

# ROTARYGRAM

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Some of the Board of Directors who will serve with President Steve Keesal #101 during FY 2017-2018: (front row, left to right) Vali De Vries, Adriana Lanting, Steve Keesal, Jayne Lastusky, Connie Rivera, Wendy Sorel; (second row, left to right) Lynne Netherton, Steve Hockett, Suny Chang, Freda Hinsche Otto, Willetta McCulloh, Gail Schwandner, Mollie Beck, Terry Geiling, Kay Cofie, Gaurav Datta, Cam Killingsworth; (third row, left to right) Lynne Wainfan, Gabrielle Canale, Nancy Kindelan, Debra Fixen, Efren Baca

**Holiday Lunch program aboard the Queen Mary, 4th floor.**

**[This Week's Meeting - December 21 - Holiday Lunch - Queen's Salon, 4th floor](#)**



Colby Benson, who wowed the Long Beach Symphony Pops "Monster Mash" audience October 15 with her rendition of "Thriller" will perform at our Annual Holiday Lunch on December 21 in the Queens Salon. Benson is a talented vocalist, songwriter and performer who at age 15 was chosen as

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Bring a Guest

one of only 325 people out of 100,000 who made it to American Idol's Hollywood Week season 10. She has won numerous awards and contests. Her stage performance credits include: "Amneris" in Aida, "Sharpay" in High school Musical and "Annie" in Annie.

Another highlight will be a surprise visitor from the North Pole checking out who's being naughty or nice.

*Since this is not a buffet lunch, reservations were required beforehand.*

### **Next Lunch Program - January 4, 2017 - TBA**

We are **dark on December 28** for the Holidays...so enjoy your time with friends and family.

### **President's Message - Jayne Lastusky #100**



The holidays are here! ... with celebrations, parties and Rotary fellowship and cheer. I continue to be amazed by the generosity and good will of our members. You put your whole heart into everything that you do and touch the lives of people you will never know. You make our community and the entire world a better place for us all. Thank you!

Our Centennial year will officially commence on January 1, 2017, and what a year it will be. Celebrating 100 years of *Making a Difference Every Day* it is going to be a fun, enjoyable and memorable time as we celebrate our past, embrace the present and launch a blueprint of a relevant, sustainable future. I want to express my appreciation to the entire Centennial Committee for planning an incredible celebratory year. Congratulations to President-Elect Steve Keesal, his impressive Board and to President #103, Mollie Beck. They are, indeed, an outstanding team who will lead the second half of our centennial year.

I am looking forward to the 1st Annual Rotary Centennial Photo Contest and Selfies, too. See below for details.

I want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very warm and joyful holiday season filled with all good things. My hope for you is continued health, happiness and indomitable spirit!

Reminder! This is our last meeting in 2016. We are dark on December 28. The first meeting in 2017, our centennial year, will be on January 4.



*Rumor has it we will have a very special visitor from North Pole Rotary at Wednesday's meeting.*

December 21: Holiday Lunch Program

December 28: DARK for Holidays

January 4: Mike Machat, Aviation Artist/Historian

January 11: LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn

January 18: Chris Lowe - CSULB Shark Lab

January 25: Centennial Kick-off Program



### Birthdays of the Week

December 20 - **Tony Chi** (Tony T. Chi, DMD, Dentistry-Oral Surgery)

December 21 - **Otis Cliatt** (Pacific Harbor Line, Railroad Companies)

December 22- **Mitch Dion** (Retired, Oil & Gas Industry - Industrial Lubricants)

December 24 - **Jeremy Harris** (LB Area Chamber of Commerce, Associations-Chamber of Commerce)

**Last Week's Meeting - December 14 - President #101 Board of Directors and President #103 Announcement**



President #101 Steve Keesal revealed those Rotarians who have agreed to serve as his Board of Directors during FY 2017-2018. He reviewed the important role of the Centennial Task Force and all the different committee chairs who began planning almost two years ago. The impact of their efforts will continue to be felt during the remaining months of this presidency and through the end of 2017. Cam Killingsworth, the Task Force Chair, will continue to serve on the Board of Directors. Jane Netherton, Chair of the LB Rotary Scholarship Foundation will also remain on the FY 2017-2018 Board of Directors. Jayne Lastusky will continue as Immediate Past President. Nancy Kindelan has agreed to serve as the next Secretary/Treasurer. The four Sergeant-at-Arms are: Gabrielle Canale, Suny Chang, Gaurav Datta, Debra Fixen. The following will be the Directors of the seven Avenues of Service: Efren Baca (Club), Freda Hinsche Otto (Membership), Steve Hockett (Fellowship), Willetta McCulloh (International), Wendy Sorel (Vocational), Lynne Wainfan (Community), Kay Cofield (Youth). Past President #90 Terry Geiling will be the Assistant to the President. Gail Schwandner is bumped up to President-elect (as the future President #102). The four Vice Presidents are: Vali De Vries, Adriana Lanting, Walter Larkins, and Connie Rivera.

Mollie Beck was announced as President #103. An ordained minister who graduated from Cal Poly in horticulture, she has been an EMT, police reserve, investigator for city attorney, workers comp insurance adjuster and in real estate since 2000. Mollie has been in the club since 2002. In those 14 short years, she has served on the Board of Directors 8 times: two years as Assistant to the President (for #88 Randy Gordon and #99 Greg Burnight), Vice President for Bob Graham #89, and Director of one of the Avenues of Service 5 different years.

**Also at Last Week's meeting.....**Past President #83 Frank Newell noted how supportive the past presidents are of the Centennial Legacy library project. Of the 30 living past presidents, 28 are still members of the Long Beach club. Not only have all 28 given at least \$1,000 each, but 22 have given \$2,500 each ; 9 have pledged \$5,000 each; and 4 have pledged \$10,000 each. The total pledged support from all the past presidents is \$104,000!

December 25 - **Scott Magee** (Magee & Adler, APC, Attorney-at-Law-Estate Planning & Taxation)

December 28 - **Miri Lee** (Ourtopia, Inc., Networking - Travel & Social)

December 30 - **Phil Steuber** (Alta Office Services Coffee - Service)



*Meredith Shaw, Steve Shaw and Kay Cofield helping ring the Salvation Army Bell on 2nd Street.*



***January Centennial Kick-off Program***

RI President John Germ will not be able to visit us in January 2017.

The Centennial Kick-off meeting has been rescheduled for January 25



## [Announcing 1st Annual Rotary Centennial Photo Contest](#)



Here's your chance to get a photograph taken by you in the masthead of the Rotarygram for all your fellow Rotarians to enjoy. Our 1st Annual Rotary Centennial Photo Contest begins December 26, 2016. Please submit your entry to Madrid Zimmerman, [madrid@rotarylongbeach.org](mailto:madrid@rotarylongbeach.org), no later than January 31, 2017. One entry per member. The first category will be "People and Other Living Things" (Feel free to include Selfies), to be followed in the second and third contests by "Landscapes" and "Rotary." Due to the expected intense competition it was agreed judging would be too big a job for a bunch of amateurs so the entries will be judged by Long Beach's premier professional photographer, our own Salvador Farfan of Caught in the Moment Photography. The winner will be announced at our meeting February 8, 2017.

## [Farewell 2016](#)

We bid farewell to these wonderful Rotarians who left us in 2016.



Norris Bernstein



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*Save-the-Date: January 26, 2017  
LBR Scholarship Foundation Night*

*Check Presentation to Rotary Scholars*

CSULB vs. CSU Fullerton 7:30pm game  
Tickets: 562-985-4949 or [LBSUtickets@csulb.edu](mailto:LBSUtickets@csulb.edu)



*Belmont Shore Parade on Spectrum TV*

Did you miss the December 3rd Belmont Shore Christmas Parade? Or maybe just want to re-live the wonderful memory?

Spectrum Charter is broadcasting the 2016 Christmas Parade on Channel #188, every Saturday and Sunday at 4:00pm, during the month of December

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

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