

# ROTARYGRAM

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Annual Boating Event included duffy and "big" boats to accommodate the record crowd of 75 people who RSVP'd. Steve Shaw organized the event and thanks to the skippers who brought their boats: Ed Arnold, Dick Bell, Brian Donaldson, Bob Luskin, Tammy Newland, Bond Nichols, Sofia Riley, Don and Carl Ann Wylie. Enjoying the perfect sunset and LBYC dinner were: Marjorie Fleming, Paul Kennard, Mary Ellen Mitchell, Wendy Sorel, Michele Dobson, Gabrielle Canale, Ron Grimm, Freda Hinsche Otto, Sofia Riley, Carl Calkins, Meredith Shaw, Jayne Lastusky, Kay Cofield, Vali De Vries, and Steve Shaw.

**OCTOBER 26 MEETING BEGINS EARLIER AT 12:20.**

## ***This Week's Meeting - October 26, 2016 - League of Women Voters - CA November Ballot Propositions***

The U.S. Presidential and the California Senator candidates are not the only important choices on the November ballot. Faced with 17 state propositions plus several county and local measures, voters this November are asked to make many important decisions. Representatives from the League of Women Voters will be providing a summary of the California state ballot propositions to help navigate through the many considerations we are faced with in this election.

## **Calendar**

Bring a Guest

October 26: Reading by 9 Fundraiser

October 26: League of Women Voters - November California Ballot Propositions

October 27: Information Meeting - 7:30am (Matt Kinley's office)

October 28: Golf League Outing - 11:30am - Skylinks Golf Course (Jim Kinmartin)

November 2: LA County Supervisor Don Knabe

Bring your copy of the pamphlet of the California General Election Ballot propositions you received in the mail to take notes!

### **Next Week's Meeting - November 2 - LA County Supervisor Don Knabe**

Due to term limits, Don Knabe will be retiring from a position he has held since 1996. Knabe represents the 4th District, a uniquely diverse area ranging from Marina Del Rey through the San Gabriel Valley. Knabe has spent most of his political career protecting innocent and vulnerable children in Los Angeles County. He formerly served on the Cerritos City Council and as past president of the Cerritos Chamber of Commerce. 48 years ago he married Julie Gillbreath, a native of Long Beach.



### **Last Week's Meeting Highlights - DARK - No meeting**

Last week no lunch meeting was scheduled due to the State of the County address organized by the LB Area Chamber of Commerce. It was the 10th and final State of the County luncheon for LA County Supervisor Don Knabe. Don will be our guest speaker on November 2--see above.

For those members who have incredible long-term memory, this means that the Evening Dinner Focus (aka Evening Panel Dinner), normally held on the first Wednesday of the month, has been re-scheduled for February 22, 2017. Be sure to mark it on your new calendars now.

### **Reading by 9 - Frank Newell - Fundraising Chair**

Be sure to attend the October 26 lunch program to watch Frank miraculously match the many faces in the crowd with the appropriate names--or least they will be Rotarian-sounding names !



At the October 12 lunch program, Past President #83 reminded Rotarians that in 1999 we joined the *La Times* and *Scholastic Books* to create the Reading by 9 program (to have LB school children reading at grade level by age 9). In that first year LB Rotary raised \$8,000 and donated 6,500 books to 5 LBUSD schools. We start this 18th year having already raised over the years \$500,000 to purchase over 245,000 books for our LBUSD child development



### Birthdays of the Week

October 15 - **Patrick O'Grady** (Blue Chip Foodsystems, Food Concessions)

October 18 - **Earl Newkirk** (Retired, Automobile Financing)

October 19 - **Howard Fletcher** (Student Center for Professional Development, Education - CSULB)



*Rotary International Volunteer Leadership Awards Luncheon, honoring Steve Goodling, Jane Netherton and Dan Walker.*

### NEW QUEEN MARY MENU

Have you noticed lunch lately on the Queen Mary? Like the Street Taco Bar?? Taste of Tuscany??? Asian Stir Fry??? Pannini Delights?

As a reminder there is a minimum charge of \$10.00 to attend the lunch program.

Even if you do not eat anything, we still have to pay for the room facility, Queen Mary staff, parking.

centers, elementary schools, other literacy program

### **Centennial Legacy Project Campaign - Nancy Kindelan**

Thanks so much to the 83 Rotarians who have generously supported our Centennial Legacy Campaign. Thank you also to those who have volunteered to assist in the campaign by reaching out to potential donors, in addition to already having made their own financial contribution. Our rooms at the new library will make a difference in the lives of children who may not live in homes where books are available to them. We are getting closer to our goal, with less than \$50,000 left to raise. To date, about 30% of our membership has pledged or donated, but this is a gift from all club members and we would like each of you to consider giving a gift to support our effort. We understand that not everyone can be a Centennial Fellow, but we appreciate any gift so that we can reach our goal. Thanks so much for your support!



### **OFFSITE: November 16 for Downtown Walking Tour**

Be sure to RSVP now for the November 16 OFFSITE lunch program. It will be a Downtown Walking Tour of historic commercial buildings along Pine Avenue and the Promenade. We will start at 12 noon with a box lunch at The Federal Bar, followed by an hour-long tour.

*We need an exact headcount in advance for the box lunch and tour guide fees per person.*

### **Annual District Rotary Foundation Gala - November 19**



Celebrate 100 years of the Rotary (International) Foundation at this year's District Gala. Indulge in the supper club atmosphere of *The Great Gatsby* theme in the Balboa Pavilion (400 Main St., Newport Beach). Festivities start at 5:00pm. RSVP online ([www.rotary5320.org/calendar](http://www.rotary5320.org/calendar)) or through Lauren Pittman (714-878-4646). Cost is \$110 per person, semi-formal attire.

### **Centennial Video Interviews**



*Our founder and Chicago native, Paul Harris, celebrates Cubs return to the World Series.*



Our club has pledged to donate 100 pints of blood by June 2017.

Contact Debra Fixen ([dfixen@yahoo.com](mailto:dfixen@yahoo.com)) for dates of upcoming blood drives, including on Halloween (October 31) at Shoreline Village (1:00-7:00).

Bloodmobile will be parked in front of the Funnel House.

Give blood and avoid Count Dracula.



December 3 - Christmas Parade

Join Belmont Shore's *Candyland Christmas* on Saturday, December 3.

Contact Katherine Peoples-McGill (562-424-4477, [katherine@hppcares.org](mailto:katherine@hppcares.org)) to help with decorating our float and/or marching with the club.

Lance Kenyon and *The Hammered Nails* will be performing with us.



Help us celebrate our Centennial! You will be contacted by a member of our Centennial Video Brigade to do a brief but fun video interview. Just looking for a 30-60 second sound-bite to use during our meetings, website, Facebook page throughout the Centennial year. Just say YES, when you get the call or email....we want to tape each and every one of you.

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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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