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Dear Fellow Rotarian ,



Last week we may have witnessed a first (no, not the Chinese New Year celebrating the year of the PuppyMonkeyBaby)...I am referencing the fact that in addition to having our program speaker, David Burcham, autograph a book for donation to the LBUSD, we were able to present him with a Paul Harris Fellowship Award, courtesy of the extraordinary generosity of **VP Adriana Lanting**. It was indeed a great way to recognize one of Long Beach's leading lights in the education arena, and hopefully an encouragement to Mr. Burcham to consider membership in our club as he begins his retirement.

This week we keep the theme of Long Beach luminaries in the forefront as we welcome Ed Ratleff to the podium. Please join us to hear from one of Long Beach State's most accomplished basketball alum.

In honor of our legendary 49er presenter, I give you a couple of tidbits about Long Beach State men's hoops history (according to the infallible Wikipedia):

The 49ers have appeared in nine NCAA tournaments. Their combined record is 7-10.

Three numbers have been retired in LB State basketball history:

- No. 30 - Lucious Harris (retired 2007)

- No. 32 - Bryon Russell (retired 2010)

- No. 42 - Ed Ratliff (retired 1991)

The following LB 49er players have played professionally for the NBA: Al Brightman, James Cotton, Craig Dykema, Leonard Gray, Bob Gross, Lucious Harris, Juaquin Hawkins, Craig Hodges, Glenn McDonald, Eric McWilliams, Cliff Pondexter, Ed

Ratleff, Samuel Robinson, Bryon Russell, Chuck Terry, George Trapp, Michael Wiley, Morion Wiley, Ricky Williams, James Ennis, Casper Ware.

Yours in Rotary Service,  
**Greg Burnight, FY 2015-2016, Pres# 99**

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## THIS WEEK'S MEETING



### **Wednesday - February 17- National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Famer, Ed Ratleff 12 noon**

Ed Ratleff was inducted as part of the 2015 class of the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame. The Ohio native was the cornerstone of Long Beach State's glory days under legendary coach Jerry Tarkanian. Ratleff was a two-time, first-team All-American while at LB State. He was part of the 1972 US Olympic team that lost a highly controversial gold medal to the Soviet Union by one point. Ratleff was the 6th pick for the 1973 NBA draft and played 5 NBA seasons with the Houston Rockets. Ratleff, the greatest basketball player in LB State history, grew up playing baseball.

## NEXT WEEK'S MEETING



### **Wednesday - February 24 - Club Talent Revue Show 5:30pm-7:30pm**

#### **CALL NOW TO RESERVE SPACE AT A TABLE !**

Instead of a lunch program, we will be having an evening meeting at the Old Ranch Country Club. All members should plan to gasp and applaud the talent abounding within our club members. From singing and dancing to a magic show, knife throwing, acrobatics, presidential pipe band----you do not want to miss the many surprises in store for you! What a perfect opportunity to invite your favorite guest for an evening of laughter and camaraderie. Cash bar opens at 5:00pm; dinner at 6:00pm; meeting begins at 6:30pm

**Call to reserve a meal by February 17, even if on the Meal Plan.**

## LAST REGULAR WEEK



If you were there last week, you met **David Burcham**, recent past president of Loyola Marymount University. Burcham spent 24 years at LMU before leaving office in May 2015. During his tenure he oversaw completion of the \$400 million Right Place Right Time, launched a \$100 million scholarship initiative, kept university tuition increases below the national average while setting records for the number of student applications. Burcham graduated 1st in his class from Loyola Law School in 1984 and clerked at the US Supreme Court for Justice Byron White. Tuition costs and student debt are rising, yet critical thinking and communication skills of college graduates are decreasing. Despite pressure from parents and employers, Burcham continues to advocate that the role of higher education is to train tomorrow's leaders and scholars across a wide range of professional fields, creating positive skills that contribute to society and enhance humanity. The explosion of news and technology has led to the globalization of superficiality. How to acquire knowledge (vs. information) that is deep, broad, and reliable is a serious challenge. In addition to the speaker's book as our traditional club gift, Burcham was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow, courtesy of member **Adriana Lanting**.

**Ron Grimm** led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Sergeant-at-Arms Traci Glassock** introduced our guests and celebrated the birthdays of **Donna Reckseen** and **Jill Rosenberg**. Because 52 Rotarians participated in the **Football Super Bowl Squares** \$1,425 will be donated to our Charitable Foundation. Announcements were made by: **Andy McFarland** (Centennial Park Clean-up - Feb. 13), **Debra Fixen** (American Red Cross Blood Drive - Mar 23), **Greg Haeseler** (Rotary 101 - Feb. 17), **Connie Rivera** (Quito trip - May 4).

Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions were awarded to: **Eileen Factor's** two grandchildren, **Ginny Baxter**, **Don Cochran** (PHF+1), **Paul Kennard** (PHF+1), **George Bell** (PHF+2), **Rayne Sherman** (PHF+2), and **Brian Russell** (PHF+5).

## COMING UP



### Wednesday - February 17 - Rotary 101 1:35pm

To really understand how the club and Rotary International works, you need to attend this monthly class. Normally held on the 4th Wednesday of the month, this is scheduled a week earlier because the 4th Wednesday meeting in February will be held at night.

Learn about Rotary's Commitment to Youth and The Women of Rotary from **Past President Cam Killingsworth** (one of the first 4 women members of the Long Beach club). Review Chapters 15 & 16 in advance.

### Thursday - February 18 - It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere --- The Boathouse 5:30-7:30pm

It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere and for February we are meeting at the ever popular The Boathouse on the Bay. This steak and seafood restaurant on Alamitos Bay offers spectacular water views and amazing sunsets. Join us with host Rotarian John Morris at 190 N. Marina Drive. 5 O'Clock Somewhere (formerly known as 5th Avenue) is our monthly after hours mixer on the 3rd Thursday of the month. A perfect time to relax and enjoy friendships with fellow Rotarians, family, friends, and prospective members.

### Sunday - February 28 - Ronald McDonald House Sunday Meal Prep 4:00pm

It's never any fun to have a sick child in the hospital. Thanks to the LB Ronald McDonald House some families can stay nearby while the child is receiving medical treatment. Help prepare a home-cooked meal for the families. It is often they only time they have a real meal that day, where they can actually all sit down together. Contact team captain : **Mike Miller** ([mike.miller@vistage.com](mailto:mike.miller@vistage.com))

The following is being proposed as a member of the Rotary Club of Long Beach. Her name is hereby submitted to the membership for a 10-day period as required by the bylaws. Any comments can be addressed to either the President of the club or the Executive Director during this 10-day period.

### Angel Chung Cutno - Educator, International Virtues Academy

Proposed classification: Education-LBUSD-Private Charter School

Proposed by: Adriana Lanting and Kay Cofield



## NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

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- **Feb 17** - Rotary 101 1:35pm
- **Feb 17** - LBR Charitable Foundation Board Meeting 2:15pm
- **Feb 18** - 5 O'Clock Somewhere (The Boathouse) 5:30-7:30pm
- **Feb 24** - No Lunch, but evening Talent Revue 5:30-7:30pm
- **Feb 26** - Golf Outing (Rec Park) 11:00am
- **Feb 28** - Ronald McDonald Sunday Prep (Mike Miller) 4:00pm

More information about upcoming events [ [here](#) ]. The above events qualify for makeup credit [ [here](#) ] or you can review EClub programs [ [here](#) ]

## This Week's BIRTHDAYS



- **Ken Cecil** - 2/17 Kenneth Cecil, CPA (Accountants-Certified Public-Accounting)
- **Tony Gales** - 2/17 Rossi Daskocil & Finkelstein, LLP (Accountants - Certified Public - Taxation)
- **Jill Rosenberg** - 2/17 Coldwell Banker Coastal Alliance (Real Estate - Residential)
- **Gaurav Datta** - 2/19 Datta Law Group, APC (Attorney-at-Law - General Practice)
- **Karen Widerynski** - 2/19 Foot Solutions Long Beach (Shoes - Retail Foot Health Center)
- **Karen Wyrick** - 2/19 Retired (Honorary)
- **Bonnie Lowenthal** - 2/19 Retired (Health Care - Mental Health Consultant)



For Rotarians, The Four-Way Test is the cornerstone of all our actions.

Of the things we think, say or do ...

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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