

# ROTARYGRAM

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CSULB Junior Yasmeeen Azam celebrates her \$15,000 award as our Centennial Scholar at May 3 meeting at "The Miller House," the CSULB president's residence in Park Estates. Joining her, from left, are Scholarship Foundation Chair and Past President Jane Netherton, CSULB President Jane Close Conoley and President 100 Jayne Lastusky. Ms. Azam is majoring in International Studies with minors in Middle Eastern Studies and Economics. For more on the award see "Last Week" below.

**OFFSITE meetings: May 10 and 31 - RSVPs required in advance.  
Aboard the Queen Mary: May 17 and May 24.**

**[This Week's Lunch Program](#)  
[- May 10 - 46th Annual Inter](#)  
[Service Club Luncheon-](#)**

**OFFSITE (Grand Event Center) - 11:30am start - \$35**



Every spring major community service clubs in Long Beach meet to recognize some of their major projects/activities for the year. As a member of this illustrious group, LB Rotary "goes dark" that day so that Rotarians can attend this special luncheon. CSULB President Jane Close Conoley will be the guest speaker. **Reservations and payment must be made in advance** so that lunch tickets can be distributed.

Cost is \$35. Every Rotarian needs to submit payment, as Meal Plan does not apply.

**Rotary Receives CSULB Distinguished Service Award**



Long Beach Rotary received the CSULB President's Distinguished Service Award at the 2017 Alumni Awards held May 4 at the Long Beach Hyatt Regency. When presenting the award before a very large crowd in the beautifully decorated ballroom CSULB President and Rotarian Jane Close Conoley congratulated Rotary for its commitment to "service above self" and for its focus during the past century on advancing the lives of Long Beach youth by supporting literacy, education and youth programs. In accepting the award before a stage full of Rotarians President 100 Jayne Lastusky said *"I am honored to accept this award on behalf of the 300 Rotarians in the Rotary Club of Long Beach who value our long standing partnership with this remarkable University. We are the oldest service club in Long Beach and one of the 50 largest Rotary Clubs in the world out of 35,000 clubs. Our local and international reach is extensive. Literacy and education are signature programs of our club beginning in preschool and continuing through college. The newest program is a 3-year curriculum with the LBUSD designed to teach ethics to middle schoolers. Our commitment to transforming the youth of today into the innovative leaders of tomorrow is one of our core values. Our scholarship program is there to make sure these brilliant minds have the opportunity to go to college, complete their education and become part of the economic engine that drives this country. We are all very grateful for this appreciated recognition and hope to continue this wonderful partnership for years to come."* Those attending included PP Jane Netherton, Jerry Bloeser, Craig Cross, PP Cam Killingsworth, Marcelle Epley, PP Larry Jackson, PP Brian Russell, PP Craig Dougherty, Mike Walter, Pres. Nominee Gail Schwandner, Jeff and Michele Wimbish, Scholarship Foundation Executive Director Letty Totah and PP Greg and Val Owen. Also in attendance were



*Yasmeen Azam after being named the Centennial Scholar during the May 3 meeting at the home of CSULB President Jane Close Conoley.*

## Calendar

*"Share Rotary with a Guest"*

May 10: Annual Inter Service Club Luncheon - Grand Event Center - RSVP **OFFSITE**

May 11: LBCC Rotaract Chapter Reception (RSVP through Michelle Dobson)  
*New LB Rotary Rotaract Club !*

May 13: Centennial Park Clean-Up 8am

May 17: Development Plans for the Queen Mary and Its Surroundings - Urban Commons

May 19 & 20: District Conference  
(May 20 LB Rotary Hospitality Booth)

May 21: LB Lesbian & Gay Pride Parade - 10:00am line-up (contact Michele Dobson)

May 22: (Golf) Tournament for World Peace - Old Ranch Country Club  
19th Hole Reception \$30 - Open to Public

May 24: Dr. Bryna Kayne - Skin Care and Cancer

May 31: What's Happening in North Long Beach? (Michelle Obama Library) - RSVP **OFFSITE**

June 7: TBA - Centennial 2017 Cup of Kindness Award

June 14: DARK - NO LUNCH MEETING

June 21: Last meeting - Celebration of the Past Presidents

June 28: NO LUNCH but **PRESIDENTS' PARTY** (5:30pm at KYL) RSVP

past Rotarian winners of the Distinguished Alumni Award, Tom Reep (1977, 1993), Beverly O'Neill (1952, 1957) and Jim Hankla (1961).

**[Next Lunch Program - May 17 - Dan Zaharoni of Urban Commons - Re-development of the Queen Mary and Its Surroundings](#)**



Dan Zaharoni is the Chief Development Officer of Urban Commons, the leasehold owner for the Queen Mary property. Structural renovations to the Queen Mary ship are part of the \$250 million master plan proposed by Urban Commons to the City of Long Beach. The 26 discrete renovation projects are directed at a specific life, health or safety concern, or as it affects the integrity of the ship. Urban Commons believes the best way to make the ship financially viable is to beef up the 65 acres surrounding the ship with more dining, shopping, concerts, adventures. Urban Commons bought the Queen Mary lease in April 2016 for 66 years.

**[Last Week's Meeting - May 5 - CSULB Jane Close Conoley - The Miller House](#)**



CSULB President and Long Beach Rotarian Jane Close Conoley graciously opened up her home for our special lunch program organized by the LB Rotary Scholarship Foundation (LBRSF). LBRSF chair (and club past president #91) Jane Netherton explained to the luncheon crowd of 100 people, that in its 60+ year history, our Scholarship Foundation has funded over 4,250 annual student scholarships totaling more than \$5 million. In 2016, 250 scholarships were awarded to students. The LBRSF is the largest scholarship donor to LBCC and the second largest scholarship donor to CSULB.

To commemorate the Centennial of the Rotary Club of Long Beach, Netherton announced the establishment of a one-time scholarship (*Centennial Award*) of \$15,000 as the largest scholarship awarded by the Scholarship Foundation. Yasmeeen A. Azam was selected for this competitive award by the Foundation's Board of Directors for her outstanding leadership qualities and her effective communication of her plans to positively impact society after graduation. Ms. Azam has been a Youth Speaker at the United Nations and is currently the President of the CSULB Muslim Association. She was selected by President Conoley as Student Leader of the Year. As a junior, she is majoring in International Studies, with minors in Middle Eastern Studies and Economics.

For Rich Archbold's Press-Telegram story on the event [click here](#) or see Sunday May 7, 2017 newspaper, Opinion section, page 21; for Grunion Gazette story [click here](#).



*Enjoy a beautiful sunset high atop the Union Bank Building Wednesday June 28th at our Presidents' Party. Invitations will be mailed shortly.*



**Birthdays of the Week**

May 11 - **Sumer Temple** (Don Temple Storage, Self Storage)

May 12 - **Greg Owen** (Ability-Tri-Modal Distribution, Transportation - Motor Freight Service)

May 14 - **Larry Jackson** (Retired, Transportation - Public Transit)

May 14 - **Sathya Chey** (Halbert Hargrove Global Advisors, Investment Counseling)

May 15 - **Michele Dobson** (Law Office of Michele A. Dobson, Attorney-at-Law - General Practice)

May 15 - **Paul Kennard** (Retired, Aircraft Industry)

May 15 - **Brad Willingham** (Boulevard/Pontiac/GMC, Automobiles - Retail)

## [Cup of Kindness Award - June 7](#)



Since 1966 the *Cup of Kindness* has been one of Long Beach Rotary's most prestigious awards. Don't miss the June 7 meeting when the Centennial 2017 winner will be announced. The *Cup of Kindness* is awarded annually to "citizen(s) of our community who have made notable contributions to others without thought of reward, personal gain, or recognition." The 2016 winner was Greeter Extraordinaire and Long Beach Rotary member for 51 years Mitch Dion preceded by Teresa Bixby (2015) and Michele Dobson (2014). Other winners included All-Knowing Executive Director Emeritus Karen Wyrick (2004), Mark Bixby and Philip Smith (2005) for their work on Rotary Centennial Park, Jerry Lane (2006) for his tireless efforts on behalf of the Scholarship Foundation and Frank Newell (2008) for Rotary Reads. The first husband and wife to win the award were Les and Fran Nason (1988) followed by Margaret and Charley Durnin (2000), Nancy and John Higginson (2001), Steve and Fran Conley (2011) and Greg and Val Owen (2012). For a complete list of *Cup of Kindness* winners see the Rotary roster.

## [March in the LB Pride Parade - May 21 - 10:00am](#)



Rotarians have, since 1932, applied the Four Way Test to all community questions and business dealings. As a service organization in the Long Beach community, LB Rotary Youth Services participated in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Citywide Parade for the first time this January with our elected officials, community leaders and other service and non-profit organizations. The LB Rotary Youth Services committee invites each of you to participate in the next citywide event, the Long Beach Pride Parade on Sunday, May 21 at 10:00am. Rotarian Vali De Vries has generously offered her soft-top red Jeep for the parade and it only takes up a couple of hours of your time. You will be at brunch by 1:00pm.

Shortly before the parade we will be given our entry number and we will provide it to the Rotary Cub so you know exactly where to meet us. Then you just show up on the morning of the parade in your Rotary hat, t-shirt and sunscreen ready to walk down Ocean Boulevard. The route is from Ocean Blvd. and Loma to Ocean Blvd. and Alamitos. The bandstand is at Ocean Blvd. and Cherry Avenue if you want to come out, watch the parade instead of marching, and cheer us on.

The Grand Marshals for this year's parade include Reality television personality and restaurateur Lisa Vanderpump of the Real Housewives of Beverly Hills, County Supervisor Janice Hahn, California State Senator Ricardo Lara and Parade Special Recognition Grand Marshal



Past President Greg Haeseler dazzles an appreciative crowd with a stirring rendition of the romantic classic "Feelings."

**GIVE BLOOD FOR OUR 100 PINTS**



For our centennial year LB Rotary has pledged 100 pints.

Contact Debra Fixen ([dfixen@yahoo.com](mailto:dfixen@yahoo.com)) or [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

*You can give every 56 days.....*

*....If you missed the April 26 Bloodmobile Drive at the Queen Mary, you can still give blood at any time during 2017 to count towards our 100 pints!*

Michelle Molina.

We are excited about participating in this citywide event for the first time in Rotary's 100 year history and in celebration of the Club's centennial. If you have any questions, please email us at [longbeachesq@gmail.com](mailto:longbeachesq@gmail.com) or call Youth Services Chair, Michele Dobson at 562-433-7718.

Your Youth Services Committee, Doug Haubert, Kenneth McDonald, Donald Cochran, Howard Fletcher and Michele Dobson.

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

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