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"THE HEART THAT GIVES
THANKS IS A HAPPY ONE,
FOR WE CANNOT FEEL
THANKFUL AND UNHAPPY
AT THE SAME TIME."

Douglas Wood



#### A MESSAGE...

#### FROM LEADERSHIP

Dear Rotarians,

Recent social media postings on #givethanks have caused me to reflect on some of the things for which I am grateful, especially this week. Topping that list—besides my amazing family—is the work that sustains me and allows me to support that beautiful group of people. Next would be my faith and religious belief that buoys me up; and third would be LA5. Seriously, no pretense or false-complimenting here...Rotary has become like family to me and something for which I am extraordinarily grateful.

After discussing this with our Executive Committee, and having Charisse Lara, (our rather amazing Executive Director) take up the "printing" torch and produce this document from Club Runner, we decided that one of the simplest ways we could express our thanks to you as a Rotarian during this season was to make sure that you had a printed copy of our entire current membership (see attachment in email sent earlier this week or reach out to me to ge a copy).

I realize that this is not the slickly produced and well-bound, advertising-rich tome that has graced past years, but it's a hard copy; something I think we all sometimes appreciate after spending so much time on our phones or computers.

Please accept this token as my/our suggested list of blessings that will fill our lives with greater purpose and appreciation—if we just take the time to connect. Hey, that once-a-week Rotary meeting opportunity (11:30 am on Fridays) is always a good place to start. Or, you could always use this as your greeting card list during the Holidays, if not your emergency contact list when you need it. (I suspect that anyone listed here would respond if you had a crisis—w/o even a second thought...I know I would.)

As I give ultimate thanks to the power – I believe – that gave me life and breath and free will (aka: my God), I include you in the sweetest of reasons to express my gratitude for being able to know you.

I hope your Thanksgiving is filled with indelible memories of good will and opportunities to express love. Perhaps you will be the one who initiates all of it this year.

With so much appreciation,



Matt Ball

President
Rotary Club of Los Angeles
2020-2021



SALE!



## BLACK FRIDAY SALE

(SORT OF)



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

PROCEEDS BENEFIT CLUB OPERATIONS

**PURCHASE HERE** 

## What's Going On This Friday?



## WE ARE DARK!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Wishing you and yours a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend.



### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**





# OFFICER AND DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

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- **DEC 02** LA5 Foundation Committee Show and Tell
- **DEC 04** Club Assembly
- DEC 05 DARK Happy Hanukkah!
- **DEC 18** Club Board of Directors Meeting
- DEC 25 DARK Happy Holidays!

#### 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

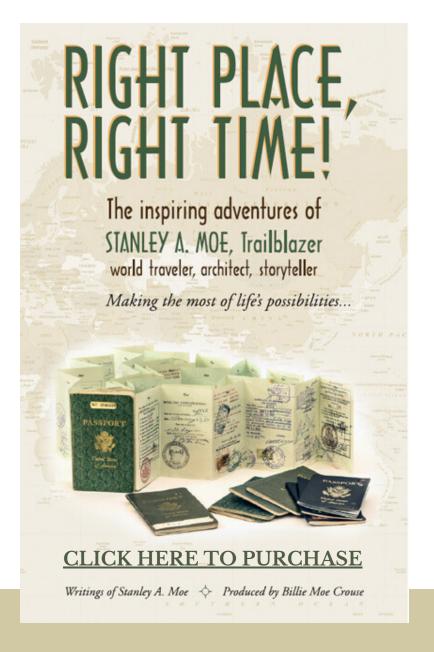
### **OUR VOLUNTEERS**



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!!

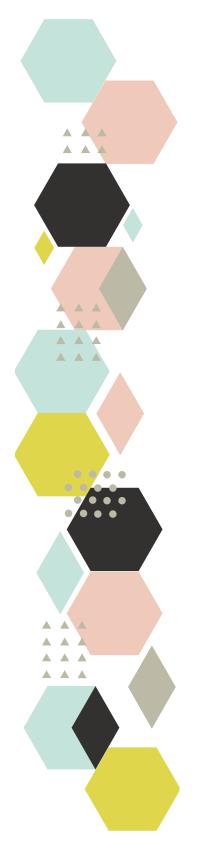
### A MEMOIR

#### STANLEY A. MOE



The inspiring Adventures of a Trailblazer, World Traveler, Architect, Storyteller, Rotarian

### **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



Anthony Bourg. Mandi Budd.

Nov 28 Nov 29

#### 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

