



ROTARYGRAM

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Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, November 22: DARK - **NO LUNCH Program** (Thanksgiving Holiday)
- Sunday, November 26: Ronald McDonald House Sunday Meal Preparation from 4:00pm-6:00pm
Contact Randy Gordon to prepare dinner for the families with loved ones undergoing medical treatment.
RMD House (500 E. 27th Street, near Atlantic)
- Wednesday, November 29 from 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Meeting
Steve Shaul and the PCH & 2nd Street Project
Queen Mary, Grand Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802)
- Thursday, November 30 from 6:00pm-7:45pm: Rotary Revealed (Information Meeting)
Contact Lydia Vincenty-Lowell at 562-716-4009. Hosted by Ed Arnold (25 Laguna Place)
- Saturday, December 2 from 3:00pm to Parade start: Pre-Christmas Parade Party hosted by Mollie and Larry Beck (4427 E. 1st St.). Whether you plan to walk with the LB Rotary club flotilla or cheer from the sidelines, "warm up" at the Becks' home---just a few hundred yards away from where we'll be starting the parade.
- Saturday, December 2 approx. 6:00pm-9:00pm: Belmont Shore Christmas Parade
Walk with the LB Rotary flotilla---red convertible driven by Terry Geiling and Lance Kenyon and *The Hammered Nails* performing.
- Wednesday, December 6 from 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Meeting
Speaker to be confirmed
Queen Mary, Grand Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802)
- Wednesday, December 13 from 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Meeting
President-elect Gail Schwandner Board Revelation and Announcement of President #104
Queen Mary, Grand Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802)
- Wednesday, December 20 from 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Meeting
Holiday Lunch Program (invitations will be mailed out)
Queen Mary, Queens Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802)

**Rotary Club of Long Beach -
Centennial Year 2017**



Cam Doherty Killingsworth,
Centennial Task Force Chair

Hard to believe that 3 years ago, at the end of 2014 during **Brian Russell's** year, we met with Past Presidents, for their input, and shared an overview of Centennial plans. Centennial Task Force Committee Chairs were announced in January 2015 and Rotarians signed up.

Greg Owen served as **Centennial Task Force District Interface Chair** and **Jim Howe** set up our budget and overview as **Centennial Task Force Financial Management Chair**.

During **Greg Burnight's** year, the Legacy Project was announced and the master timeline and budget developed. The final planning phase continued during the first half of **Jayne Lastusky's** term with the **Centennial Year (2017) Launch** being kicked off in January - culminating last week during **Steve Keesal's** year!

And **YOU** made it happen ... during this season I wish to extend a warm thank you ...

Centennial Task Force Branding/Awareness Co-Chairs Jill Rosenberg and Carl Ann Wylie coordinated a focus group of Rotarian and non-Rotarian community leaders, facilitated by **Marcelle**, and set guidelines by which we would move forward.

Centennial Task Force Chronicles Chair, Craig Dougherty, enhanced our Rotarygrams with memorable and engaging historical facts!

During **2016** - We held 3 **Treasure Hunts/Purge Days** in our office – donuts and coffee for troupers including both **Shaws, Nel, Vali, Connie, Olivia, Gail, Cam, Madrid, Virginia, Jayne and Steve K.**



**No Lunch
meeting on
Nov 22**

This is a special time to count our many blessings. And to be a part of the Long Beach Rotary family is a blessing, indeed.....Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Upcoming Birthdays

Nov. 23 - **Bob Graham** - R.P. Graham & Associates, Consultant - Corporate Management

Nov. 25 - **Steve Shaw** - Retired, Real Estate - Mortgage Loans

Nov. 25 - **Nelinia Varenas** - Breakthrough SEO Marketing, Marketing-SEO & Website Development

Nov. 27 - **Theresa Brunella** - LBCC Senior Studies, Consultant - Non-Profit Community Outreach

Nov. 28 - **James Naccarato** - Iconography Custom Signs & Graphics, Signs & Graphics - Custom

November 2016 – **Supervisor Don Knabe** acknowledged the anniversary of our charter date, November 1, 1917, with a commendation and special gathering in LA!

Our **Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation**, non-profits and grant recipients were honored with an extensive article in the Long Beach Business Journal.

January 2017 – Then current **RI President John Germ** sent video greetings as **President Jayne** kicked off our Centennial year with a Rotarian based program – in front and behind the scenes were **Centennial Task Force Community/Fellowship Co-Chairs Theresa Brunella and Michele Dobson** along with Mollie, Adriana, Nel, Jill, Lydia, Vali, Meredith, Steve S, Jean, Connie, Margaret, Don W, Sal, Jim, Petar, Don C, Jeremy, John R., Steve K, Whitney, Sandy, Charlie, Alfredo, Olivia, Nancy, Bob G, Sara, Beverly, Russ, Wendy, Madrid, Greg H, Terry, Jane, Kay, Virginia, Frank, Cam, Julie, Andy and John Wavell!

March 2017 – We celebrated 25 years of **Camp Enterprise** with archival photos and memorabilia, honored Rotarians who had been to CE, donated to CE or worked on the CE Committee and took a look toward the future! The diligent work of **Centennial Task Force Youth Participation Co-Chairs Mollie Beck and Don Cochran** was visible then and throughout every project and event this year involving our youth!

May 2017

Our Club received the **President's Distinguished Service Award** from CSULB **President Jane Close Conoley** at the CSULB Alumni Banquet.

We were honored with the prestigious **Building Bridges Award at the CCEJ Annual Humanitarian Awards Dinner**.

Our **Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation** chose this commemorative year to award a **one-time \$15,000 Centennial Scholarship**, making that presentation at the beautiful CSULB President's Home.

June 2017

We tackled our **AWARENESS** goal. Following an initial brainstorming meeting with **Carl Ann** and **Craig D.**, **Centennial Task Force Public**

Pre - Christmas Parade Party - December 2

The annual Belmont Shore Christmas Parade takes place on Saturday, December 2. Long Beach Rotary will have its own flotilla with a red convertible and flat-bed truck for Lance Kenyon and *The Hammered Nails* performing. We hope that many of you will bring your families and friends to walk along.

To warm you up beforehand, come to the pre-Parade party. Mollie and Larry Beck are hosting at 4427 E. 1st Street ---- very conveniently located near the start of the Christmas Parade. Party starts at 3:00pm so that you can find parking before the parade crowd. Please bring an appetizer and bottle of wine to share.

Whether you plan to walk in the parade and cheer from the sidelines, this party is the best way to connect and celebrate before the Parade begins.

Relations/Media Chair Olivia Maiser and I engaged designer Ryan Subaru and our own **Salvador Farfán** to produce our Centennial Insert in the Long Beach Business Journal – it remains a valuable Marketing and Membership tool! Fact-checking was graciously provided by **Frank, Whitney, Mollie, Russ, Nancy, Don C, Katie, Lynne, Kay, Greg B, Madrid, Karen**, history books and 100 years of Rotarygrams!

Throughout the entire year, **Olivia** has paved the way for an extraordinary amount of print and TV coverage, often personally hosting the press. We have enjoyed coverage by LBTV, Straight Talk with Art Levine interviewing **Jayne** and **Cam**, School News, Press Telegram, Grunion Gazette, Signal Hill Tribune, and the Long Beach Business Journal. Our very own **Jay Beeler**, The Beachcomber, has generously kept us in the news throughout the year!

July 2017

We took this Anniversary opportunity to refurbish **Rotary Centennial Park**. Under the leadership of **Centennial Task Force Youth Participation Co-Chair Mollie Beck**, months of preparation led up to a celebration at the Park with the Bixby Family, City Officials, Print and TV Press. Rotarians working on this treasured event included **Beverly O'Neill, Philip and Robin Smith, Steve K, Olivia, Brian, Terry, Kay, Mike J, Lynne, Margaret, Jane, Sal, Jim W., Greg B, Alfredo, John G., Sandy, Sofia, John R., Mitch, Steve F., Petar, Liz Mc, Jayne, Dennis, Connie, Cam and Gail**.

October 2017

Big West Rotaract was held in LB due to our Centennial. We supported Rotaractors from 7 Western States who attended workshops and heard speakers including Rotarians **Bob Stemler, Tammy Newland, Greg Haeseler, Steve Kuykendall, Rich Gibson, Mark Kachigan and Walter Larkins**.

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We celebrate our Centennial gifts to the community –

~ Our **Centennial Legacy Project**, The Early Childhood Literacy Area & Storytime Theater in the new Civic Center Library, was conceived by **Jane Netherton, Centennial Task Force Legacy Project Chair**.

~ **Centennial Task Force Legacy Project Campaign Chair, Nancy Kindelan**, led a Campaign Committee that surpassed goals ... including **Mollie, Greg B, Terry, Greg H, Steve K, Cam, Jayne, Frank,**

Greg O, Connie, Dennis, Wendy and Alfredo. Over 123 Rotarian individuals/families and community members donated to the campaign!

~ **Teaching Ethics to Kids (TEK)**, the 3-year ethics curriculum based on the 4-Way Test, was introduced to Long Beach middle school students. Facilitated by **Centennial Task Force Youth Participation Special Project Chair, Jean Bixby Smith**, in partnership with the LBUSD, and including student focus groups, Rotarians continue to advance this gift ... **Lynne, Katie, Sal, Cindy, Andy, Mollie, Matt, Kay, Don C, Braden, Erick, Gail, Terry, Adriana, Greg H, Greg O, Steve K, Jayne, Judy, Freda, Bonnie, Janey, Elizabeth, Fatima and Paul.**

On the 14th of November, the Rotary Club of Long Beach accomplishments were honored with a Proclamation from Mayor **Robert Garcia** declaring **November 15th as Rotary Day in Long Beach!**

Rotary International President Ian Riseley spent 9 hours with us on November 15th. Accompanying him were District Governor Ian Hicks, **Greg Owen, Steve Keesal** and **Cam**. After airport pick up and a beautiful vegetarian lunch graciously prepared and donated by **Dana (Primal Alchemy)**, we were en route to Long Beach.

City Hall Chair of the Day, **Olivia**, greeted and introduced President Ian to our Rotarian elected officials – **Mayor Garcia, City Auditor Doud, City Prosecutor Haubert, City Attorney Parkin and Councilwoman Mungo**. He then was able to view the progress of the new Library from the City Hall 14th Floor and given an overview of our Legacy Project by **Jayne, Jane and Nancy**.

Next stop was the LB Day Nursery where he was greeted by Day Nursery Chair of the Day, **Mollie, along with Whitney and Beverly**, was given a tour of the Nursery's 'Rotary Business Park', then a TEK demo by **Jean, Lynne and Matt**. Reading by 9 was shared by **Frank** and Rotary Reads by **Paul, Brian and Kavita**. President Ian read *One Woolly Wombat* to the pre-schoolers.

On to the Hyatt, he was greeted by **Madrid and Virginia**. Our dynamic duo has been an extraordinary support team throughout the entire year – nothing was impossible!

Invitation and Poster artwork were created by **Liz Gaston**. Reception Hosts **Jill and Carl Ann**, Dinner Chairs **Randy and Steve H**, Dinner Hosts **Theresa and Michele** and Logistics Chair **Steve S**. were preparing for our Centennial Celebration! Evening volunteers included **Meredith, Vali, Charlie, Petar, Sandy, Nel, Mu, Adriana and Liz K**.

President Ian presented Paul Harris Fellow pins and certificates to 37 Long Beach Rotarians and he met Rotaractors and Interactors – all coordinated by [Donna](#), [Greg H.](#), [Wayne](#) and [Don C.](#)

Hosted tables were purchased by [Blake](#), [Randy](#), [Greg O \(2\)](#), [Cam](#), [LBCC](#), [LA5](#), [Bellflower](#), [Shoreline Village](#), [Steve H](#) and [Steve K.](#) Our centerpiece cakes were graciously discounted (50%) by Ron Kleijn, Rossmoor Pastries. And our wine ... discounted and provided by our own [Randy Kemner](#), The Wine Country!

Our pledge (*and presentation of a US Flag flown over the US Capitol on our charter anniversary, November 1 – coordinated by [Greg O](#)*) was led by [Will Grella](#), with inspiration by [Michele Dobson](#). [President Steve](#) was our gracious Emcee for the evening's 300 guests and festivities. [Frank](#) and [Greg B.](#) sorted questions for President Ian and [Sal](#) played double duty with photos and music.

Centennial Task Force Curators Co-Chairs [Kay Cofield](#) and [Salvador Farfán](#) continue to share their expertise by covering the entire year. They are indefatigable and remain dedicated, along with [Olivia](#), to now archive our Centennial year – a trio who has gone above and beyond!

During **President's Kay's** year, the Evening Dinner topic was what **YOU**, our members, wanted from the Centennial and what you wanted to give to the Community in honor of our 100th Anniversary – overwhelmingly selecting Literacy as the topic **YOU** wished us to address.

From that evening, our **CENTENNIAL GOALS** were established ...

~ To provide a participatory experience and **ENGAGE** every Rotarian

~ To promote **AWARENESS** of Rotary in our community

Over 100 Rotarians participated this year in the Centennial, many in more than one event.

It has been a highlight and an honor to get to know so many of you better. Long Beach Rotarians truly care about each other and our community and together, for 100 years, have developed extraordinary programs that have touched and improved the lives of so many people. A century of service above self - we are **making a difference ... every day**

Rotary Club of Long Beach usually meets every Wednesday
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