

# ROTARYGRAM

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A New Tradition is Born!! Under the watchful eye of President 100 Lastusky and Tournament Czar Vali De Vries, the board gathered Thursday afternoon on the Peninsula for the 1st Annual Rotary Board Cornhole Tournament. With this intensely-competitive group, it was clear from the beginning that the 4-Way Test would be waived for the evening. Excitement reached a fever pitch as two teams played for the championship - Marvelous Molly Beck and Past-

President Greg Burnight vs Mark Kachigan (not wearing speedos to the disappointment of female passerbys on the Boardwalk) and Connie Rivera. As the full moon rose in the east, the Kachigan/Rivera team surged to victory. Later, czar De Vries awarded them the first place prize of corn-candy adorned shot glasses. All other participants received coveted "Honk If You Love Paul Harris" bumpersticker. Third place went to President-Elect Steve Keesal and Wendy Sorel (see Wendy's report on Vocational Service below).

All August 2016 meetings aboard the Queen Mary.

[This Week's Meeting - August 24, 2016 - Jeffrey Prang - LA County Assessor](#)

On December 1, 2014, Jeffrey Prang was sworn in as the 27th Assessor for the County of Los Angeles. He leads the largest local public property assessment agency in the nation. This year the office established an assessed valuation of \$1.391 trillion on over 2.6 million properties in L.A. County (See Chronieler Report below for more information on the Assessor).



[Next Week's Meeting - August 31, 2016 - Jerry Schubel - Aquarium of the Pacific](#)



Dr. Jerry Schubel has been president and CEO of the Aquarium of the Pacific since 2002. At the Aquarium of the Pacific he created the Aquatic Forum that brings together scientists, policy-makers and stakeholders to explore alternative ways of dealing with complex, controversial environmental issues facing the nation.

["ROTARY ANNOUNCES CENTENNIAL LEGACY PROJECT"](#)



At last week's meeting Past President Jane Netherton officially announced our club's Centennial Legacy Project. In keeping with membership desires expressed through the 2013 *Evening Dinner Focus* discussion, LB Rotary will be sponsoring a **Children's Storytime Theatre and an Early Childhood Literacy Area** in the new main downtown LB Public Library. As the inaugural donor to the LB Public Library Foundation for this civic project, our club has pledged \$250,000. We have reached more than half that amount already, with the general membership campaign to begin in a couple of weeks.



[Last Week's Meeting Highlights - August 17, 2016](#)

To coincide with the official launching of our Centennial Legacy project, Jeff Fullerton of Edgemoor

## Calendar

Bring a Guest

August 24: Jeffrey Prang - LA County Assessor

August 31: Jerry Schubel - Aquarium of the Pacific

September 7: Chris Koontz - LB Citywide Land Use Update

September 14: Chip Espinoza - Millennial Workplace

September 21: Gillian Zucker - LA Clippers

September 28: ROTARY ROOTS



### Birthdays of the Week

August 25 - **Rich Dempsey** (Antiquities of The Americas, American Antiquities-Retail)

August 25 - **Janet McCarthy** (Goodwill, So, LA County, Non-Profit Organizations-Goodwill Serving People of SOLAC )

August 25 - **Regina Cash** (College of Continuing & Professional Education, Education-CSULB-Continuing & Professional Education Programs)

August 27 - **Mort Stuhlberg** (Retired, Manufacturing-Safes)

August 28 - **Brandon Hovard** (US Bank,



Infrastructure and Real Estate brought the club up-to-date on the LB Civic Center re-development. Work on the main center building will take place first, followed by the library, Lincoln Park, and then the commercial development. Estimated groundbreaking for the library is mid-2017. Like the LB Governor George Deukmejian Courthouse, the Civic Center is a private-public project.

### [Vocational Avenue of Service - Wendy Sorel](#)

Greetings! I am proud to serve as Director of Vocational Services for our Centennial year! Along with an outstanding team, we will deliver three active programs which allow all members to share their occupational talents and showcase their organizations. This is the 25th year our club has sponsored 60+ LB area high school students for a 2-1/2 day hands-on experience creating their own businesses. **Camp Enterprise** has been described as "transformational"....and the big question is who gets more out of the trip, the 20+ Rotarians who mentor, or the students?



**Rotary Roots** takes us back to the origins of Rotary, when club meetings rotated among member organizations. Eight excellent locations are lined up for September 28. Online registration will begin on August 31--sign up quickly, as space is limited at each location.

Our club is so rich with talent which so many young people are hungry to share. Through our **Youth Mentoring and Vocational Development** committee we can connect Rotarians to community resources with which to share your knowledge. Whether you are interested in a one-to-one connection with a young person who needs a role model, a brief speaking engagement at a high school, or participating at the junior high school level in E=O2, a dynamic program founded by our own Walter Larkins, we can help you find a fit between your interests, time availability and goals.

We will be announcing more about Camp Enterprise and Mentoring shortly, but feel free to contact me in the meantime at [wendy.sorel@gmail.com](mailto:wendy.sorel@gmail.com).

### [CHRONICLER REPORT - L.A. COUNTY ASSESSOR](#)

Upon his return from Sacramento he said, "*We never had a chance. My trip was useless. It was all fixed up and I came away with my pretty*

Banking)



*Greg Burnight & Connie Rivera in action at the Cornhole Tournament*

### New Member Proposals

The following four are being proposed as members of the Rotary Club of Long Beach. Their names are 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.

**Marjorie Fleming - President/CEO, Fleming Metal Fabricators**  
Proposed classification: Manufacturing - Metal Fabricators  
Proposed by: Jayne Lastusky and Craig Dougherty

**Sergio Garcia - Captain, The Salvation Army Long Beach Citadel**  
Proposed classification: Non Profit Organizations - The Salvation Army  
Proposed by: Bob Patton and Mu Zhang

**Kenneth Jacobs - CEO, Group 181**  
Proposed classification: Advertising  
Proposed by: Greg Haeseler and Gabrielle Canale

**Mary Ellen Mitchell - Executive Director, WomenShelter of Long Beach**  
Proposed classification: Non Profit Organizations - WomenShelter  
Proposed by: Freda Hinsche Otto and Bonnie Lowenthal

*speeches unspoken.*" News torn from today's headlines? No --these are the words of beloved LA County Assessor E.W. Hopkins after he unsuccessfully fought the Board of Equalization's half a billion dollar increase in the county's assessed valuation. Hopkins served as assessor between 1910 and 1938. One year before our Rotary Club was formed (1916) the assessed value of LA County property was \$980 Million increasing to \$1.021 Billion in 1918. According to our speaker Wednesday, Assessor Jeffrey Prang, the 2016 assessed value of LA County property is now \$1.391 Trillion of which \$51.574 Billion applies to Long Beach, a 2.7% increase from 2015. The assessed value of Long Beach property 100 years ago in 1916 was \$35.40 Million, a large chunk no doubt attributable to our Rotary Club's first meeting site, the posh Hotel Virginia featured in last week's report, plus lavish homes owned by Rotarians.

**Chronicler Quiz No. 1:** Can you guess the population of Long Beach when our Club was founded in 1917? It's one of the following according to the Long Beach Historical Society. President Lastusky will reveal the answer at this week's meeting.

- a) 43,560
- b) 51,956
- c) 42,450
- d) 44,865
- e) "Who cares, I live in Laguna Niguel"

## LB Rotary YouTube

Visit our club [YouTube](#) page for selected clips from our first club *Talent Revue* (February 2016)

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

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