

ROTARYGRAM

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Three of the "Fabulous Four" - Jean Bixby Smith, Cam Killingsworth and Jayne Lastusky with Sylvia Whitlock at the "30 Years of Women in Rotary" celebration held Sunday in Santa Ana. Dr. Whitlock was the first woman president in Rotary International, Duarte 1987-1988. Also attending were Karen Wyrick, Adriana Lanting, Michele Dobson, and Stephanie James (see photo below in blue border).

All March meetings aboard the Queen Mary.

This Week's Lunch Program - March 22 - Former MLB Pitcher Darrell P. Jackson



In 1977 Darrell Jackson realized his childhood dream of pitching major league baseball, an achievement that brought a jet-set lifestyle and a professional high. Six years later, he crash-landed in Los Angeles, hooked on crack. Sober since 1981, Jackson now pitches drug and alcohol rehabilitation to adolescents all over Southern California. He is



Lucky DG Ray Sanford joins Long Beach Rotary's finest at Sunday's celebration of "30 Years of Women in Rotary".

one of the founders of GOOD (Gangs Out Of Downey) and the subsequent *10-20 Club*, providing social services for at-risk Downey youth.

Also This Week Jim Michaelian will brief us on this April's Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach. Introducing the guests and birthdayites as Sergeant-at-Arms will be Past President Carl Calkins (1982-1983).



Next Lunch Program - March 29 - Camp Enterprise Kick-off with Doug Luffborough

IF BRINGING A GUEST, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE BY MARCH 23 TO RSVP.

Next week launches the 25th year of our club's Camp Enterprise ! Come meet the 64 high school students who will be going up the mountain after lunch. Our guest speaker, Dough Luffborough, was raised in an impoverished environment and helped his mother raise his 3 younger siblings. Overcoming homelessness and other challenges as a high school youth, he was the commencement speaker at Boston's Northeastern University, impressing President Bill Clinton enough to get invited to the White House. Doug has spent over 20 years devoted to youth development and family empowerment.

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President's Message - #100 Jayne Lastusky

This is a wonderful time of year. Spring has sprung, flowers are in bloom, the sweet sixteen is here and spring training has begun. For those of you placing bets on your favorite teams, the Commish is dispensing advice.

While attending the "30 Years of Women in Rotary" celebration, I was honored to meet Sylvia Whitlock, the first woman Rotary club president in the world. She was the president of the Rotary Club of Duarte serving in 1987-88 and the incoming president when the United States Supreme Court issued its landmark ruling against the exclusion of women in service clubs (May 1987). It all began in 1977 when 3 women were invited to join the Duarte Rotary Club. Following their introduction into the club, Rotary International terminated the club's charter. The complete story is chronicled in Sylvia's book *Women Also Serve*. I purchased a copy of her book at the event and

Calendar

Share Rotary with a Guest

March 22: Darrell P. Jackson (former MLB pitcher)

March 23: 5 O'Clock Somewhere (4th & Olive)

March 26: Ronald McDonald Sunday Meal Preparation

March 29: Camp Enterprise Kick-off

March 31: Monthly Golf Outing (El Dorado Golf Course - 1:00pm)

April 5: Rotary Roots - SIGN UP ONLINE



Birthdays of the Week

March 21 - **Jim Mills-Winkler** (Waddell & Reed Financial Advisors, Financial - Financial Advisor)

March 25 - **Denise Dahlhausen** (Retired, Non-Profit Organizations - For The Child)

March 28 - **Martin Simon** (Triangle Brass Manufacturing Co., Manufacturing - Door Hardware)

March 28 - **Dan Walker** (Farmers & Merchants Bank, Banking)

March 29 - **Rand Bleimeister** (Sylvan Learning of Long Beach, Education-Private - Sylvan Learning of LB)

March 30 - **George Reid** (Reid & Associates, Human Resources - Transportation & Logistics)

had an opportunity to visit with Sylvia while she autographed it. Sylvia is an inspiring true Rotarian who helped chart the course for others to follow. All profits from the sale of her book go to the Rotary Foundation.

Camp Enterprise kicks off next week with a 25th anniversary celebration. Don't miss it. Happy Spring! Enjoy the warmer weather and spend some time outdoors in the beautiful sunshine.

[Last Week's Meeting - March 15 - Capt. Charlene Downey - US Coast Guard - Sector Los Angeles-Long Beach](#)



In June 2016, Captain Downey assumed her duties as Sector Commander and Captain of the Port for US Coast Guard Sector Los Angeles-Long Beach. From command offices on Terminal Island in San Pedro, the Sector coordinates operations in an area stretching more than 350 miles along the California coast--from north of Morro Bay and south to San Clemente--out 200 miles offshore, and includes the nation's largest port complex. Capt. Downey provided a general overview of her duties as sector commander--captain of the port, federal maritime security coordinator, marine inspector, search & rescue coordinator, federal onsite coordinator--and the various maritime vessels and coastal stations under her jurisdiction.

[Also Last Week](#) Guest SGA and Past President Brian Russell (2014-2015) helped celebrate Denise Dahlhausen's birthday. Jim Howe was recognized for his 3 new grandkids via the wonderful technology of holding a cell phone to a hand-held microphone.

["Women in Rotary"](#)

On Sunday March 19, 2017 District 5320 celebrated "30 Years of Women in Rotary" at the Hacienda Restaurant in Santa Ana. The speaker was Sylvia Whitlock, the first woman president of a Rotary Club. Representing our club were three of the first four women to join Long Beach Rotary in 1987, aka "The Fabulous Four", - President Jayne Lastusky, Jean Bixby Smith and PP Cam Killingsworth (PP Jane Netherton was unable to attend). They were joined by Adriana Lanting, Karen Wyrick, Michele Dobson, and Stephanie James. Below is a [Long Beach Business Journal](#) article on our "25th Anniversary Women in Rotary" celebration held in 2012.

["The Fabulous Four - Honoring the First Women of Long Beach Rotary." - February 26, 2013](#)

On May 4, 1987, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Rotary clubs may not exclude women from membership on the basis of gender. Between May and October of that year, Long Beach Rotary installed the first four women members--known admirably as "*The Fabulous Four*." These four women are: Jean Bixby Smith, who was president of Bixby Land Co. that year; Jane Netherton, then-CEO of Long Beach-based International City Bank; Jayne Lastusky, then-executive



A fine group of Rotarians cleaned up Rotary Centennial Park this month. Be sure to join the second Saturday of each month on the fun and fellowship.

NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR:



**RONALD MCDONALD SUNDAY MEAL PREPARATION
Sunday - March 26**

Help prepare a home-cooked meal for the families staying at RMD while their sick children get treatment at nearby medical facilities. Contact Connie Rivers (crivera@acta.org).

**5 O'Clock Somewhere
Thursday - March 23
Restaurant: 4th and Olive
5:30pm-7:30pm**

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director of the Long Beach-Harbor-Southeast unit of the American Cancer Society; and Cam Killingsworth, co-owner of Killingsworth Presentations. In 1998, Killingsworth became the first female president in the history of Long Beach Rotary. Netherton, in 2007, was the second female to serve as president. During those five months almost 26 years ago, Rotarians worked together to implement a strategic plan on how to include women while emphasizing the inclusion as an extension of Rotary's policy of quality membership, according to Craig Dougherty, who served as president of Long Beach Rotary in 1987. During a presentation last year in honor of the first four women members, Dougherty said, "Looking back, it was a different world in 1987. Men had their service clubs and women had their services clubs. In the previous 70 years this Rotary club had never had a female member. But in 1987 that was about to change as we quietly set out to recruit the best businesswomen in Long Beach to join Rotary. I have to say these women were truly risk takers willingly going where no other women had gone before." Dougherty continued, "They represented quality of membership in its highest form and they set the bar high for all who followed, both men and women." Since then, more women continue to join Rotary. Of the 303 members in Long Beach today, 66 are women--making up 22 percent of the organization, according to Executive Director Madrid Zimmerman. *(Editor's note: There are now 92 women in Long Beach Rotary; 32.1% of the total membership.)*

[Sign up online for ROTARY ROOTS, our April 5 lunch program](#)



The April 5 lunch program will not be aboard the Queen Mary, because it is our spring *Rotary Roots Day*! This is a return to the roots of Rotary when members in the first club in Chicago had to take turns hosting the meeting. This spring we have 8 of your fellow club Rotarians hosting lunch: Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (Connie Rivera), City of Long Beach (Stacy Mungo), Downtown Long Beach Alliance (Kraig Kojian), Fleming Metal (Marjorie Fleming), American Gold Star Manor (Terry Geiling), Leadership Long Beach (Jeff Williams and LLB alumni), Primal Alchemy (Dana Buchanan), and YMCA new Lakewood facility (Alfredo Velasco). Sign up now for a place to eat lunch--spaces going quickly! **Deadline is March 29.**



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.....

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

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