

# EL RODEO

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**"THERE IS ALWAYS LIGHT, IF ONLY WE'RE BRAVE ENOUGH TO SEE IT. IF ONLY WE'RE BRAVE ENOUGH TO BE IT"**

**Amanda Gorman**  
American Poet



A MESSAGE...

## FROM LEADERSHIP

*We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, ensure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.*

As you may remember, this is the Preamble to the United States Constitution.

As a child of the 60's, I learned this in school and watched as the world around me felt far away from these aspirations. 1968 with Vietnam War and the assassinations of MLK and RFK really were difficult times. The past year has reminded me of those feelings at times...

But we persisted. Our country learned from our mistakes and sufferings and charted a new brave course to do better. That's what I like about Rotary.

At our last meeting, Brenda Wiewel invited us to join her in a brief meditation. We breathed, connected with our inner selves and re-set. Just for a moment.

It's *these* moments that are so important these days. We can get caught up in the drama or we can get to work helping our Community to improve. Personally, I can't wait to get back to work on Scholarships, helping our Community Service Committee to make an impact, maybe even starting up an Adopt-A-School (I'd love to get a few going and encourage Rotary to engage ALL CLUBS in this important mission).

I think the best way to help create *a more perfect union* is through Rotary. We can do so much more *TOGETHER* than by ourselves.

One Moment at a time.



*Alan Bernstein*

Past President  
Rotary Club of Los Angeles  
2014-2015





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## Did You Know?

### Did You Know?

- Congratulations to Emily Gibson, daughter of PP Rick, who just graduated from USC with her masters of studies in law!
- Deepest condolences and love to Paul Jacques, who lost his mother, Rita, on December 31, 2020 (given her great sense of humor, Paul thinks she might have selected that date to save him from another year of doing her taxes)

**Give us a chance to show how much we care.  
Let us know about:**

- Special events to share and celebrate in El Rodeo.
- Losses, illness, other difficulties so we can send out TLC.
- Interest to join Rotary Cares and help send caring notes.

### Contact

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GET TO KNOW OUR...

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



**BEATRICE**

### WHERE DID YOU ATTEND SCHOOL?

Harvard College

### BRAG TO US ABOUT WHAT YOU DID THIS YEAR!

I used it to fund an educational trip to Ecuador and shadow physicians with MEDLIFE.

### HOW DID YOU USE YOUR SCHOLARSHIP MONEY?

I engaged in sociology research, interned at the Kaiser Permanente School of Medicine, and had an educational experience in Ecuador!

## WHAT'S GOING ON THIS FRIDAY?



**FRIDAY  
1.22.21**

# COME ZOOM WITH US!

**CLUB MEETING WITH  
SPEAKER CARL GIST**

Carl utilizes his background in public policy, project management, business development and program development to provide clients with transformative solutions



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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



**Rita Soronen**



**Ruth A. Karron, M.D.**



**Children's Court  
Committee**



**Italian Happy Hour**

- JAN 22** Club Meeting with Speaker Carl Gist
- JAN 29** Club Meeting with speaker Rita Soronen
- JAN 29** Rotary Club of Los Angeles Foundation Retreat
- JAN 29** Italian Happy Hour
- FEB 5** Club meeting with speaker Ruth A. Karron, M.D.
- FEB 5** Children's Court Committee Meeting (MOVED FROM 1/29)

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

All Current Events are ZOOM Video Meetings Unless Otherwise Noted

**SAVE THE DATE**

**LA5 FOUNDATION FELLOWS  
& LEGACY CIRCLE DONORS:**

**SAVE THE DATE  
FOR THE FOUNDATION DONOR  
RETREAT**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 29TH AT 12:30 PM  
(IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR CLUB MEETING)**

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION TO FOLLOW**



## HAPPY HOUR

# Italian

## HAPPY HOUR

### WHERE

On Zoom and in  
your home!

### WHEN

Friday  
January 29th, 2021  
5:30pm-6:30pm

### WHAT YOU NEED

To fully embrace the  
experience, guests will be  
invited to participate in  
crafting their own  
cocktails and preparing an  
antipasti plate.

Ingredients you will want to have on hand include:

Aperol, Campari, Prosecco, Club soda, Orange peel,  
Baguette, flatbread or grissini/bread sticks, Prosciutto,  
Good italian olives, Eggplant Parmigiano reggiano, Olive oil

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## DISTRICT BREAKFAST

Join us for our 3rd District Breakfast!

8 a m - 9 a m



**Our keynote speaker is Rotary International Director and Past District 5170 Governor Brad Howard, who will share insights that delight and inspire.**

**REGISTER**

# LADWP SYSTEM STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT GROUP

## REPORT #3

**Dear LA5,**

I attended my fourth meeting of the LADWP WSSEG on December 16th. This was the last in a basic series of conversations between system stake holders and LADWP staff leaders prior to final editing and issuance for comment of the 2020 Five Year Water System Report required under California State Law. Public comment is scheduled to begin February 27, 2021. This year WSSEG has heard presentations on and discussed with staff leadership water demand issues, supply issues, water forecasts, and quality assessments.

LADWP has developed Operation NEXT, which is designed to satisfy ultimately 100% of demand within its service area. 2045 population is projected to rise to 4.8 million within the service area. The water demand projection is 700,000 acre feet per year. This will require much more water conservation than we now have and directly affect the cost of purchasing the water that exceeds the amount produced by the district, or in areas owned by the district. So, reliability of supply has been a major subject in the planning process. It will continue to be so.

There is a lot more to the plan and related issues. LADWP is preparing a plan for public comment that will allow for the report to be submitted on time in July of 2021. I expect to be able to share more with LA5 as information becomes available.

**Sincerely,**

**John Langfitt**

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## Upcoming Birthdays

# Happy Birthday!

Walker Van Antwerp - Jan 20

Katrina Eagilen - Jan 21

Carol Medina - Jan 21

Russ Whittenburg - Jan 23

John Mullin - Jan 24

John Schulhof - Jan 24

Harvey Strode - Jan 24



## HAPPY ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

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

Terry Dedeaux - 33 years

Angela Fisher - 4 years

Erik Laykin - 15 years

Mike Stevens - 4 years

Mitch Englander - 5 years

Mark Ridley-Thomas - 11 years

Anthony Calloway - 12 years

Ted Fukuda - 6 years

Denise Anthony - 19 years

Rick Gibson - 10 years

John Emerson - 4 years





## THOMAS TECHENTIN

FEBRUARY 7, 1937 - DECEMBER 29, 2020

As you all may know by now, we are very saddened at the passing of Thomas (Tom) Techentin, beloved husband of our dear Laney Techentin, on December 29, 2020. He was a great supporter of our Master Chorale family through his philanthropic efforts and was very active in the community.

The following is his obituary that describes his extraordinary life and generosity. The family has generously asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Los Angeles Master Chorale.

[THOMAS TECHENTIN OBITUARY \(2021\) - LOS ANGELES TIMES](#)

We will miss him as we offer our condolences to Laney, their family, and friends during this difficult time.