

ROTARYGRAM

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The current and future leadership of our club wishes everyone a prosperous and healthy 2017!

ALL JANUARY LUNCH MEETINGS ABOARD THE QUEEN MARY.

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Bring a Guest

**This Week's Meeting - January 4, 2017 -
Mike Machat - Aviation in Southern
California**



Artist, author and historian, Machat will feature all the SoCal aircraft manufacturers from WWII to the present, with special focus on Long Beach. Machat is the former Staff Illustrator for the McDonnell Douglas Corporation and first President of the American Society of Aviation Artists. He has painted murals in the Bob Hope Airport terminal, Edwards Air Force Base, and the Museum of Flying in Santa Monica. Machat has four paintings in the Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum and eight paintings in the Pentagon. He is the only artist to win the prestigious Combs Gates Award from the National Aviation Hall of Fame. As an aviator, Machat has flown in 225 different types of aircraft. He has written three books on commercial and military aviation and was the former Editor-in-Chief for *Wings & Airpower* Magazine.

**Next Lunch Program - January 11, 2017 -
LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn**



Janice Hahn is no stranger to Long Beach or to our Rotary Club, as she was elected the US Representative for our 44th District in 2012 and 2014. A Los Angeles native, she first entered public office in 1997 joining the LA Charter Reform Commission and started serving on the LA City Council in 2001. In December 2016, Hahn succeeded Don Knabe as the LA County Supervisor for the 4th District.

**President's Message - Jayne Lastusky
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Paul Harris wishes all Long Beach Rotarians a very Happy New Year !

January 4: Mike Machat, Aviation in Southern California

January 11: LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn

January 18: Chris Lowe - CSULB Shark Lab

January 25: Centennial Kick-off Program

February 1: OFFSITE at the Golden Sails



Birthdays of the Week

January 1 - **Bob Foster** (Retired, Government - Municipal - Mayor)

January 3 - **Mark Gray** (Guzman & Gray, Accountants - Certified Public - Taxation)

January 5 - **Kraig Kojian** (Downtown Long Beach Associates, Associations - Downtwon Long Beach Associates)

January 7 - **Rallie Rallis** (R. Rallis Enterprises, Consultant - Business Coach)

Happy New Year! It is here, the official beginning of our centennial year when we will celebrate *100 years of making a difference every day*. For an entire century the Rotary Club of Long Beach has changed lives and strived to improve and advance our remarkable city. Our capacity to do great work is a result of our impressive membership and the elite leaders who continue to open doors and get things done. You put your heart and soul into everything you do.

I was proud to see RI President John Germ riding on the award-winning Rotary Rose Parade float...a friendly dragon with the world at its feet *Doing Good in the World*. The Rotary Foundation, like us, is also celebrating 100 years of transformational international service. I was even more proud to see USC's nail-biting win at the Rose Bowl. What a game!

The January 25 meeting will launch our centennial with a special program and celebration that will showcase the extraordinary impact our club has had on transforming lives. Don't miss the party.

During January, February and March, our beloved Past Presidents will serve as guest Sergeant-at-Arms. A blast from the past or is it back to the future? It will be uncensored and memorable.

I encourage all of you to participate in the 1st Annual Rotary Centennial Photo Contest (see below for details).

2017 will be an exciting year for everyone and especially for the Rotary Club of Long Beach....Happy Birthday!

Last Meeting - December 21 - Holiday Lunch



A large crowd of Rotarians and guests enjoyed our Annual Holiday Lunch in the beautifully decorated Queens Salon featuring a surprise visitor from North Pole Rotary and a musical presentation from talented vocalist and songwriter Colby Benson. Entering the Queens Salon guests were greeted by the "Ho, Ho, Ho" of Santa Claus in his chair in front of the Christmas tree where a line quickly formed to sit on Santa's lap. Adriana Lanting was one of the lucky ones. Before lunch we enjoyed music from Charles Julian Fearing of Mission Impossible Entertainment and a wine bar courtesy of Wine Country's



Wednesday's Speaker Mike Machat makes presentation to Jay Leno for "Jay's Book Club." Machat returns after a very well-received presentation in 2012 on the history of the Douglas Aircraft Co. in Long Beach.



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 re-scheduled for January 25



NEW DATE!

*Save-the-Date: February 16, 2017
LBR Scholarship Foundation Night*

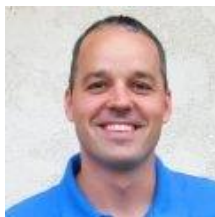
Check Presentation to Rotary Scholars

CSULB vs. UC Davis 7:00pm game
Tickets: 562-985-4949 or
LBSUtickets@csulb.edu

Randy Kemner. The classy feel of the room was enhanced by the poinsettia centerpieces arranged by Ginny Baxter.

President 100 Jayne Lastusky welcomed everyone and immediately gave the microphone to Santa Claus who complained about the lack of sleigh parking at the Queen Mary. Santa was assisted with Jayne's questions about North Pole Rotary by special guest District Governor Ray Sanford. Kelly Ruggirello Lucera and Marcelle Epley followed with a beautiful rendition of Irving Berlin's "White Christmas." Next, Past Presidents Frank Newell (1999-2000) and John Gooding (1996-1997) were fined for their recent golf junket to Pinehurst, North Carolina, pictured in the Press-Telegram. President Jayne recalled this was not the first time Frank and John had been fined together and put on the screen a Rotarygram "Last Week Summary" from years ago where Frank and John were fined for going to a lingerie fashion show at Legends, instead of attending Rotary. Vice President Kelly introduced featured guest Colby Benson who, accompanying herself on the piano, entertained us with holiday classics and jazz standards. She closed the program with a stirring rendition of "Oh Holy Night."

[Fall Football Frenzy with The Commish'](#)



After 17 weeks of fun, fellowship, and a little friendly competition, the 2016 Rotary Football Pool is coming to a close. By the time you read this message, we will have completed our final weekend of play. At press time, going into the weekend, it couldn't be much closer at the top! Last year's Runner up, Randy "FLOP" Gordon, holds a 1-point lead over the hard-charging trio of Jeff "El Jefe" Williams, Bijan "WarrenBij" Noori, and Theresa "Terrible T" Brunella. There are another 5 Rotarians within 3 points of the lead, so really anything can happen. I hope you can attend the lunch meeting on January 11th, where we will announce the final results!

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



POLIO Plus Concert with Itzhak Perlman **Seegerstrom Concert Hall** **Sunday - January 22 - 3:00pm**

Experience the world's reigning virtuoso of the violin, who is a polio survivor. 25% of ticket purchase donated to Polio Plus.

Ticket code: ROTARY
www.philharmonicsociety.org 949-553-2422

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, 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.

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

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