

ROTARYGRAM

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Past President Randy "Flop" Gordon (2004-2005) holds the coveted Rotary Football Pool first place trophy awarded last week by Commish Andy McFarland (see Andy's Report below). 42 Rotarians participated. A furious finish at the end propelled Adriana "The Queen of the Autopick" Lanting to a second place win followed by Bijan Noori in third. Filling in for Adriana from the neck down in the picture is our own Executive Director Madrid Zimmerman.

ALL JANUARY LUNCH MEETINGS ABOARD THE QUEEN MARY.

[This Week's Meeting - January 18, 2017 - Dr. Chris Lowe - CSULB Shark Lab](#)



Christopher Lowe began running the CSULB Shark Lab in 1998. Over the last 20 years he has used and developed acoustic telemetry techniques to study movements, behavior, and physiology of sharks, rays and gamefishes. His recent research has focused on the development of robots for autonomously tracking sharks. He was recognized as one of the 100 Most Influential People by OC Register

Calendar

Share Rotary with a Guest

January 18: Chris Lowe - CSULB Shark Lab

January 25: Centennial Kick-off Program -
RSVP by January 18

February 1: **OFFSITE at the Golden Sails** -
Ken McDonald - LB Transit Zero Emission
Buses - RSVP by January 24

February 8: Misty May Treanor

in 2016.

Also This Week Past President R. Whitney Latimer II (2001-2002) will serve as Sergeant-at-Arms and recognize the birthday of his father Bob Latimer. Bob is a past president of the Huntington Park Rotary Club and has been a member of our club since 2001.

Next Lunch Program - January 25
- Centennial Kick-off Lunch - 2nd
Floor Windsor Salon



Last chance to RSVP for a seat at our Centennial Kick-off during our regular Wednesday lunch meeting on January 25. Guests from the first generation of clubs we have sponsored will be in attendance, so we want to be sure we have plenty of room for all. Highlights include historical reflections on three of our club's major emphases and an update on the centennial plans for the year. Program starts with a Cash Bar at 11:30am. Cost to those not on the Meal Plan: \$30. NO Coffee/Cookie option. Indicate whether vegetarian option preferred.

President's Message - Jayne Lastusky
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Next week, January 25, we will officially launch our centennial year with a special program you won't want to miss. It will be memorable and make you proud to be a Long Beach Rotarian. The fun will kick off with a reception beginning at 11:30 with displays, memorabilia and a wonderful opportunity for Rotary fellowship. All of our sponsored clubs have been invited to attend and be recognized (Avalon, Lakewood, Los Alamitos/Seal Beach, Santa Ana, Signal Hill). We will celebrate, reflect and reveal the many engaging centennial events that will occur throughout 2017 as we enjoy our 100th birthday all year long. I encourage everyone to bring guests and take advantage of this incredible member recruitment opportunity. We will be showcasing a century of service and the incredible impact our amazing club has had on our beloved city.

Reminder! Reservations are required. RSVP to Madrid ASAP at madrid@rotarylongbeach.org (562-436-8181). This meeting is included in the meal plan, however, you will need to let Madrid know if you are attending. For everyone else it is \$30. Please indicate if vegetarian option is preferred.

Happy Birthday Rotary Club of Long Beach. It is going to be a GREAT year!

Chronicler Report - "The Trampoline"

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

February 22: DARK for Lunch, but EVENING FOCUS DINNER at 6:00pm



Birthdays of the Week

January 18 - **Genevieve Murphy** (Visiting Angels, Health Care - Non-Medical Home Care)

January 20 - **Jerry Lane** (McCoy Belmont Group, Financial - Trust Administration)

January 20 - **Frank Newell** (Retired, Attorney-at-Law - Real Estate)

January 20 - **Tim Richmond** (Richmond Plastering, Inc., Contractors - Plastering)



January Centennial Kick-off Program

RSVP by January 18 for our 2017 Centennial Launch program.

11:30am Cash Bar reception
12:00pm meeting begins

Cost: \$30 (exc. if on Meal Plan)
NO Cookie/Coffee Option

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Wednesday July 17, 1980, was a normal summer day in Long Beach. The temperature would reach 82 degrees with a mild breeze of 7 mph from the southeast. At the Golden Sails Hotel preparations were being made for the third meeting of the new Rotary year. The year had gotten off to a good start. An estimated 300 members were impressed by the previous week's speaker Fred Saxon of the new Capital Cable News Network and were looking forward to the following week's speaker General Richard C. Henry discussing *Have We the Manpower to Fight Major War*. The speaker July 17 was Al Lampkin, a self-described "entertainer" who according to the Rotarygram would discuss "how to control and eliminate stress through simple exercise." At exactly 1:00 p.m. Mr. Lampkin was introduced by the program chairman (whose name has been sealed at the request of his family). He was a likeable fellow who performed a few magic tricks and told a few jokes. There was an air of uncertainty in the room with many members including the president having that "where is this going?" look on their faces. They quickly found out as Mr. Lampkin produced a small trampoline and spent the next fifteen minutes on stage bouncing up and down on the trampoline as he boasted of the many health benefits before a stunned audience. It was a hard sell. One member won \$50.00 by betting everyone at his table the speaker would utter the phrase "Not Available In Any Store." He did. At 1:30 p.m. the members quietly filed out of the room wondering if they had just been to Rotary or the County Fair. The next week the Rotarygram editor charitably reviewed the program by saying "Mr Lampkin discussed the 'Rebound Exercise Program' whose premise is to force your body to fight gravity by bouncing up and down on a trampoline." Those who were there will never forget it.

Last Meeting - January 11, 2017 - Janice Hahn - LA County Supervisor, 4th District



In December 2016, Hahn succeeded Don Knabe as the LA County Supervisor for the 4th District. 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



Rotarians Doug Haubert and Michele Dobson share Rotary in the Long Beach MLK Parade.



Rotarians and friends join together to help keep the Rotary Centennial Park clean.



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

2001. She is glad to be back into local government and non-partisan politics. Hahn's top priority will be the homelessness population crisis of 47,000; LA county has become the safety net for those who have no where else to go.

Also at Last Week's Meeting: Guest Sergeant-at-Arms Past President Jane Netherton (2007-2008) officially did "not" recognize the birthdays of Craig Dougherty and Bob Latimer. In his *Member Talk* Past President Jim Worsham (2002-2003) recalled some of his presidential highlights--forming a Rotary Motorcycle club, bestowing an annual RINO (Rotarians-in-name-only) trophy, attending an RI Convention in Barcelona with featured speaker Mikhail Gorbachev, and having the foresight to recognize future club leadership in Mollie Beck (recipient of his President's Award) and Jean Bixby Smith (recipient of his Cup-of-Kindness Award). Jean Egan, Executive Director of LB CaLL, spoke about vocational opportunities for high school students, such as our *Camp Enterprise* grads for internships; LB CaLL helps businesses with the training, placement and problem resolution with internships.

[Final Football Fantasy - The Commish - Andy McFarland](#)



The Rotary Football Pool ended on January 2nd. As you would expect from such a high-performing group, it was a furious flight to the finish. After 17 weeks of competition, here are YOUR final top 3, in case you missed the Awards Ceremony last week: 3rd Place - Bijan "WarrenBij" Noori, 2nd Place - Adriana "Loan Shark" Lanting, Champion - Randy "Flop" Gordon. Like the Clemson Tigers, Randy avenged his Runner-up finish from 2015 and reached the pinnacle in 2016. Also of note was the performance of the women in the pool--out of the final top 7 finishers, 4 of them were women (Adriana, Vali, Theresa, and Lydia). Another woman, *Marvelous* Mollie Beck received the hard-earned Toilet Bowl Trophy for her concerted efforts to finish dead last. It was another great season of fun and fellowship! Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities from the Commish including SuperBowl Squares and March Madness!

[Chronicler Report - "We Left Our Club in Avalon"](#)



As part of our January 25 Centennial Kick-off Celebration and throughout the year we will recognize the many clubs sponsored by Long Beach Rotary. Below is a story from the May 29, 1929, Rotarygram entitled "The Three Musketeers Explore Avalon."

It had been considered that our Island neighbor, Avalon, has reached



POLIO Plus Concert with Itzhak Perlman

**Segerstrom 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



Mollie Beck proudly accepts the Toilet Bowl Trophy from The Commish.



RONALD MCDONALD SUNDAY MEAL PREPARATION

Come help prepare a home-cooked meal for the families staying at Ronald McDonald on **Sunday, January 22** (the fourth Sunday of the month).

that stage in its development that it would both be wise and desirable to establish a Rotary Club. President Harry Buffum appointed three members known as the "The Three Musketeers" to investigate and report their findings from the survey to the Board of the Directors." On May 23, 1929, Chas. Henderson, Jim Craig and John Farnham "took passage to the island" aboard the steamer S.S. Catalina. The personal suite of Mr. Wrigley was tendered our emissaries aboard ship and upon their arrival they were escorted to the headquarters of D.H. Renton, chief of the Wrigley interests in Avalon. The committee met with a number of influential Islanders and at an early date the official results of the findings were tendered to our Board. It may be considered no idle prophesy to state that it is not improbable that Long Beach Rotary will sponsor this Baby Club on the Island at no distant date.

The Avalon Rotary club was sponsored by Long Beach and chartered in 1935. They currently meet Wednesday's at noon at the Catalina Canyon Hotel. Avalon Rotary hosted the District Conference in 2015. Harry Buffum was the 12th president of Long Beach Rotary. He was president of Long Beach-based Buffums Department Store that eventually grew to 16 stores before closing in 1990. Their flagship store was at Pine Ave. and Broadway. The Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Los Angeles is named after Harry Buffum's sister.

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

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