

# ROTARYGRAM

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40,000 Rotarians from around the world are expected to attend the annual Rotary International Convention in the US this month. The convention takes place in Atlanta June 10-14.

**OFFSITE: May 31 RSVP for Michelle Obama Library  
June 7 and 21 meetings aboard Queen Mary.**

**This Week's Program - May 31 -**  
**OFFSITE - Developments in North**  
**Long Beach**

*Parking in back of building is limited.*



The Michelle Obama Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.) is the venue for this lunch program, and is a good example of the re-development taking place in North Long Beach. Tom Carpenter is VP of Acquisitions for Frontier Real Estate Investments. Carpenter will be talking about the North Long Beach property that he's developing and his projections for



*Cup of Kindness to be awarded June 7*

the North Long Beach retail and business corridor. Frontier Real Estate Investments has 125 years experience in development, specializing in infill retail properties.

**Also This Week ....** LB Vice Mayor Rex Richardson and other distinguished guests from the LB Public Library Foundation will be joining us. A guided tour of the library is available after the lunch program.



**Next Lunch Program - June 7 - Dr. Robert Nagourney - Treatment of Cancer**

Dr. Robert Nagourney has been an internationally recognized pioneer in cancer research and personalized cancer treatment for over 20 years. He is the founder and medical director of Nagourney Cancer Institute (formerly Rational Therapeutics) and Clinical Professor at the University of California, Irvine School of Medicine. With more than 20 years' experience in human tumor primary culture analyses, Dr. Nagourney has authored more than 100 manuscripts, book chapters and abstracts. As co-investigator on national cooperative trials, he is recognized for the introduction of Cisplatin/Gemcitabine doublets in the treatment of advanced ovarian and breast cancers.

**Also Next Week ...** The LB Rotary Scholarship Foundation awards its *Bixby Scholarship*. President Jayne names the winner of the Cup of Kindness Award.



**Presidents' Party Invitations to be Mailed in June**

Come solo, bring your spouse, significant other or guest but don't miss the party of the year--the **Annual Presidents' Party** to be held Wednesday evening June 28 high atop the beautiful Union Bank Building in the 14th floor offices of Keesal, Young and Logan. We will thank President 100 Jayne Lastusky and her board for a great job and welcome the youthful and dashing President 101 Steve Keesal and his board. We will also be honoring and recognizing our revered Past Presidents. The event will feature wonderful fellowship, fabulous cuisine and libations under the watchful eye of KYL's Special Events Manager Richard Brown and Dinner Chairman Dana Buchanan. Drop-dead gorgeous 270-degree sunset views will also be provided at no additional charge. The cost--only \$57.00 per person and **ATTENTION TABLE 13**, that includes a hosted bar. Invitations will be mailed June

## Calendar

### "Share Rotary with a Guest"

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

June 7: Announcement of Cup of Kindness Award

June 7: Dr. Robert Nagourney - Treatment of Cancer

June 14: DARK - NO LUNCH MEETING

June 21: Last meeting - Celebration of the Past Presidents

June 21: Announcement of the President's Award

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



Randy Gordon and his family adorn the cover of *Alamitos Bay Neighbor* magazine. The opening odds are 10 to 1 that Randy will claim his immunity applies to magazine covers.

9. Please RSVP no later than June 21. There will be no regular noon meeting on June 28.

**Last Week's Meeting - May 24 - Dr. Bryna Kane - Skin Care and Cancer**



Dr. Bryna Kane has been practicing adult and pediatric dermatology for over 30 years and is the senior founding partner and co-owner of Long Beach-based Laser Skin Care Dermatology Associates. Non-melanoma skin cancer has quadrupled and is directly related to sun exposure; Dr. Kane believes a major reason is the ozone depletion. Malignant melanoma is associated with high intensity sunburns through a series of summer exposure. The signs to notice are **A** (asymmetry), **B** (border irregularity), **C** (color variation), **D** (diameter change), **E** (evolution). One in 5 Americans will have skin cancer in their lifetime. She advises finding an experienced dermatologist who requires a thorough body search on a regular basis

**Also Last Week ...** Past President and club liaison to The Rotary Foundation Greg Haeseler acknowledged new Paul Harris Fellow recipients: Rhiannon Acree (PHF), Karen Widerynski (PHF), Judy Seal (PHF+2) and Sandy Simon (PHF+3).

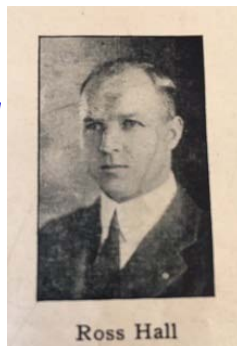
**Office Space for Rotary Office?**



The Rotary Club of Long Beach is looking for office space. Our current office of 660 square feet is in the doomed "English Village" across the parking lot from the Queen Mary ship. We are looking for a comparable size space that will accommodate two staff members, provide convenient restroom facilities, parking, storage for some items kept for the last 100 years and a ceiling that doesn't leak when it rains.

Please contact Madrid (madrid@rotarylongbeach.org or 562-436-8181).

**Chronicler's Report - Hall & Clemo, Our Only Four Generation Rotary Family**



Ross Hall



Bill Clemo



Birthdays of the Week

May 29 - **Suny Chang** (LINC Housing Corp., Non-Profit Organizations-LINC Housing Corp.)

May 30 - **Greg Burnight** (Curtis & Burnight, Attorney-at-Law - Real Estate)

May 31 - **John Graham** (Graham Consultants, Consultant - Strategic Technology)

May 31 - **Jane Close Conoley** (CSULB, Education-CSULB-Administration - President)

June 1 - **David Babore** (City National Bank, Banking.)

June 2 - **Randy Gordon** (LB Area Chamber of Commerce, Associations - Chamber of Commerce)

June 3 - **Russ Hill** (Halbert Hargrove Global Advisors, Financial - Investment Counseling)

June 3 - **Ken McDonald** (Long Beach Transit, Transportation - Public Transit)

June 3 - **Adriana Lanting** (Adriana Lanting & Associates, Real Estate - Mortgage Loans)

Ross Hall, Bill Clemo, Tom Clemo and Matt Clemo make-up our club's only four generation family. This week we feature Ross and Bill; next week Tom and Matt.

Ross Hall was our 13th president serving in 1929-1930. It was a tough year for Long Beach and the country. Black Thursday, October 24, 1929, was the first day of the worst stock market crash in U.S. history kicking off the Great Depression. Ross was born in 1896 in Hope, Kansas. Their motto "*There will always be Hope in Kansas.*" In 2015 Hope had a population of 344; when Ross left town around 1920 the population was 589. Statistics showed that for every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 82.5 males (he left town anyway). After serving as Captain of the Infantry in France in WWI Ross and his wife Chlora moved to Long Beach where he established the Century Lumber Company at the corner of East Anaheim Street and Molino Ave. He was a Long Beach Water Commissioner, a Director of the Red Cross and a 33rd Degree Mason. Ross and Chlora built a beautiful two-story home at the southeast corner of 2nd Street and Roswell Ave. in Belmont Heights that is still there today. He died in 1975 at age 79.

Bill Clemo, who married Ross Hall's daughter Maxine, was a man who gave new meaning to the phrase "one of a kind." Well into his 80s you could still find Bill surf fishing in Mexico, windsurfing in Alamitos Bay and surfing with his grandson Patrick at San Onofre. He also began most days swimming at the Belmont Plaza Pool where he routinely lapped (then) younger Rotarians like PP Larry Jackson and Craig Cross.

Bill joined LB Rotary in 1948 and served as Acting President in 1953 after the passing of President J.H. Davies. (The bridge on 2nd Street over Appian Way and the Marina is named in his honor). Bill became legendary at our club because if you ever wanted to see what Bill looked like when he joined in 1948 all you had to do was go to the 1998 roster for in the 50 years he was in Rotary he never once updated his picture (see picture above). He was a proud charter member of the original Table 13.

Bill was born in Utah and was a graduate of Stanford where he played water polo. During WWII he was a Naval officer. After the war he returned briefly to East Texas but then accepted an invitation from Ross Hall to join the Century Lumber Company. Bill and Maxine raised their four children, Carol, Tom, Susan and Julie, in their home on La Linda Drive in the Los Cerritos neighborhood of Long Beach. Matt Clemo is Tom's son.

One of the most-told Bill Clemo stories involved the IRS auditor who came to Century Lumber and was unmercifully worked over by Bill on what a shameful and dishonorable way being an IRS auditor was to make a living. Four months later the guy proudly called Bill to let him know he had quit the IRS to go into public accounting (no, it wasn't



*Rotarians Miri Lee and Ray Lasher support Rotary International at the 4th Annual Long Beach Rotary World Peace Golf Tournament.*



*Service Above Self! Rotarians, family and friends prepared a meal at the Ronald McDonald House. Javier Gonzalez, Mary Ellen Mitchell, Lydia Vincenty-Lowell, Meredith & Steve Shaw, Elsa and Ahmed Ahtman.*

### *Rotarians in the News*

Boys and Girls Club President **Don Rodriguez** is on the front page of the current edition of the [Long Beach Business Journal](#). **Marcelle Epley** is also featured in the LBBJ's "Focus on the Non-Profit Sector." PP "Rocket" **Randy Gordon** and his family are on the cover of [Alamitos Bay Neighbor](#) magazine (see above photo). **Terry Geiling** was honored for his years of service to the American Gold Star Manor at a celebration attended by many Rotarians May 26.

**GIVE BLOOD FOR OUR 100 PINTS**

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Another story involved a member who when president of our club requested that Bill treat him with more respect after being referred to by Bill most of his life as "You Officious Little Bastard." Bill agreed and for one year Bill referred to him respectfully as "Mr. Officious Little Bastard."

Bill Clemo was someone who when you saw him come into a room you wanted to go over and talk to him because you knew you would feel better after you did. One of a kind for sure. He passed away in September 1998 at age 84. At his service Bill's windsurfer was on display in front of the chapel.



For our centennial year LB Rotary has pledged 100 pints.  
Contact Debra Fixen (dfixen@yahoo.com) or 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!*

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