

ROTARYGRAM

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Larry Jackson, left, and Jane Netherton, right, join recipients of Rotary scholarships at the annual New Scholars Lunch last Tuesday at Cal State Long Beach. Our Rotary Club is the second largest provider of scholarships at CSULB, funding in 2016-2017 131 scholarships totaling \$251,500. Larry is Chair of the Scholarship Foundation's CSULB Committee; Jane is Foundation Chair.

October 19 - DARK - NO LUNCH MEETING

[Next Week's Meeting - October 26, 2016 - League of Women Voters - CA November Ballot Propositions](#)

The U.S. Presidential and the California Senator candidates are not the only important choices on the November ballot. Faced with 17 state propositions plus several county and local measures, voters this November are asked to make many important decisions. Representatives from the League of Women Voters will be providing

Calendar

Bring a Guest

October 19: DARK - NO Meeting

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

October 23: Ronald McDonald House Sunday Meal Prep - Captains: Conor Weir and Lydia

a summary to help navigate through the many considerations we are faced with in this election.

Bring your copy of the pamphlet of the California General Election Ballot propositions you received in the mail to take notes!

First Meeting in November - November 2 - LA County Supervisor Don Knabe

Due to term limits, Don Knabe will be retiring from a position he has held since 1996. Knabe represents the 4th District, a uniquely diverse area ranging from Marina Del Rey through the San Gabriel Valley. Knabe has spent most of his political career protecting innocent and vulnerable children in Los Angeles County. He formerly served on the Cerritos City Council and as past president of the Cerritos Chamber of Commerce. 48 years ago he married Julie Gillbreath, a native of Long Beach.



Last Week's Meeting Highlights - October 12 - Russ Parsons - "Food Controversies: Organics and GMOs"



Russ Parsons was the food editor and columnist of the LA Times for more than 25 years. He has been writing about food for more than 30 years and is the author of the cookbooks "How to Read a French Fry," and "How to Pick a Peach." He has won every major American food journalism award and was elected to the Who's Who in the Food Hall of Fame. Russ de-bunked the common perception of the divide between organic and conventional farmers, and reported that both are embracing best practices to grow healthy food for a growing worldwide population, while trying to protect the environment. Some of these common practices include: integrated pest management, crop rotation, reducing food waste. California produces more than 50% of all fruits and vegetables in the nation.

Also last week, District Governor Ray Sanford reminded the audience of the many special traits various Long Beach Rotarians have displayed over the most recent years, and that we are building our legacy for the world as we fulfill our duty to give. President Jayne introduced Marjorie Fleming (Fleming Metal Fabricators) as the newest club member. Past President Frank Newell gave a brief update on the results of last year's *Reading by 9* fundraising efforts (see more below).

Vincenty-Lowell

October 26: Reading by 9 Fundraiser

October 26: League of Women Voters - November California Ballot Propositions

October 27: Information Meeting - 7:30am (Matt Kinley's office)

October 28: Golf League Outing - 11:30am - Skylinks Golf Course (Jim Kinmartin)

November 2: LA County Supervisor Don Knabe



Birthdays of the Week

October 15 - **Patrick O'Grady** (Blue Chip Foodsystems, Food Concessions)

October 18 - **Earl Newkirk** (Retired, Automobile Financing)

October 19 - **Howard Fletcher** (Student Center for Professional Development, Education - CSULB)



Fellowship on the golf course with Rotarians at the monthly golf outing. Don't miss out on October 28th.

NEW QUEEN MARY MENU

Reading by 9 - Frank Newell - Fundraising Chair

As a teaser for the October 26 club fundraiser, last week Past President #83 reminded Rotarians that in 1999 we joined the *La Times* and *Scholastic Books* to create the Reading by 9 program (to have LB school children reading at grade level by age 9). In that first year LB Rotary raised \$8,000 and donated 6,500 books to 5 LBUSD schools. We start this 18th year having already raised over the years \$500,000 to purchase over 245,000 books for our LBUSD child development centers, elementary schools, other literacy programs.



Be sure to attend the October 26 lunch program to watch Frank miraculously match the many faces in the crowd with the appropriate names--or least they will be Rotarian-sounding names !

Annual District Rotary Foundation Gala - November 19



Celebrate 100 years of the Rotary (International) Foundation at this year's District Gala. Indulge in the supper club atmosphere of *The Great Gatsby* theme in the Balboa Pavilion (400 Main St., Newport Beach). Festivities start at 5:00pm. RSVP online (www.rotary5320.org/calendar) or through Lauren Pittman (714-878-4646). Cost is \$110 per person, semi-formal attire.

American Red Cross Blood Drive - Donate anytime!

Every two seconds, someone needs a blood transfusion. Yet only 3% of Americans donate blood. A person can give blood every 56 days.....so you can give more than just once a year.



LB Rotary club is pledged to donate 100 pints of blood by June 2017.

Have you noticed lunch lately on the Queen Mary?
Like the Street Taco Bar?? Taste of Tuscany??? Asian Stir Fry??? Pannini Delights?

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, Queen Mary staff, parking.



RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE
SUNDAY MEAL PREPARATION

October 23 at 4:00pm

Contact Conor Weir or Lydia Vincenty-Lowell to help (cweir@rbgnrp.com or lydiavincenty@yahoo.com).

Contact Debra Fixen (dfixen@yahoo.com) for upcoming blood drive dates including: October 31 at Shoreline Village from 1:00-7:00pm (blood mobile in front of the Funnel House). What a great way to celebrate Halloween by saving a life and avoiding Count Dracula's clutches !

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

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