle of moving to a new house and with a baby coming at any time, we all had to pause and figure out our next move. The city was devastated, more like a war zone. Being married to one of the first responders, I learned the details about the tragedy from my husband, James, who was gone for days to assist in search and rescue operations and it was not easy to watch the amount of stress and grief everyone was dealing with. Through a lot of strength and perseverance, we as a city pulled ourselves together and learned to deal with one of the most horrific events in the history of this country.

I remember sitting in my living room in September of 2001 with my son, Cyrus and becoming the unwilling audience to the plane hitting the building. For us, it was the Alfred Murrah Federal Building bombing again. Our city became quiet as we know how the New Yorkers were about to face many challenges that we faced just 6 years ago. As the nation came together once again, we learned our resilience to adversity makes us stronger and our unity can heal our wounds.

This year with the COVID-19 and Pandemic, life has become once again a great "Unknown", but this time the enemy has no face and it strikes anywhere and at any time. So the question is how to face yet another uncertainty with no clear path ahead. Honestly, this one is a puzzle that has not been solved and we are all trying to deal with everywhere. However, it is definitely changing our perspective on life, revealing our flaws.

As humans, we somehow have been getting further and further away from the fundamental values that make us unique, simple things such as love and respect for one another and knowing that we are all connected through the same tapestry and bonds. These principles have helped us live through and survive many catastrophic events during our journey on this planet. I think what the COVID-19 has done for us, it has placed the focus of our attention on "this moment" and what is in front of us and who is with us as we search our brains trying to figure out what to do.

On Friday, as we all stand together, remembering and paying our respects to those gone, let's hug each other ;), say a kind word to a stranger, remembering to pay it forward while spending on things and know that "No one is alone." We humans will survive this one too.

Regards,

Shahla Rahimi Reynolds

Director
Rotary Club of Los Angeles
2020 - 2022



Mark the calendar

Sept
11

A DAY OF
SERVICE AND
REMEMBRANCE

Sept
15

BUSINESS
EXCHANGE

Sept
17

SOCIAL
HOUR

Sept
18

CLUB
BOARD
MEETING

All Current Events are ZOOM Video Meetings Unless Otherwise Noted

- Sept 11 A Day of Remembrance
- Sept 15 Business Exchange
- Sept 17 Social Hour
- Sept 18 Solving Homelessness with Council-member Allen Warren
- Sept 18 Club Board Meeting

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





African region declared free of wild poliovirus

Rotary and its GPEI partners celebrate a monumental achievement, say global eradication of wild polio is possible with the continued dedication and persistence of Rotarians

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

Michael Hart

Sept 8

Charlie Slemaker

Sept 8

PP Paul Netzel

Sept 11



Save the Date

Virtual

CHEF EXPERIENCE



CELEBRATE WITH
WOLFGANG PUCK CHEFS

OCT 8 | 4:30 PM

SPACE IS LIMITED

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)

Happy Rotary Anniversary

Past President Mike Birkholm, 34 years

Past President Bob Aldridge, 32 years

Jan Razia, 27 years

Chris Chen, 24 years

Brenda Wiewel, 21 years

Gus Oppermann, 20 years

Past President Jay Richardson, 20 years

Manny Ahsan, 20 years

Howard Schneider, 17 years

Adam Weiss, 14 years

Eric Garcetti, 10 years

Adam Bar, 9 years

Barry Hytowitz, 9 years

Ylenia Mino, 8 years

Dr. Helen Williams, 5 years

John Chiang, 5 years

Elizabeth Skrzat, 4 years

Osei Stewart, 4 years

Vinod Budchauhan, 4 years

Gracie Abalos, 1 year

Patrick Chylinski, 1 year

Joe Reilly, 1 year

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