

ROTARYGRAM

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ed by President Mark Bixby (2003-2004), our Rotary Club raised \$130,000 to build Rotary Centennial Park (above), a 1.2 acre park at Pacific Coast Highway and Junipero. The park commemorates the 100th anniversary of Rotary International in 1905. Our contributions provided playground equipment, an educational and artistically spectacular "planet walk" designed by our own Philip Smith, plus enhanced soft and hardscape elements. On the second Saturday morning of each month, our members gather to clean and maintain the park. The current chair of the Centennial Park Committee is Brian Russell.

**September 21 meeting aboard QM.
September 28 meeting OFFSITE.**



This Week's Meeting - September 21, 2016 - Kelly Colopy - The Health Condition of the Long Beach Population

Kelly Colopy is the Director of the Health and Human Services

Calendar
Bring a Guest

September 21: Kelly Colopy - State of Population Health in Long Beach

September 25: Ronald McDonald House Sunday Meal Prep (Connie Rivera)

Department for the City of Long Beach. The Department has over 300 employees in 30 programs working with community partners focused on improving the health of its citizens. Kelly will provide an overview of the current health condition of the population in Long Beach.

[Next Week's Meeting - September 28, 2016 - OFFSITE with Rotary Roots](#)

Instead of meeting aboard the Queen Mary, 8 club members have offered their places of businesses to meet for lunch----just like Rotary founder Paul Harris and the first Rotarians used to do, taking turns meeting at each others' business. Online registration is required to attend. Since there is a waiting list for some venues, PLEASE do not just show up somewhere to attend.....IS IT THE TRUTH? IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED??

[Last Week's Meeting Highlights - September 14, 2016 - 100 Years of Long Beach Sports with Mike Guardabascio and John Fylpaa](#)

When Mike Guardabascio reported in early August about the 16 Long Beach area athletes and coaches who would be in Rio at the 2016 Olympics, he was just barely touching the tip of the iceberg. Long Beach has long been a breeding hotbed of athletes and coaches who not only made their mark in a Long Beach school, but went on to professional sports. Award-winning sportswriter, Mike, summarized why Long Beach has produced so many Olympians and prominent athletes: diverse students in background and skills set, groups like The Century Club providing access to sports not necessarily available to young athletes, and magnet school sports programs. John Fylpaa (president of The Century Club) noted that The Century Club started in 1957 and has raised more than \$2.5 million for young athletes. Because of this kind of support, athletes like Billie Jean King and Misty May Trainor are inclined to give back to the Long Beach community.



Also Last Week was our second **Civic Pride Presentation from Dan Walker**, Chairman of the Board, F&M Bank. F&M celebrated their centennial in 2007 and attributes its longevity to commitment to community and confidence in their depositors. In recognition for a winning polo season, Walker also donated \$4,000 (one for each polo player) to the LB Rotary Charitable Foundation.

Past President #96 Greg Haeseler introduced the 23 Paul Harris Fellow recognitions, from first-time PHF to PHF+6 Past President #66 Carl

September 28: ROTARY ROOTS - OFFSITE

September 30: Golf League Outing - Old Ranch Country Club (Jim Kinmartin)

October 5: Eloy Oakley

October 5: Reading by 9 Fundraiser

October 5: 1st round ballot - Election Committee

October 19: DARK - NO Meeting

October 20: Boat Cruise (5:30pm) - replaces October 19 meeting

October 26: 2nd round ballot - Election Committee



Birthdays of the Week

September 19 - **Randy Kemner** (The Wine Country, Wine & Spirits - Retail)

September 19 - **Mike Soutar** (Architects McDonald, Soutar & Paz, Architecture & Interior Planing & Design)

September 21 - **James Ahumada** (Associated Students, Inc., Education-CSULB-Project Management)

September 21 - **Don Rodriguez** (Boys & Girls Club of LB, Non-Profit Organizations-Boys & Girls Clubs)

September 22 - **Roger Lockwood** (Earthscapes Custom Landscaping, Contractors-Landscape)

September 23 - **Mike O'Toole** (Gondola Getaway, Entertainment-Gondola Cruises)

Calkins.

Tim Richmond announced the **2016 Centennial Sports Trophy Award**: St. Anthony High School won for the 2nd year in a row.

Philip Sblendorio (F&M Bank) was introduced as the newest member to the Long Beach club. Phil is past president of the Torrance Del Amo Rotary club.

Youth Avenue of Service - Michele Dobson

Past RI President Luis Vincente Giay coined the term New Generations when he shared his belief that the future of Rotary relied on involving young people in the organization's programs and activities. At the 1996 RI Convention in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, he said: "Our vision for the future, now more than ever, is the difference between success and failure. The New Generations are our investment in the future. Let us begin to build that future today."



I am honored President Jayne asked me to chair Youth Services and I am excited to carry forward the work of Rotarians Bijan Noori, Don Cochran, Dough Haubert and Howard Fletcher. We will continue to support the existing Youth Services programs but are excited to announce our goal to charter and place a Rotaract chapter at Long Beach City College. Rotary youth programs can be a starting point for a lifetime of service in Rotary.

Nonetheless, I did not want to assume that everyone knows what falls under this Avenue of Service so here is a thumbnail. "Interact" is Rotary's school-based service club for youth ages 12-18. "Rotaract" is Rotary's service club for young adults ages 18-30 and can be community or school-based; university-based clubs consist of undergraduates and graduates students who meet on campus. "Rotary Youth Leadership Awards" (RYLA) is Rotary's leadership training program for high school students. RYLA emphasizes leadership, citizenship, and personal growth. The program demonstrates Rotary's respect and concern for youth by providing an effective training experience for potential leaders, encouraging leadership of youth by youth and publicly recognizing young people who serve their communities. Rotary Youth Exchange is a program for youth (ages 15-19) allowing students to spend anywhere from several days to up to a year living in a different country and learning a new culture.

Here's to an exciting year in Youth Services!



Rotary founder, Paul Harris, recognized in Washington, DC as going The Extra Mile.

NEW QUEEN MARY MENU

Have you noticed lunch lately on the Queen Mary? Like the Street Taco Bar?? Or last week's Taste of Tuscany???

As a reminder there is a minimum charge of \$10.00 to attend the lunch program.

Even if you do not eat anything, we still have to pay for the room facility, QM staff, parking.



Beverly O'Neill awarded Steve Kuykendall the Community Leadership Award at Friday's LB Leadership Prayer Breakfast. Signature event sponsor was PP Greg Haeseler.

COMING SOON.....
Club Election time.....
Select the 7 members who will serve on

President's Message - Jayne Lastusky



Fall officially begins this week as we near the end of the first quarter. Great things are happening.

Every day I am reminded of the integrity and veracity of our members. Cam Killingsworth, Centennial Chair, is providing exemplary leadership to the Centennial Team, ensuring that our 100th year will be relevant and memorable. Jane Netherton, Centennial Project Chair, was responsible for securing our wonderful Centennial Project, and Nancy Kindelan, Project Fundraising Chair,

is leading a very successful Centennial Project fundraising campaign. We are just completing the leadership portion of the campaign. The continued generosity of our amazing members is truly inspiring. You will hear more about the campaign this week when Nancy rolls out the membership campaign. I hope that everyone will support our centennial literacy project and participate. Pledges can be made over a two year period.

In two weeks, we will begin the process of electing the Nominating Committee. This committee will be charged with the task of identifying President #103. You will be asked to vote to elect members of the Nominating Committee in October. More information about this very important process will be provided at this week's meeting.

Are you enjoying lunch? The Queen Mary is working with us to provide meals that are nutritious and tasty. You will see themed buffets and healthy options including vegetarian and gluten-free.

Reminder! The cost of lunch is \$25.00. If you do not wish to eat lunch, the cost of the meeting is \$10.00, which includes coffee, a cookie and parking.

the Election Committee to select

PRESIDENT #103

October 5: 1st round Ballot
October 26: 2nd round Ballot

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

The following is being proposed as a 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 or Executive Director of the club during this 10-day period:

**Rand Bleimeister - Executive Director,
Sylvan Learning of LB**

Proposed classification: Education-Private-
Sylvan Learning of LB

Proposed by: Jerry Bloeser and Doug
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Congratulations to our new Honorary
Members - Donna Reckseen and Meredith
Shaw

While not members of the club, they
perform incredible, regular service towards
our efforts.

Honorary membership was renewed for:
Bill Marmion, Valerie Owen, Karen Wyrick,
Madrid Zimmerman

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

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