

EL RODEO

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“MAY WE THINK OF FREEDOM, NOT AS THE RIGHT TO DO AS WE PLEASE, BUT AS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT.”

Peter Marshall



A MESSAGE...

FROM LEADERSHIP

This might be the first time being asked since I was President in 2013 to write something for the El Rodeo. Shows just how desperate the El Rodeo is for content. Even though I've been asked for my thoughts out of last-minute desperation to fill a page, I'll still take the opportunity to address the club...well because I am a Past President, after all.

My first instinct when asked to write something was to list off all the things that I am thankful for in Rotary. It would allow me to rattle off a big list of inspiring projects and worthwhile causes. It would let me brag, yet again, about our LA5 Scholarship Fund, the amazing scholars and the whopping \$250,000 we awarded last year. How about the face shield manufacturing business we formed in 2 weeks to provide free face shields to protect thousands of frontline workers? Or what about the \$100,000 in Community Service Grants to help foster kids find forever homes? And after talking about these three projects, I wouldn't have time to mention another water system built in Myanmar that will provide clean drinking water to hundreds of people or the lunches we bought for 60 Los Angeles fire fighters.

So this El Rodeo entry is dedicated to my fellow Rotarians who are the heart and soul and true inspiration behind LA5. I am so proud to call you friends. You motivate me every week to find more ways where I can be of service. When I see you on Facebook with your families, it is like I am watching another episode of This is Us and you inspire me to be a better father, a better husband and a better person. To the leadership both past and present, I am always so amazed and impressed how serious you take the responsibility of running the club. The value of the time, talent and treasure you give to LA5 is truly immeasurable.

Rotarians, we don't have the projects without you. We don't serve the community without you. We don't make a difference without you. I hope we will continue to inspire each other. Learn from each other. Help each other. Talk to each other. So in the end we can serve together. I can't wait until we can be together, in person. Until then, I'll see you on Zoom!

Yours In Rotary,



Ken Chong

Past President 2013-2014
 Vice Chair, Rotary Club of Los Angeles
 Foundation
 Gateway Chair
 Washed Up President Podcast Host



What's Going On This Friday?



**FRIDAY
11.13.20**

COME ZOOM WITH US!

BINGO!

We need a little more fun mixed into our weekly meetings and club business. This week we are going to play some BINGO! Must register in advance!



[REGISTER HERE](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



- NOV 12** Morning Social Hour
- NOV 13** BINGO!
- NOV 14** Joint Service Project
- NOV 20** Corporate Board Service with Linda Griego
- NOV 20** Club Board Meeting

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

All Current Events are ZOOM Video Meetings Unless Otherwise Noted

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.



This Week's Birthdays



Dan Guerrero	Nov 10
Laura Thompson	Nov 10
Jose Luis Sanchez	Nov 11
Steve Schultz	Nov 11
Jermaine Ee	Nov 12
Judy Jenkins.	Nov 12

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

