

# EL RODEO

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**“THINK OF GIVING NOT AS  
A DUTY BUT AS A  
PRIVILEGE.”**

John D. Rockefeller Jr.



A MESSAGE...

FROM LEADERSHIP

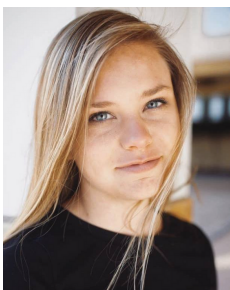
Dear Rotarians,

This past Monday I helped a friend's mom pick up 2,000 pounds of dog food from the Oregon Humane Society warehouse. She runs a non-profit that helps foster and adopt out German Shepherds that need to be rescued and I was bored, wanting to get out of the house, so I offered to help. I loaded 2,000 pounds into her van and then unloaded that 2,000 pounds at her office. I did not even realize that I was volunteering until we were in the car afterwards and she asked me if I wanted to put working for her non-profit on my resume. She said to me that I just fed over 106 dogs because I helped her out that day.

This past 8 months I have been feeling pretty down about the lack of volunteer work available to me. In a typical semester I usually complete around 40 hours or so, but this semester I only completed around 10 and most of those hours were done from home such as the AFSP Suicide Prevention Walk where I simply watched the live stream of the event or when I wrote 150 cards for Brenda's hygiene kit project. I kept feeling like what I was doing wasn't enough - that I should have done 300 cards for Brenda or raised more money for AFSP or risked my health to help out at Midnight Mission. The philanthropy that I have been doing for the past 8 months hasn't been up to my normal standards.

After my experience on Monday I had that feeling of wanting to do more, that I hadn't met my own expectations of what I wanted to be able to do. The Oregon Humane Society donated two palettes but I could only fit about one in the van. When she told me how big of a difference that my help was going to make I realized something: we, as philanthropic people, are always going to want to be doing more because there's always so much more that can be done, but that does not lessen the importance of the work that we have done thus far. I could have been sitting on the couch watching Netflix for those few hours trying to cure my boredom but instead I fed 106 dogs. When I wrote 150 cards for Brenda that meant that 150 people were going to be able to read my notes of encouragement. The money that I raised for AFSP is going to make a difference even if it wasn't as much as I wanted it to be. It's important to remember during this pandemic that although we might not be making the same difference as we did pre-COVID, we are still making a great difference with the projects that we can do safely or from home.

Keep being awesome,



*Desi Davis*

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Rotary Club of Los Angeles  
2020-2021



**SALE!**

THE ORIGINAL LA5 SOCKS

# JUST A SALE



**\$15 / PAIR**

(INCLUDES TAX & SHIPPING TO YOUR HOME)

PROCEEDS BENEFIT CLUB OPERATIONS

**PURCHASE HERE**

# WHAT'S GOING ON THIS FRIDAY?

**FRIDAY  
12.4.20**

## **COME ZOOM WITH US!**

**CLUB ASSEMBLY**

Join us for the nomination of the 2021-2022 Club Officers and Board of Directors.



[REGISTER HERE](#)

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



- DEC 4** Club Assembly
- DEC 11** DARK - Happy Hanukkah!
- DEC 18** DARK - Happy Holidays!
- DEC 18** Club Board of Directors Meeting
- DEC 25** DARK - Merry Christmas!
- JAN 1** DARK - Happy New Year!

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

All Current Events are ZOOM Video Meetings Unless Otherwise Noted

# ANNUAL NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

## PRESIDENT

Paul Ekstrand

## CLUB OFFICERS

President-Elect: Malinda Monterossa  
Vice President: Gary Jimenez  
Secretary: Herb McGurk  
Treasurer: Bo Lee

## INCOMING BOARD MEMBERS

Teruko Weinberg  
Osei Stewart  
Annie Ruth  
Peter Weinberger  
Tiffany Rollins  
Barry Hytowitz  
Vien Le

## RETURNING BOARD MEMBERS

Ivan Lovegren  
Adam Weiss (replacing Gary Jimenez)  
Brenda Wiewel  
Shahla Reynolds  
Open Seat  
Vinod Budchauhan  
Ben Harati

## NOMINATED SERGENT AT ARMS

Jared Smith  
Azim Vishani  
Tammy Nguyen  
Samantha Kim  
Mandi Budd

## This Week's Birthdays



Gracie Apolos

Dec 8

# HAPPY ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

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

*Christina Hurn. 15 years*

*John Briscoe. 23 years*

*Fritz Coleman. 15 years*

*Claudia Piston. 16 years*

*Daryl Osby. 6 years*

*Mike Antonovich. 20 years*

*Walker Railey. 20 years*

*John Schulhof. 20 years*

*David Singer. 7 years*

*Jackie Lacey. 8 years*

*Mike Ross. 2 years*

*Jeremy Weinglass. 2 years*

*Kathy Turner. 31 years*

*Gene Block. 9 years*

*Paul Branks. 15 years*

*David Burcham. 9 years*

*Roy Follmuth. 32 years*

*Elizabeth Vipond. 7 years*

*Jon Gibby. 25 years*

