

ROTARYGRAM

August 10, 2016 - Vol. 100, Issue 6



President #100 Jayne Lastusky with LA District Attorney Jackie Lacey and the Courageous Citizens.



All August 2016 meetings aboard the Queen Mary.

[This Week's Meeting - August 10, 2016 - Katie Gaston - "RotarAct Perspective: Finding Peace Around the Globe and Back"](#)

Katie Gaston was one of the founding members of

[Calendar](#)

Bring a Guest!

August 10: Katie Gaston - "RotarAct Perspective: Finding Peace, Around the Globe and Back"

our local LB Community RotarAct club in 2011. She later served as its president and was appointed by the 2013-14 RI President to oversee RotarAct policy for RI. Katie has just returned from a nine-month trip, touching six continents, in pursuit of her passion for international understanding.

[Next Week's Meeting - August 17, 2016 - 2nd District Councilwoman Jeannine Pearce](#)

As recently-elected councilwoman to the 2nd District, Jeannine Pearce shares her vision for a district with two critical zip codes: the one with the longest life expectancy and the one with the shortest life expectancy in Long Beach. The difference is an astounding seven years. Pearce talks about the intersection of community service and equity.



[Last Week's Meeting Highlights - August 3, 2016](#)

Jackie Lacey and the LA District Attorney's Office presented the 30th annual Courageous Citizen Awards to six local heroes. We learned of a custodian at the Green Line Metro who intervened as a man assaulted a woman during a robbery attempt. Two women and a woman came to the aid of 74-year-old nearly blind man who had been struck down in the head for no apparent reason. Two neighbors answered the plea for help from a woman whose daughter had hired an assailant to kill her. Not only did their actions save lives, but their dedicated involvement in the judicial process led to the conviction and imprisonment of the perpetrators.



Nancy Kindelan celebrated her birthday. President Jayne Lastusky reminded members of the Centennial Park Cleanup on Saturday and that August 3 was the last day to reserve group tickets to the Angels End Polio Game (September 10).

[Community Avenue of Service - Mollie Beck](#)



Community Service is described as "the very heart of service, where every Rotary club on earth acts as the good neighbor in its local community.

In the Rotary Club of Long Beach we:

- 1) Maintain and clean Rotary Centennial Park, the park built with Rotary donations, Rotary labor, Rotary heart and imagination, every second Saturday at 8:00am.

August 17: Jeannine Pearce - "Intersections of Community Service and Equity"

August 24: Jeffrey Prang - LA County Assessor

August 31: Jerry Schubel - Aquarium of the Pacific



Birthdays of the Week

August 9 - **Don Wylie** (Retired, Harbor Management)

August 11 - **Don Serafino** (Eye Physicians of Long Beach, Medicine-Ophthalmology)

August 12 - **Elliott Dixon** (Law Offices of Elliott Dixon, Attorney at Law-Probate)

August 12 - **Nancy Kindelan** (Retired, Non Profit Organizations-American Red Cross)

August 13 - **Mike Jensen** (Pacific Retail Partners, Real Estate-Commercial & Investment)



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Jim Worsham

(Chair-Brian Russell)

2) Show our community mindedness by participating in the Belmont Shore Holiday Parade. (Chair-Katherine Peoples McGill)

3) Read to elementary children through our Rotary Reads program. (Chair-Paul Kennard)

4) Help families with limited resources celebrate the holidays with Operation Santa Claus. (Chair-Gabrielle Canale)

5) Cook and serve dinner once a month to families who are staying at the Ronald McDonald House while they tend to their sick child. (Chair-Connie Rivera)

6) Donate blood to the American Red Cross. (Chair-Debra Fixen)

7) Support our military families and veterans as needed. (Chair-Steve Keesal)

Contact the individual Chair OR you can identify another opportunity and bring it to my attention. We can create a Volunteer Bureau to participate in activities on an Ad-Hoc basis---not as a club-adopted program but as individuals to augment and provide resources to other worthwhile community events.

This is the way we join our neighbors and our community to make Long Beach a better place. Call one of these Rotarians and volunteer YOUR time. It's the gift that has no dollar value but is wholly invaluable.

[New Member Proposal - Philip Sblendorio](#)

The following is being proposed as member of the Rotary Club of Long Beach. His 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.

Philip Sblendorio - Sr. Vice President, F&M Bank

Proposed classification: Banking

Proposed by: John Hinrichs and Greg Haeseler

Vice Presidents

Jeremy Harris
Freda Hinsche Otto
Matt Kinley
Kelly Ruggirello

Sergeants-at-Arms

Vali De Vries
Mark Kachigan
Nancy Kindelan

Avenue Directors

Mollie Beck-Community
Theresa Brunella-Fellowship
Michele Dobson-Youth
Adriana Lanting-International
Steve Shaw-Club
Dennis Smith-Membership
Wendy Sorel-Vocational

Communications

Jay Beeler

Centennial Task Force

Cam Killingsworth

Scholarship Foundation

Jane Netherton

Past President

Greg Burnight

President-elect

Steve Keesal

President-nominee

Gail Schwandner

Assistants to the President

Connie Rivera
Alfredo Velasco

Executive Director

Madrid Zimmerman

Administrative Assistant

Virginia Zart

Rotary Club of Long Beach usually meets every Wednesday
at 12:00 noon on the Queen Mary.

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