

# ROTARYGRAM

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resident 99, Greg Burnight, reads to the children at Long Beach Day Nursery, with the Executive Director and Rotarian Whitney Leathers, a captured by the Long Beach Business Journal. The LBBJ highlighted the Rotary Charitable Foundation supporting local youth and education through philanthropy.

**[This Week's Meeting - November 16 - OFFSITE - Downtown Historic Walking Tour](#)** **[Tickets required for box lunch and walking tour - Meeting starts at 12 noon](#)**



## [Calendar](#)

Bring a Guest

November 16: OFFSITE - Downtown Historic Walking Tour (start at The Federal Bar)

November 16: LB Rotary Charitable Foundation Board Meeting 2:15pm

November 18: Golf Outing at Navy

Enjoy a guided tour of some of the historic commercial buildings downtown. Start with a box lunch at The Federal Bar (102 Pine Ave., Upper Deck) as we are serenaded by a USO ShowTroupe. Wear good walking shoes. Arrive by 11:45; tour begins at 12:30 and ends at 1:30pm.

**Reservations for box lunch and tour tickets were required.**

### **Next Week's Meeting - November 23 - DARK - NO MEETING**

No meeting on November 23 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

### **Last Week's Meeting - November 9, 2016 - Phil Ansell - LA County Homeless Initiative**



In June the State Assembly passed House Resolution 56 urging the Governor to declare a state of emergency on homelessness in California. This swift legislative move followed a unanimous vote by the LA County Board of Supervisors requesting this declaration. Phil Ansell was appointed Director of the County's Homeless Initiative in 2015 when he temporarily left his position as Chief Deputy

Director of the Department of Public Social Services, where he played a key role in the design and implementation of numerous programs and services for homeless families and individuals. Factors contributing to homelessness include: loss of job, critical shortage of affordable housing, abuse at home, incarceration, physical disability/mental illness, change in family status, drug/alcohol abuse. For men, it is often the loss of work, whereas for women it is often due to domestic violence. Ansell was encouraging more regional cooperation/collaboration to address the causes.

**Also Last Week** the club celebrated Veterans Day by recognizing the many club members who have served in the armed forces and members who currently serve through their involvement with related agencies (Fisher House, American Red Cross, Gold Star Manor). Paul Harris Fellows were recognized: Jim Hankla, Lori Daniel, Brian Russell, Mike Soutar. Doug Shea introduced our newest member Rand Bleimeister.

### **Message from the President - Jayne Lastusky #100**

The Crosstown Rivals will meet again this Saturday at the Rose Bowl. The Trojans and Bruins will battle it out to the finish while the fans and many Rotarians sport their colors. Will the Commish include this popular game in the football pool? This is not just



Golf Course 11:30am

November 23: DARK - No Meeting for Thanksgiving Holiday

November 27: Ronald McDonald House Sunday Meal Prep (Randy Gordon) 4:00-6:00pm

November 30: Robert Haxby, CBS Studio Archives

November 30: 5 O'Clock Somewhere at The Wine Country (wine tasting) 5:30-7:30pm



### **Birthdays of the Week**

November 14 - **Lori Daniel**- (Retired, Manufacturing-Custom Food Products)

November 14 - **Matt Kinley** (TD LAW, Attorney-at-Law - General Practice)

November 14 - **Lisa Ramelow** (La Strada, Restaurants - Italian)

November 14 - **Ken Noble** (Noble Distribution Systems, Warehouse Services)

November 15 - **Cheri Bazley** (LB Ronald McDonald House, Non-Profit Organizations-LB Ronald McDonald House)

November 16 - **Bill Ridgeway Jr.** (LB Animal Hospital, Veterinarian)

November 17 - **Craig Hymovitz** (LB Press Telegram, Newspapers-Advertising)

any game, it is the crosstown rival game. I hope you all enjoy some Rotary fellowship while you enjoy this long standing tradition. See the "blue border" for Alfredo Velasco's reminder of the game.

Reminder! The Belmont Shore Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 3. Bring your family and friends and walk with Rotary and our float in the parade. This is a wonderful opportunity for holiday fellowship.

November is *Rotary Foundation Month*. This year, in addition to our club's centennial, it is also the Rotary Foundation's Centennial. Together we celebrate 100 years of changing lives and improving communities all over the world. The Foundation's centennial will be celebrated at the 2017 Rotary Convention in Atlanta with a 100th birthday party. I encourage you to join us there. For more information visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

GO TROJANS !!

### **Centennial Legacy Campaign Update - Nancy Kindelan**



Thanks to your generosity, we continue to make progress toward our \$275,000 fundraising goal for the Centennial Legacy Project. We are now at 94% of our goal. To date, 105 Rotarians have made a donation and I am very grateful not only to those who have given so much, but to all of the people who have helped to raise this money. There are still many Rotarians who have yet to make a gift, and we need your help

in order to reach our goal. Please consider making a gift at your earliest convenience so that we can celebrate the conclusion of the campaign and the fact that we will have provided for a wonderful place for children to enjoy books and reading at our new downtown library. Thank so much for your support !

### **Membership Avenue of Service - Dennis Smith**



Thank you to everyone who has been bringing guests to our weekly meetings and Information Meetings. And a special thank you to those who have sponsored new members! Our club's health and growth depends on every Rotarian to introduce prospective members to our club through various activities and meetings and then to follow through with completing the sponsorship form if the prospect is interested in joining our club and meets the membership guidelines.

If you have a prospect and are not sure how to proceed please contact me, Madrid, or any member of the Membership Committee: Gabrielle Canale, Mu Zhang, Conor Weir, Bonnie Lowenthal, Craig Hymovitz or Adriana Lanting.



Adriana Lanting with RI President-Elect, Ian Riseley, at Rotary Zone Institute in Santa Barbara.



UCLA All-American football star, Alfredo Velasco, reminds Rotarians the big game with USC is this Saturday in the Rose Bowl.



Our club has pledged to donate 100 PINTS FOR BLOOD for 100 YEARS by June 2017 !

Contact Debra Fixen ([dfixen@yahoo.com](mailto:dfixen@yahoo.com)) for dates of upcoming blood drives around the city.

Next blood drive: November 22 in front of Chase Bank (2nd Street) from

Thank you to Marcelle Epley and Matt Kinley who have hosted our last two Information Meetings. If you have prospective members please invite them to our next Information Meeting (information below). In the meanwhile, invite them to our weekly meetings, golf outings, 5 O'Clock Somewhere or other activities.

Information Meeting: Thursday, January 16, 2017 (6:00-7:30pm)  
American Red Cross - 3150 E. 29th Street in Long Beach

*Who are you inviting to Rotary?*

## **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](http://www.rotary5320.org/calendar)) or through Lauren

Pittman (714-878-4646). Cost is \$110 per person, semi-formal attire. Call the office if interested in sitting with other LB club Rotarians.

## **Centennial Video Interviews**



Help us celebrate our Centennial! You will be contacted by a member of our Centennial Video Brigade to do a brief but fun video interview. Just looking for a 30-60 second sound-bite to use during our meetings, website, Facebook page throughout the Centennial year. Just say YES, when you get the call/email....we want to tape each and every one of you.

10:00am-4:00pm

*Already have 16 pints....need 84 more!*



December 3 - Christmas Parade

Join Belmont Shore's *Candyland Christmas* on Saturday, December 3.

Contact Katherine Peoples-McGill (562-424-4477,

[katherine@hppcares.org](mailto:katherine@hppcares.org)) to help with decorating our float and/or marching with the club.

Lance Kenyon and *The Hammered Nails* will be performing with us.

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

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