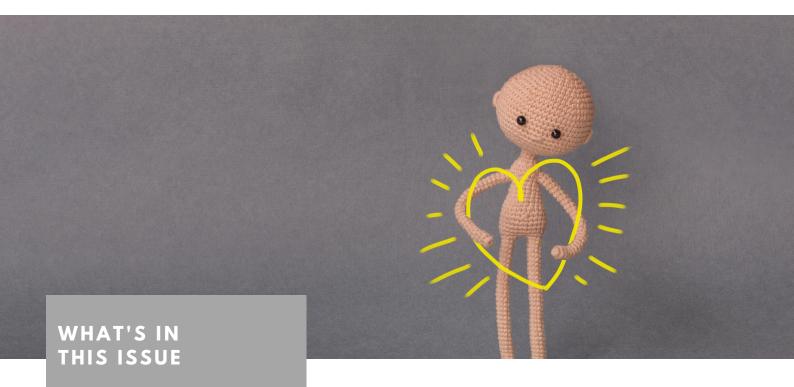


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"IN TODAY'S RUSH WE ALL THINK TOO MUCH, SEEK TOO MUCH, WANT TOO MUCH AND FORGET ABOUT THE JOY OF JUST BEING."

Eckhart Tolle



A MESSAGE...

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Rotarians,

In the last three years, the culture of our Rotary Club has gone from full-time, paid employees covering the administrative duties of our club to a completely volunteer organization. The only exception would be in our internship program where our interns get a small stipend to receive both college recognition and personal support. And oh, how we appreciate our Interns. (Thank you to Desi Davis, our Rotaract President from USC.)

The elimination of a paid staff might appear as though we are losing our footprint in the Rotary world, but seen from a fresh perspective, I find that we are re-creating ourselves with a new culture. A predominantly volunteer organization requires a different member personality to be involved...to stay strong. It is no longer sufficient to only write a check for our involvement.

I'm continually amazed at the depth of experience and wisdom of our members that we have in LA5. Yet, our personal involvement in Rotary also means our commitment to roll up our sleeves and "get our hands in the pasta"; to initiate service ideas; to present opportunities that may not have been suggested. In short, our culture is one where we welcome suggestions, action and opportunities from all members' voices and every possible perspective.

I'm continually amazed at the depth of experience and wisdom we have in LA5. It reminds me of a lesson I learned early on in leadership positions: I clearly won't have the inspiration to always know what to do, but when surrounded by formidable people, it is much easier to recognize inspiration, even when it comes from unexpected sources.

We are a family of excellent people with good intentions. Our hearts are inclined to serve our fellow man with innovation, creativity and ambition. My hope is that we will all feel welcome to offer up ways for LA5 to keep growing STRONGER. Your suggestions for service; your attitude for achievement; your desire to diversify and accept everyone in the process...we want to hear it all. So please offer your support to not being afraid to get involved, offer a hand and express gratitude by your example. We want to hear your voice. We are ready to listen.

With so much thanks for allowing me to serve with you.



Matt Ball
President
Rotary Club of Los Angeles
2020 - 2021



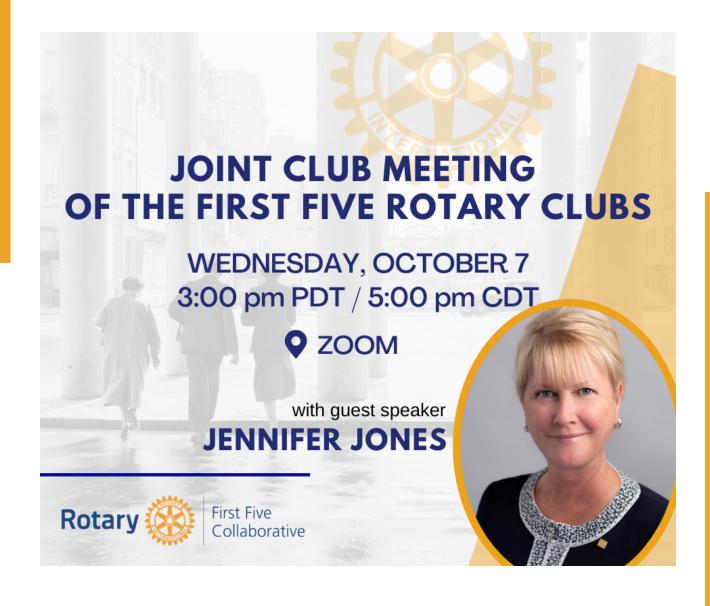
New Member Application Announcement



Meg Barron

Regional Lead
Central & Southern California
Alzheimer's Association
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FIRST FIVE!





What's Going On This Friday?



COME ZOOM WITH US!

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Members-only assembly.
Please join to lend your ear and your voice as our club reflects, then progresses into next steps.

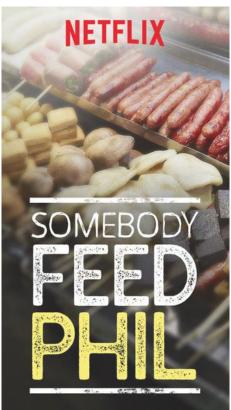
Mark Your Calendar



with guest speaker
JENNIFER JONES









DISTRICT GOVERNOR INFO SESSION

COMMUNITY

continuing with us, working together

OCT 7 Joint Meeting of the First Five Rotary Clubs

OCT 8 Virtual Chef Experience (SOLD OUT!)

OCT 9 Community Conversation, Continuing with Us, Working

Together

OCT 16 An interview with Phil Rosenthal

OCT 17 District 5280 - District Governor Info Session

CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE CLUB CALENDAR

LADWP Water System Stakeholders Engagement Group



On behalf of LA5 I attended my second meeting of the LADWP Water System Stakeholders Group on September 23, 2020. The meeting began with specific responses from LADWP staff to matters raised and discussed in the previous meeting. (See Report #1.) Extensive, researched technical answers emerged.

The Group turned attention to the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan, in this meeting the element of seismic risk. There is by current calculation more than a 93% chance of seismic activity greater than 6.7 in the LADWP service region within the next 30 years. Staff planners know the risks to water distribution, but many other risks remain unknown. Known hazards are shaking, rupture, landslide and liquefaction within the service region. An interim report; study continues.

In response to seismic risk, LADWP continues to work to limit the disruption of water service in the event of seismic activity. The first factor identified in limiting disruptions is home preparedness! Another important element is installation of earthquake resilient piping in the system, a process already begun in the Lake Balboa Area of the San Fernando Valley. WSSEG member questions focused on issues of water storage and the use of recycled water, with consideration for public health.

Another significant element presented and discussed was urban water management and recycling. A major LADWP goal is to convert the Hyperion Water Treatment Plant into a recycling facility. This process is happening simultaneously with expansion of groundwater storage in the San Fernando Valley!

Sierra Club's member stated a commitment to support legislative action related to LADWP work.

As I said in my previous report, if you want personal future reports about the WSSEG, please send me your e-mail address. I will continue to send report summaries to El Rodeo's Editor. The next meeting is scheduled for November or December.

Dr. John Langfitt email: jlangfitt@earthlink.net.

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This Week's Birthdays!



Lew Coppersmith Oct 05
Samantha Kim Oct 06
Howard Schneider Oct 07
Harlan Gleeson Oct 08
Christopher Lewis. Oct 09

HAPPY ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

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

Nichole Baker, 20 years Michael Flood, 20 years Christina Moses, 6 years Malinda Monterrosa, 7 years Robert Menz, 2 years Howard Goodman, 15 years Christopher Lewis, 15 years Jim Balbin, 21 years Alan Bernstein, 16 years Ben Turner, 21 years Kathleen Kavanagh, 13 years Tony Medley, 28 years Margaret Peterson, 6 years Sumi Kawaratani, 29 years Richard Frank, 32 years Marc Leeka, 21 years Carolyn DeVinny, 29 years Mark Higgins, 25 years Gary Jimenez, 23 years Tommy Lasorda, 24 years

