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"AMERICA IS ANOTHER NAME FOR OPPORTUNITY. **OUR WHOLE HISTORY** APPEARS LIKE A LAST **EFFORT OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE ON BEHALF** OF THE HUMAN RACE."

Ralph Waldo Emerson



A MESSAGE...

FROM LEADERSHIP

Oh, hi! Come on in and have a seat. What shall we talk about? Since the calendar reads Tuesday November 3, how about politics and elections? NO! Not this election! How about America and our culture, values, politics which inform elections past and future.

Let's start with a few quotes: 1) "On the eve of a particularly bitter presidential election, literature offers a useful reminder that Americans have always been consumed by politics and partisanship." (Wall Street Journal, 10/31-11/1/20, Review Section, page C1). And 2) "On November 4 (or when final election results are revealed on a date to be determined) the sun will still rise and shine and the birds will still sing." (anonymous friend)

Let's step back—perhaps as in an art museum—and admire the majesty of American culture and values and general overall success, both past and (likely in the) future.

What does it mean to be an American? Education here is pursued and valued as well as hard work, hard play and fair play. By and large Americans believe in symbiotic relationships and prefer win-win outcomes. American leaders in business believe their organizations are more likely to succeed if their subordinates understand and agree with the goals, strategies and tactics of management.

Most Americans in all aspects of daily life encourage others to express themselves if they disagree with the direction of leadership. Of course there are clear limits to the time, place and duration of such dissent. Most Americans believe—sometimes just intuitively—that achieving consensus is a highly important and often essential element of a successful undertaking.

American parents before deciding critical matters are usually open to discussion with their offspring in which the child is free to express his/her view. The child is generally allowed and often encouraged to do so but once the matter has been discussed and debated appropriately, the parent(s) has the last word and makes the decision. Most parents know that the decision they make is more likely to achieve the desired result if the child understands and (at least mentally) concedes that the decision represents a reasonable path to achieve a desirable outcome.

Now—here commenting briefly on today's election—it is likely that at least some of us will be displeased with the decisions our fellow voters make today but please remember: We are a very accomplished nation of democratic people and the decisions we reach through elections and otherwise through the political process are generally highly conducive to achieving for each of our citizens the rights enshrined in the Declaration of Independence: the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Yours In Rotary,



John Green
Retired Judge & Volunteer Executive Director
Rotary Club of Los Angeles
2019-2020



SOCKS!

SOCKS FOR SALE



\$15/pair (includes tax and shipping to your home)

PROCEEDS BENEFIT CLUB OPERATIONS

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE

Service

Rotary LA5, The Salvation Army and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints teamed up to distribute 2,400 boxes of fresh food to those in need on Friday, September 30th. USDA Farm to Family Food Box Program worked with the North State Relief, Assemblyman Anthony Rendon, Senator Briane Dahle and Assemblyman Reggie Jones Sawyer to see that this food was given to the appropriate members of our community.





Project

Knight Transportation donated their shipping services and 879 of those food boxes were handed out under the direction of -- and at the Church parking lot of -- Pastor E. Wayne Gaddis, President of the Baptist Convention and head of the St. Augustine's Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles. Also taking part in receiving food boxes for their foreign nationals (still struggling with Covid restrictions), Argentine and Mexican citizens were a part of this great fraternity that gathered to receive this generous and timely gift.





What's Going On This Friday?



COME ZOOM WITH US!

CULTURAL COMPETENCE

In August we started the conversation - how we at LA5 can learn more about, discuss, and further engage on social justice within our club and our community.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!







District 5280
Foundation Celebration

NOV 6 Cultural Competence

NOV 7 District 5280 Foundation Celebration

NOV 12 Morning Social Hour NOV 14 Joint Service Project

NOV 20 Club Board Meeting

CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE CLUB CALENDAR

Annual Foundation Event

DISTRICT 5280 ANNUAL FOUNDATION EVENT

Supports Rotary Int'l Foundation:

- End Polio Now
- Int'l Clean Water Projects
- Peace Projects

GET INVOLVED TODAY!

BUY TICKETS!

- Buy Tickets @ \$10 minimum / 12 tickets for \$100
- \$500 plus LA5 match = Paul Harris Fellow
 - (Credit towards Paul Harris Fellow)
- Raffle to Win a Club Basket
- Must notify Carmen Schaye to receive credit

DONATE ITEMS!

- Have an item to donate?
 Contact Chrissy Moses
- Examples of items to donate: dinner for two, bottle of good wine, stay at vacation home, gift certificates, etc.



TICKET

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS BY NOV 4th!

Buy Tickets at:

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www.2020foundationcelebration.com/opportunity-tickets

This Week's Birthdays



Brad Turner Nov 1
Angela fisher Nov 3
John Briscoe Nov 4
John Langfitt. Nov 1
Vien Le Nov 9
Peter Weinberger Nov 9

HAPPY ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

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

Charles Hamilton, 16 years Ben Harati, 5 years Jose Vera, 19 years David Bland, CWS, 42 years Dave Meshulam, 20 years Robin Harvill, 18 years Bo Lee, 14 years Seda Rashidi, 10 years Dan Guerrero, 16 years Bob Price, 16 years Jose Vera, 16 years Paul St. John, 36 years Paul Ekstrand, 8 years Patrick McClenahan, 3 years Charlie Slemaker, 4 years Andrew Benton, 9 years Jessica Hughes, 1 year Brent Lehman, 1 year Herb McGurk, 5 years Aaron Wilkins, 1 year



