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## "GIVING IS NOT JUST ABOUT MAKING A DONATION. IT IS ABOUT MAKING A DIFFERENCE"

Kathy Calvin
Former Chief Executive Officer United
Nations Foundation



#### A MESSAGE...

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Rotarians,

I have a picture on my wall at my office that portrays a man reaching down through the water. The perspective is from under the water looking upward, suggesting that the man is looking down into the water and then extending his hand as if to offer assistance. As you look closely at the painting you realize that the man reaching down is actually standing on the surface of the water while he is stretching out his hand.

Anyone who knows the story of Jesus walking on water (on the Sea of Galilee) may put two and two together: this painting is a suggestion of what it might have looked like when Jesus reached down to help his Disciple Peter. After Peter realized what Christ was walking on water, he asked if he could join him out there and do the same. Indeed, Peter stepped out of his boat and took a few steps on the surface of the water, but then got scared by the waves. His enthusiasm and faith faltered, and he began to sink. This picture depicts reaching down into the water in order to pull Peter back up.

I bring up this image to let you know that, what this painting makes me feel is similar to what I feel being a part of Rotary, especially when we are serving our community. Whether it's distributing hygiene kits, distributing food boxes or just offering help wherever we can, I feel as though we are in the midst of miracles sometimes and just don't realize it.

In that painting, you cannot see the sunken Peter. All you can see is a man reaching down, breaking the surface of the water with his fingers. To me, this is a reminder that, sometimes we might just be metaphorically walking on water as we serve our fellow man and we just don't know it...we don't see it. As this man in the painting broke the surface of the water with his fingers it said to me that he was just reminding himself that it was water...that it was a miracle.

It's an honor to be a part of Rotary and to serve with you. Thank you for being a part of the miracles that we are allowed to do, even when they may not feel so extraordinary in the moment, when you're busy getting things done. For me, it's simply a matter of recognizing how blessed we are and then appreciating those gifts by sharing them with others; by trying to do a good work; and not doing it because we expect anything in return.

I consider Rotary and LA5 to be one of the sweetest things for which I am grateful. Celebrating this Thanksgiving season is just another excuse to say it out loud.

With gratitude,



Matt Ball

President
Rotary Club of Los Angeles
2020-2021



## THANK YOU VETERANS



- Robert Aldridge, US Army, 1970 – 1972, Vietnam, Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal
- Harold Birkholm, Father of Mike Birkholm, US Marine Corps, Purple Heart
- William H Bridge Jr., Father to William Bridge, US Air Force, Korean War
- James R. Lucking, Brother of PP Mike Birkholm, US Army, Distinguished Flying Cross
- John Dibb, Father of Jack Dibb, US Army, Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart
- Denny Dynes, US Army, 1964 1970
- Richard Ekstrand, Father of Paul Ekstrand, US Navy
- Leon Elster, US Navy, WWII
- Rae Elster, Wife of Leon Elster, Cadet Nurse Program, WWII
- Richard Frank, US Army, WWII
- Eric Garcetti, US Navy Reserve, 2005 - 2013
- Stayce D. Harris, US Air Force, Major General, Policy Analysis, Meritorious Service Medal
- Clyde Harris, Father of Stayce Harris, US Air Force
- J. Dean Heller, US Air Force
- Philip Jacques, Father of Paul Jacques, US Army, 1953-1955, Korean War
- James H. Marovish, Father of G. Vickers Marovish, US Navy, WWII, Korean War, 4 Medals including Navy Air Medal
- Rob Menz, US Army, Captain, 2000 – 2006
- John F Mullin, US Army
- Edwin Nelson, Father-in-law to Dave Tomblin, US Army, WWII, Purple Heart
- Eddie De Ochoa, Husband of Denise Anthony, US Army
- Don Older, Father to PP Charisse Lara, US Air Force
- Mark Higgins, US Navy, 1982 -1988, Meritorious Service Medal

- David Meshulam, US Navy, 
   Lieutenant, 1969 1972,
   Republic of Vietnam Combat
   Medal
- Eli Meshulam, Father of David Meshulam, US Navy, WWII
- Richard Meshulam, Brother of David Meshulam, US Navy, 1975-1999
- Jerry Meshulam, Brother of David Meshulam, US Navy, 1974—1976
- Bob Price, US Navy
- Chester, Father of Walker Railey, US Army, WWII
- Bob Reed, US Army, 1956 1958
- Don Robinson, US Army, 1st Lieutenant
- Craig Miller Ruth, Father of Annie Ruth, US Marine Corps, Korean War
- Steven Schultz, US Air Force, Captain, 1974 - 1977
- Conrad Schultz, Father of Steven Schultz, US Marin Corp, Purple Heart, Navy Cross
- Mother of Steven Schultz, US Navy, WWII
- Albert, Father of Jim Simonds, Divebomber Pilot, WWII
- Harvey Strode, US Marines, 1966 - 1968
- Thomas Sullivan, US Air Force
- David Tomblin, Father of Dave Tomblin, US Navy Pacific Fleet, WWII
- Herbert Schlau, Father of Lauren Schlau, Army Air Corps
- Ben Tunnell, Jr., Father to Ben Tunnell III and Grandfather to Megan O'Rourke, US Army, WWII, Korean War, Vietnam
- Benson Turner, US Marine Corps, PFC, 2nd Engineer Bat., 5th Marine Air-Wing, Vietnam
- Gerry Turner, Honorary Member, US Navy

## **THANK YOU VETERANS**



- Roderick M. Howard, father of Nancy Howard; Past President Rotary Club of Fort Wayne Indiana, US Navy, WWII
- Jim Hoyt, US Air Force, 2nd Lt.
- Richard, Husband to Christina Hurn, US Army
- Ralph Hurn, Father to Christina Hurn, US Navy WWII
- Norma Hurn, Mother to Christina Hurn, US Navy WWII
- Nicholas Hurn, Nephew to Christina Hurn, US Coast Guard
- Scott Hurn, Nephew to Christina Hurn, US Air Force
- Don Knabe, US Navy, Vietnam era
- **Dennis Kneier**, US Army
- Nick Lara, Husband to PP Charisse Lara, US Air Force
- Father of Janet Lindstrom, US Army, Captain, WWII, Korean War, Bronze Medal
- Ed Matveld, US Army, Sgt E5, 1961 - 1965
- Tony Medley, US Air Force Reserve, Vietnam Era
- Victor Walch, US Army, Spec/4, Ft Ord, 1956 - 1958
- Ruth Wong, US Air Force, Brig General
- Harry Cheshire, US Army Air Corps, 1942 - 1946, Air Medal
- Earl Haberlin, US Navy, Commander, WWII, Korean War, Vietnam
- Henry Mulryan, US Army, Private 1st Class, WWII, Victory Medal
- Roger Reck, US Army, Specialist 5th Class
- Joseph Reck, Son of Roger Reck, US Navy
- Randy Riesberg, Father to Malinda Monterrosa, US Army, Captain

- Steinar Tweiten, US Army, Spc. 4, 1955 - 1957
- Scott Wagenseller, Brother to Laine Wagenseller, US Navy, Ensign, Kuwait
- Ward Wagenseller, Brother to Laine Wagenseller, US Army, Captain, Bronze Star
- Samuel Hunt, Jr., US Army, Specialist 4th Class, New Mexico National Guard, Air Force ROTC, Army Reserves, 1949 - 1967
- Charlie Runnels, US Navy Air Corps, 1942 – 1946
- Dr. Gordon Fels Schaye,
   Husband Dr. Carmen E. Schaye,
   US Navy, Lieutenant Commander,
   Vietnam
- Earl R St.John, Father of Paul St. John, US Air Force, WWII, B24 Pilot
- Philip Swan, US Army, 1953
   1955
- Frank Ulf, US Navy, Lieutenant
- Quincy Diego Van Antwerp, Son of Walker Van Antwerp, US Army
- Ken Viscount, Brother to Diane Netzel, US Marine Corps, Vietnam
- James Petty, Dad to Malinda Monterrosa, USMC, Company Commander - Alpha Company
- Don Swenson, US Army, Sergeant, Korean War
- Kenneth Willis, Father of Elizabeth Skrzat, US Army, 1<sup>st</sup> Calvary, Vietnam War

# What's Going On This Friday?



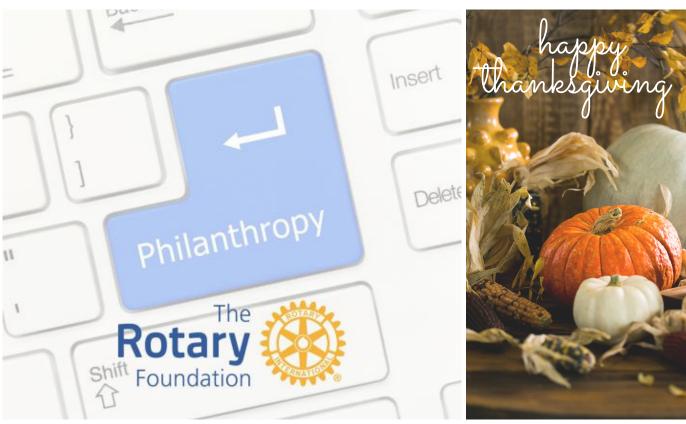
# COME ZOOM WITH US!

#### CORPORATE BOARD SERVICE

Linda Griego's career uniquely melds community/public service with private enterprise.



# **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**





# OFFICER AND DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

<b>NOV 20</b> Corporate Board Service with Linda Grieg
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NOV 20 Club Board Meeting

NOV 27 DARK - Happy Thanksgiving!

**DEC 02** LA5 Foundation Committee Show and Tell

**DEC 04** Club Assembly

DEC 05 DARK - Happy Hanukkah!

### **CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE CLUB CALENDAR**

# **SERVICE PROJECT:**









# LA5'S HOMELESSNESS HYGIENE KIT PROJECT













# WHAT WE DID



This project is a collaboration among the first five Rotary clubs in the history of Rotary! Thanks to our Rotarians and volunteers, we collectively assembled and distributed over 10,000 hygiene kits across all five cities (Los Angeles, Oakland, San Francisco, Seattle, and Chicago).

### CHECK OUT MORE PHOTOS HERE

# **OUR VOLUNTEERS**



DAVE MESHULAM **DIANE NETZEL** JENNIFER GREGG **DESI DAVIS PAUL JACQUES NANCY HOWARD ALAN BERNSTEIN DENISE ANTHONY ELIZABETH VIPOND** MALINDA MONTERROSA KIM MELGOZA STAYCE HARRIS **CAROLYN DEVINNY ANNA FLORES DON CROCKER HERB MCGURK** LORESA GRIGSBY ...FOR THE CARDS! **HERB MCGURK** MALINDA (& HUBBY) LAUREN SCHLAU CAROL MEDINA **DON CROCKER GRACIE ABALOS** DAVID TAKAKAWA **REGAN TAKAKAWA** CHARLENE **BARRY HYTOWITZ** JERMAINE (& FAMILY) SHAHLA REYNOLDS JAMES REYNOLDS JOSH MANDELL MATT BALL **BRENDA WIEWEL ELIZABETH VIPOND** ZELDA (DTLA ROTARY) ...FOR ASSEMBLING!!

SALE!



# BLACK FRIDAY SALE

(SORT OF)

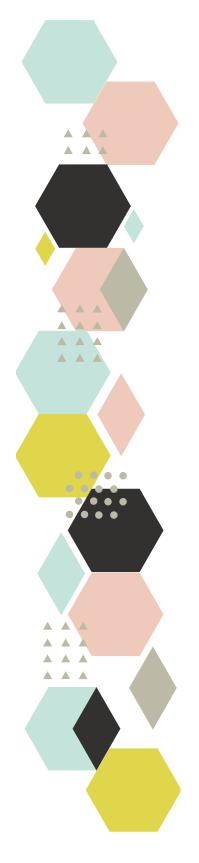


\$15 / PAIR (INCLUDES TAX & SHIPPING TO YOUR HOME)

PROCEEDS BENEFIT CLUB OPERATIONS

**PURCHASE HERE** 

# **LA5 FOUNDATION SHOW & TELL**



WEDNESDAY, DEC 2, 2020 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

JOIN CLUB BOARD DIRECTORS JOHN SPOKES AND KATHLEEN KAVANAUGH TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE LA5 FOUNDATION AND THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

#### **PLUS**

An inspirational conversation with local philanthropist and founder of Food on Foot, Jay Goldinger.

**REGISTER & LEARN MORE HERE** 

# This Week's Birthdays



PP Todd Johnson Karl Pettijohn

Nov 16 Nov 22

### **HAPPY ROTARY ANNIVERSARY**

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

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

