

ROTARYGRAM

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The "Foaming Wave" sculpture honors the memory of our friend and past president Mark Bixby who tragically left us six years ago this week. The plaque at the base of the sculpture reads - "This wave honors the energy, spirit and life of Mark L. Bixby. A devoted father, husband, brother, son, friend and community leader. 1966-2011." Mark was our 87th president serving in 2003-2004. He was and still is the youngest president in the history of Long Beach Rotary. The sculpture is located at the southeast corner of Allin Street St. and Termino Ave., just east of Belmont Pier.

All March meetings aboard the Queen Mary.

[Calendar](#)

Next Lunch Program - March 15 - Capt. Charlene Downey - US Coast Guard - Sector LA-LB



In June 2016, Captain Downey assumed her duties as Sector Commander and Captain of the Port for US Coast Guard Sector Los Angeles-Long Beach. From command offices on Terminal Island in San Pedro, the Sector coordinates operations in an area stretching more than 350 miles along the California coast--from north of Morro Bay and south to San Clemente--out 200 miles offshore, and includes the nation's largest port complex.

Also This Week Introducing the guests and birthdayites as Sergeant-at-Arms will be Past President Brian Russell (2014-2015). The 8 *Rotary Roots* locations will be announced--sign up online for your first choice for our April 5 lunch program.

Next Lunch Program - March 22 - Former MLB Pitcher Darrell P. Jackson



In 1977 Darrell Jackson realized his childhood dream of pitching major league baseball, an achievement that brought a jet-set lifestyle and a professional high. Six years later, he crash-landed in Los Angeles, hooked on crack. Sober since 1981, Jackson now pitches drug and alcohol rehabilitation to adolescents all over Southern California. He is one of the founders of GOOD (Gangs Out Of Downey) and the subsequent *10-20 Club*, providing social services for at-risk Downey youth.

Also Next Week Introducing the guests and birthdayites as Sergeant-at-Arms will be Past President Carl Calkins (1982-1983).



Paul Harris wishes all Rotarians a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Share Rotary with a Guest

March 15: Capt. Charlene Downey - Sector Commander, US Coast Guard, Port of Los Angeles-Long Beach

March 22: Darrell P. Jackson (former MLB pitcher)

March 23: 5 O'Clock Somewhere (4th & Olive)

March 26: Ronald McDonald Sunday Meal Preparation

March 29: Camp Enterprise Kick-off

March 31: Monthly Golf Outing (El Dorado Golf Course - 1:00pm)

April 5: Rotary Roots



Birthdays of the Week

March 13 - **Scott Lidgard** (Lidgard & Associates, Real Estate - Appraisal Services)

[Last Week's Meeting - March 8 - Duane Kenagy - Port of Long Beach Update](#)



Duane Kenagy took the reins as Interim Chief Executive for the Port of Long Beach in September 2016. He first came to the Port in 2014 in the newly-created position of Capital Programs Executive to oversee all elements of the Port's decade long, nearly \$4.5 billion Capital Development Program--the largest infrastructure investment of any port in the nation. Originally designed in the 1960s, the replacement of the Gerald Desmond Bridge will result in two towers that will be the tallest points in Long Beach. The Middle Harbor, with its full automation by 2020, will make it the most modern container terminal in the world, allowing it to handle three super ships at one time. The Port of Long Beach is the 2nd busiest container seaport in the US, handling trade valued at \$180 billion annually and supporting thousands of jobs (including one-in-eight Long Beach jobs).

Also Last Week Guest SGA and Past President Greg Burnight (2015-2016) demonstrated the penalty birthdayites John Hancock and Alfredo Velasco paid for not graduating from Cal Berkeley. Paul Scholz was recognized for his "free" tax tips in the LBBJ and Debra Fixen for her Mardi Gras spirit at Shoreline Village. Braden Phillips--recently retired from the LB Police Department--joined LB Rotary after many years commiserating with the Lions.

[Chronicler Report - Lafayette Hotel](#)



The fourth article on our six meeting sites.

Home of such legendary eateries and watering holes as the Ivanhoe Room, the Outrigger Room, the Panorama Room and the Gaslight Room the Lafayette Hotel at the corner of Linden Ave. and Broadway was Long Beach Rotary's home between 1951 and 1974. In its heyday the Lafayette hosted Rose Bowl and NFL teams and contestants in the Miss Universe Pageant. The first phase of the Lafayette complex was the 82-unit Campbell Apartments located in

March 13 - **Jack Senske** (Pactrust Bank, Real Estate - Mortgage Loans)

March 19 - **John Gilligan** (Gilligan Law Corp., Attorney-at-Law - Family Law)

March 19 - **Joen Garnica** (Garnica Interiors, Interior Design)

March 19 - **Tom Reep** (Reep Capital Group, Consultant - Board Advisory Services)



Rotary Golfs went to Palos Verdes Country Club, including Rotarians Rich Gibson, John Lindberg, Dennis Smith and Bond Nichols.



RONALD MCDONALD SUNDAY MEAL PREPARATION
Sunday - March 26

Help prepare a home-cooked meal for the families staying at RMD while their sick children get treatment at nearby medical facilities. Contact Connie Rivers (crivera@acta.org).

the middle of the block between Broadway and First Street. Opened in 1928 it cost \$700,000 and offered "apartments for the city's elite." In 1929 a five-unit hotel was opened on the corner of Linden Ave. and Broadway and was considered one of the finest examples of Art Deco architecture in the city. In 1952 Hilton Hotels bought the hotel and the Campbell Apartments and joined them to become one large hotel complex. In 1956 51 "lanai rooms" were built just east of the hotel and in 1956 the hotel opened the 17,500 sq.ft. International Ballroom, the largest banquet facility west of Chicago. Long Beach Rotary held many special events in the International Ballroom including a program for children and grandchildren featuring Gunsmoke's Marshall Dillon, James Arness. In 1967 the hotel suspended operations and in 1968 the Lafayette converted to condominiums. The meeting facilities remained open and in 1974 Rotary moved to the Golden Sails Hotel--a controversial move since it was the first time in the club's 57-year history that Rotary did not meet in downtown Long Beach. Apparently, the quality of the food and service tailed off considerably towards the end of Rotary's tenure at the Lafayette. In the Rotary archives is a letter from Rotarian Art Lockhart to the manager of the Lafayette commenting that *"the fish served at Rotary Wednesday tasted like asbestos, but the ice cream was OK."*

Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation



A special thank you goes to those Rotarians who supported the **Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation** with year-end contributions. The Foundation received \$35,500 in generous contributions this year end. Specifically, the Foundation would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Virginia Baxter and David Panotta, Craig Cross, Mitch Dion, and Vic and Patty McCarty.

5 O'Clock Somewhere
 Thursday - March 23
 Restaurant: 4th and Olive
 5:30pm-7:30pm



Rotarian Petar Sardelich participated with the youth at the Child Development Center for Reading By 9.

MEMBERSHIP 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 the President or Executive Director of the club during this 10-day period.

Mark Guillen - Director, Civic Engagement, Government Contracts - Molina Healthcare
 Proposed classification: Health Care - Civic Engagement
 Proposed by: Dana Buchanan and Marcelle Epley

GIVE BLOOD FOR OUR 100 PINTS



Rotary meeting includes St. Patrick's Day celebration. Front row, starting second from left is Burl McColm, Ernie Belcher; back row is Jim Bole and Jack Metzgar. Standing in the back right is Executive Secretary Elva Nibelink.



For our centennial year LB Rotary has pledged 100 pints.
Contact Debra Fixen (dfixen@yahoo.com)
or www.redcross.org

You can give every 56 days.....

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

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