



ROTARYGRAM

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[This Week's Lunch Program - February 6, 2019](#)

Becoming like TED

Under Steve Goodling's leadership since 2001, the Long Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau is at the forefront of modern meeting trends, offering new experiential ways to create successful, memorable events. Steve's vision for Long Beach is to be an "innovation leader" in the hospitality industry. Using the TED Conference as a guide, Steve pioneered the creation of new "turn-key" event spaces for imaginative event choices. In 2017 BizBash inducted him into their prestigious Hall of Fame. Successful Meetings Magazine named Steve to its "Top 25 Most Influential People in the Meetings Industry 2017", listing him as a Trailblazer. Also in 2017, Northstar Media Group presented their 2017 Stella Award for "Best CVB in the West", a testament to Long Beach's commitment to quality service.

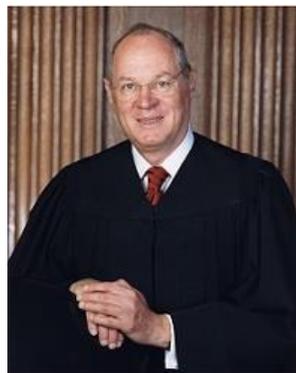


[Upcoming Events](#)

- Wednesday, Feb 6, 2019 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program
Becoming like TED - Steve Goodling
Queen Mary, Grand Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802)
- **Tuesday**, Feb 12, 2019 - 12noon-1:30pm: Special Weekly Lunch Program (not on Wednesday)
The Rule of Law and Current Civil Discourse - Supreme Court of the United States Associate Justice Anthony M. Kennedy (Retired)
Lunch program is part of the Rotary Large Club Conference
Queen Mary, Grand Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802) **Reservations are required by February 6.**
- Thursday, Feb 14, 2019 - 5:30pm-7:30pm: 5 Way Test Mixer (2nd Thursday/month)
Parker's Lighthouse (435 Shoreline Village Drive)
- Wednesday, Feb 20, 2019 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program
Supercharge Your Brain! Keep Your Brain Strong and Prevent Alzheimer's - Dr. Susan Sklar
Queen Mary, Grand Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802)
- Thursday, Feb 21, 2019 - 9:00am-10:00am: Rby9 CDC Book Reading: Annual Book Delivery
Colin Powell Elementary School (150 Victoria St.)
RSVP with Frank Newell
- Friday, February 22, 2019 - 11:30am-3:30pm: Monthly Golf Outing
Recreation Park
Sign-up with Dennis Smith (dennis@stratisfinancial.com)

Next Rotary Lunch meeting
- Tuesday - February 12-
Large Club Conference -
Supreme Court of the US
Associate Justice Anthony
Kennedy (Retired)

(Collection of the Supreme Court of the United States)



As part of the Rotary Large Club Conference that our club is hosting, we are holding our weekly lunch program on Tuesday (February 12), instead of on Wednesday. We expect 135 Rotarians from across the country and Canada as our special guests for lunch. As Executive Directors, Presidents-elect, and Presidents-nominees they represent



President's
Message

Oh my goodness, what an amazing speaker we had on Wednesday. I must admit some concern when he

next year's leadership of 54 large clubs in North America.

Our speaker is Supreme Court of the United States Associate Justice Anthony M. Kennedy (Retired). The title of his presentation is "The Rule of Law and Current Civil Discourse." Nominated by President Ronald Reagan, Justice Kennedy took his seat in February 1988. He had previously served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit since 1975. Justice Kennedy was in private practice in San Francisco (1961-1963) as well as in Sacramento (1963-1975) and served in numerous positions during his career. Justice Kennedy retired from the Supreme Court on July 31, 2018.

This Week's Birthdays

- Feb 4 - **Diane Donaldson** (Education - Educational Psychologist - Retired)
- Feb 4 - **Dan Tapia** (4th & Olive, Restaurants - Alsatian)
- Feb 5 - **Joe Prevatil** (Archstone Foundation, Foundations - Private)
- Feb 5 - **Henry Fung** (Education - CSULB - Retired)
- Feb 6 - **Marcelle Epley** (Long Beach Community Foundation, Foundations - LBCF)
- Feb 6 - **Albert Parks** (Sign-A-Rama, Signs & Graphics - Custom)
- Feb 10 - **Vali De Vries** (State Farm Insurance, Insurance -General)

Special Lunch & Dinner - RSVP Required

As part of the Rotary Large Club Conference taking place in Long Beach, we are moving our normal Wednesday lunch meeting that week to Tuesday, February 12, at 12 noon. Approximately 135 Rotarians, representing 54 large clubs across the nation and Canada will be joining the Long Beach club for its weekly lunch. Two to three of these clubs will be sitting at each table, so spread out and mingle with them to show our Long Beach hospitality.

said that he did his presentation in the Uber car on the way over. But, after hearing him discuss the Absinthe distillery he and his wife started in France having a boom than bust, coming home broke and then figuring out how to distill whisky but not age it in barrels, I understood. Winning major awards for said whisky and deciding that in order to have a tasting room experience for buyers without the beautiful barrels of most tasting experiences, he designed an amusement park ride that lets you out at different tasting rooms. Then deciding to create the original rum that was used in Mai Tais he needed to find the correct type of Chestnut trees from which to make the barrels, he found that it was now an endangered species of tree; but he started with an old Chestnut furniture (did not work) then he found trees that had been cut down (poisoned before cut down to do this, did not work) but he is still on the search for the wood to age the rum that will create that perfect Mai Tai. I must tell you that we were in the room with pure creative genius and all I could think was I am so glad that I am not married to this man. He was a storyteller extraordinaire and had an impish smile that could charm the birds out of the trees. I know that in the end he will make that rum and I hope we are able to taste it so we know how the story ends.

We celebrated Steve Kuykendall's birthday and the pictures of him as a young Marine were definitely swoon worthy. Rotarian Dana Buchanan and

Our special guest speaker will be Supreme Court of the United States Associate Justice Anthony M. Kennedy (Retired). Because of all the guests, we are extending the lunch program until 2:00pm.

As this is a special lunch we will need reservations from EVERY Long Beach Rotarian who plans to attend. If you are not on the Meal Plan, then the cost of lunch is \$35. (There is no coffee/cookie option.) This is a good opportunity for you to invite a guest. **All reservations are due by February 6.** No reservations will be accepted for tables of just club Rotarians and their guests, as there will be 2 to 3 clubs from across the continent seated at each table.

Also, LB Rotarians are invited to the February 12 dinner. This is the concluding event of the Large Club Conference. It will be held at the Terrace Plaza/Lobby of the LB Performing Arts Center. The guest speaker is John Matthews, former VP of Costco Wholesale, who will talk about Costco as an agent of cultural change. Cost of dinner program is \$150/person. **Reservations required by February 6.**



New Member Proposal

The following is being proposed as a member of the Rotary Club of Long Beach. His name is hereby submitted to the membership for a 10-day period as required by the by-laws. Any comments can be addressed to the President or the Executive Director of the club during this 10-day period.

Curtis Pilon - Spectrum Information Services and Shenanigans Irish Pub

Proposed classification: Restaurants - Irish Pub
Proposed by: Debra Fixen and Sathya Chey

her husband Chef Paul were recognized for their series of articles in the Gazette and for the wonderful cookbook, *Community Table*, which Chef Paul and other Ecological Food Chefs have published. The recipes are divine and I will be starting at the beginning and experimenting very soon.

Justin Salley (HCVT) received his blue badge and he did the requirements in record time. Good job Justin!

Don't forget that if you are planning to come to lunch on TUESDAY FEBRUARY 12, YOU MUST MAKE A RESERVATION (even those on the Meal Plan) **by February 6.** US Supreme Court Associate Justice Anthony Kennedy (retired) is the speaker not to be missed and I think we would all enjoy hearing anyone, especially someone of his stature, speak on Civil Discourse.

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Rotary Club of Long Beach usually meets every Wednesday
at 12:00 noon on the Queen Mary (1126 Queens Hwy., Long Beach, CA 90802)
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