

# ROTARYGRAM

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George Marx celebrates his 99th birthday January 22, 1992, at the Golden Sails Hotel, our home between 1974-1992 and where we will meet this Wednesday. Marx was a long-time associate at Halbert, Hargrove and Co. where he was legendary for each March 25 placing a note on the copying machine that said "if you want a Christmas baby, tonight's the night." He was member of Rotary for 51 years and well into his 90's faithfully drove his beloved Chevelle across town to the Golden Sails. Marx enlisted in both WWI and WWII. He passed away October 6, 1992, missing his 100th birthday by 110 days. In his will he left \$500,000 to the LB Rotary Scholarship Foundation. (Disclaimer: The \$1.00 Draft Beer Special on the sign is totally unrelated to Rotary.)

## **FEBRUARY 1 MEETING OFFSITE**

**[This Week's Meeting - February 1 -  
OFFSITE - The Golden Sails Hotel -  
6285 E. Pacific Coast Highway](#)**

## **[Calendar](#)**

*Share Rotary with a Guest*

February 1: **OFFSITE at the Golden Sails**  
- Ken McDonald - LB Transit Zero



Take a trip down memory lane and join us for a return visit to the Golden Sails Hotel---where LB Rotary used to meet before moving to the Queen Mary. The infamous "Rotary South" (aka cash bar) will **open at 11:30am** for those who are still hardy enough to down a martini--or two--before lunch. Our program speaker, Ken McDonald of LB Transit, is bringing a zero emission bus to demonstrate how LBT supports eco-conscious Long Beach.

No coffee/cookie option, so individual lunch cost is \$25 (unless on Meal Plan).

**Also This Week** Introducing the guests and birthdayites as Sergeant-at-Arms will be Past President Frank Newell (1999-2000). A *Member Talk* from All-Knowing Executive Director (retired) and Honorary Member Karen Wyrick. Will she at long last reveal her favorite Rotary President --join us Wednesday and find out.

**[Next Lunch Program - February 8 - Early Long Beach with Jean Bixby Smith](#)**



From the Tongva Native Americans through the Bixbys and beyond, Jean Smith narrates the early history of Long Beach. Lewellyn Bixby arrived in California in 1851 during the gold rush. In 1896 he founded the Bixby Land Company turning the family's primary interest from ranching to developing land. Jean has grown up deeply connected to the rich history of Long Beach and Rancho Los Cerritos.

**[President's Message - Jayne Lastusky #100](#)**



Last week's program was truly amazing. We reviewed our incredible history and reflected on the transformational impact the Rotary Club of Long Beach has had not only on our community but the entire world. One hundred years of making a difference every day! We should all feel very proud.

There were so many people who worked tirelessly to produce this wonderful program including: the planning team who developed the concept; the Centennial Committee and treasure hunters; all of the well-

Emission Buses

February 8: Early Long Beach with Jean Bixby Smith

February 15: "Teaching Ethics to Kids" - our centennial gift to the middle schools

February 16: Scholarship Night at CSULB Pyramid - (see details below)

February 22: DARK for Lunch, but EVENING FOCUS DINNER at 6:00pm - RSVP by February 13

March 1: Chip Espinoza and Millenials in the Work Force

March 8: Duane Kenagy - Port of Long Beach Update

March 15: Dave Erickson - freeconferencecall.com

March 29: Camp Enterprise Kick-off



Birthdays of the Week

February 2 - **Jim Worsham** (Retired, Accountants - Certified Public - Auditing)

February 2 - **Bob Cook** (Business Printing & Imaging, Printing - Marketing Products & Services)

February 4 - **Roy Doty** (Living Opportunities Management Company, Real Estate - Retirement Housing)

prepared presenters who told our inspiring story with passion; Kay and Salvador for the music, sound and videos; Cam Killingsworth Centennial Chair and gifted production expert, who pulled it together and added the bells and whistles; and Madrid and Virginia for making it all work. THANK YOU !!!

Thank you to everyone who attended. No celebration is complete without our honorees, YOU, our Rotary Club of Long Beach Rotarians. We will continue to learn more about our remarkable past and celebrate our accomplishments every week, so stay tuned.

This week we will visit our roots at the Golden Sails. Rotary South will be meeting at 11:30am for cocktails, fun and fellowship. Join us.

Don't forget to purchase your *Super Bowl Squares*. The Commish will be ready to take your bets.

### **Last Meeting - January 25 - Centennial Kick-off Celebration**



2017 is the centennial year for the Long Beach club, and the year's celebration was officially launched last week. Included among the guests were representatives from the first generation of six clubs that we have sponsored. Current Rotary International President John Germ sent a video greeting, acknowledging some of our club's accomplishments. The celebratory program highlighted three long-term areas of club focus: Education (Literacy and Scholarship Foundation), Camp Enterprise, Rotary International. Each of the three segments included an overview, a personal testimony of the impact, and a member video clip. The latest round of Paul Harris Fellows was also recognized. Besides reviewing some of the upcoming centennial activities to take place during the year, an update was provided on our centennial legacy project (in the soon-to-be-built main library of the new civic center) and the announcement of raising over \$300,000 for this project was revealed. The program concluded with a champagne toast to our centennial.

**Also at Last Week's Meeting:** Guest Sergeant-at-Arms Past President Bob Graham (2005-2006) recognized the birthdays of retirees Dr. Lun Hom and Judge Judy Vander Lans.

### **Evening Dinner Focus - February 22 - HOSTS NEEDED**



One of the best ways to get to know your fellow Rotarians better is to break bread at home. Why not offer your home as one of the places for our annual Evening Dinner Focus (formerly known as Evening

February 5 - **Joe Prevatil** (Archstone Foundation, Foundations - Private)

February 6 - **Marcelle Epley** (Long Beach Community Foundation, Foundations - LB Community Foundation)

February 6 - **Albert Parks** (Sign-A-Rama, Signs & Graphics - Custom)



*Lasher's Kitchen Preview*

*At this month's 5 O'Clock Somewhere, Ray Lasher welcomed Rotarians to a special preview of his new restaurant--opening in late February--5295 E. 2nd St.*



*Always a fun time with Rotarians, family and friends at the Ronald McDonald House!*



**NEW DATE!**

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

*Check Presentation to Rotary Scholars*

Panel Dinner)? Be willing to host and serve a dinner meal (reimbursed \$25/person) and enjoy the conversations that flow out of this year's topic--"Teaching Ethics to Kids", our club's centennial gift to the LBUSD middle schools. If interested, contact Mitch Dion, Mollie Beck, John Romundstad, or Madrid Zimmerman.

Also, if you want to attend the February 22 dinner---remember there is **no lunch meeting that day**---please **RSVP by February 13** with the office.

### [Chronicler Report - Masonic Temple](#)



**This is the second in a series of stories on our six meeting sites since 1917.**

In 1932 Rotary moved from the Virginia Hotel where the club had met since its inception in 1917 to the Masonic Temple, 835 Locust Ave. The Virginia Hotel located on Ocean Blvd. was demolished in 1933 just weeks before the big earthquake. The Masonic Temple was constructed in 1927 featuring a Greek Revival style architecture popular in the 1920s. The building contained a number of large assembly halls each decorated in a different exotic revival style including Egyptian and Roman. The building also contained secret passageways and a fully equipped theater. The architects Patrick Wright and Francis Gentry also designed the Scottish Rite Temple, First Methodist Church at Third and Linden and thirteen schools in Long Beach. Rotary met at the Masonic Temple until 1936 when the club returned to Ocean Blvd.

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



*Nashville Large Club Conference*

PE Steve Keesal, PN Gail Schwandner and ED Madrid Zimmerman find their voice with Waylon Jennings.

Long Beach will host this nationwide event in February 2019.

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

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