



ROTARYGRAM

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This Week's Lunch Program - March 6, 2019

Virgin Orbit - Will Pomerantz

Will is Vice President for Special Projects at Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Orbit, the innovative launch company for small satellites. Working within the same role at Virgin Galactic from 2011-2017 he helped start Virgin Orbit as part of his remit to extend Virgin Galactic's efforts beyond space tourism. Will also serves as the Chair of the Board of Advisors of SEDS-USA, the world's largest student space organization, and as a Co-founder of the Brooke Owens Fellowship Program, a prestigious mentorship and work experience program for women pursuing aerospace careers.



Upcoming Events

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- Wednesday, March 6, 2019 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program
Will Pomerantz - Virgin Orbit
Queen Mary, Grand Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802)
 - Wednesday, March 6, 2019 - 11:30am: Rotary Connect **CANCELLED**
 - Saturday, March 9, 2019 - 8:00am-9:00am: Centennial Park Clean-up
Entrance on E. Pacific Coast Hwy., near Junipero
Contact: Ahmet Atahan
 - Wednesday, March 13, 2019 - 12noon-1:30pm: *Rotary Roots* (offsite)
NO LUNCH ABOARD THE QUEEN MARY
Online registration required by March 6
One of 6 LB Rotarian locations. Limited space.
 - Thursday, March 14, 2019 - 5:30pm-7:30pm: 5 Way Test Mixer (2nd Thursday/month)
Pigburd (formerly 4th & Olive Restaurant), hosted by Dan Tapia
 - Wednesday, March 20, 2019 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program
James K. Bass - Artistic Director, Long Beach Camarata Singers
Queen Mary, Grand Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802)
 - Thursday, March 21, 2019 - 7:30am-9:00am: Breakfast Business Roundtable (3rd Thursday/month, every other month)
"How to utilize high school interns in your business" - Jean Egan, Long Beach CaLL
Polly's Pies (Los Coyotes Diagonal); \$10 cash for pre-fixed breakfast menu
Contact: Rayne Sherman
 - Wednesday, March 27, 2019 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program
Kathleen Ronald - Clutternomics: Clear Your Way to Profits, Productivity and Peace!
Queen Mary, Grand Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802)
 - Thursday, March 28, 2019 - 6:00pm-8:00pm: Rotary Revealed Information Meeting
Hosted by Frank Newell
Contact: Lydia Vincenty-Lowell
 - Sunday, March 31, 2019 - 4:00pm-6:00pm: Ronald McDonald House Sunday Meal Preparation
(last Sunday/month, every other month)
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Next Rotary Lunch meeting
- Wednesday - March 13-
OFFSITE - Rotary Roots

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When Paul Harris started the first Rotary Club in Chicago, members took turns hosting lunch each week. In the spirit of that tradition, this year's *Rotary Roots* takes place on March 13. Sharing their workspace and business/organization, are six Long Beach Rotarians : Craig Cross of Halbert, Hargrove Global Advisors; Whitney Leathers of Long Beach Day Nursery; Alison Bruesehoff of Rancho Los Cerritos; Rayne Sherman of Sherman Design Group; Sergio Garcia of The Salvation Army; and Randy Kemner of The Wine Country.

Space is limited and online registration ends on March 6.

This Week's Birthdays

Mar 3 - **Doug Haubert** (City of Long Beach, Government-Municipal - City Prosecutor)

Mar 5- **Katherine Lizardo** (Law Office of Katherine V. Lizardo, Attorney at Law - General Practice)

Mar 7 - **John Gooding** (Coldwell Banker Beachside, Real Estate - Residential)

Mar 8 - **John Hancock** (Bancap Commercial Real Estate, Real Estate - Commercial & Investment)

Mar 8 - **Alfredo Velasco** (YMCA of Greater Long Beach, Non-Profit Organizations - YMCA)



President's
Message

This week we were in the presence of a master storyteller. Everyone left saying "Wow, what a great speaker." Ship's Officer Chris Perley told us not only about the paranormal sightings on the Queen Mary (having been just named one of the top 10 most haunted places in the US), but also about the ship itself. He talked to us about the uses for the 2nd floor ballroom where we regularly meet. It was originally the 1st class dining room and the likes of Clark Gable and Elizabeth Taylor had graced its tables. Then he talked about the war years where it was a troop transport and painted all gray as well as the windows. The ballroom was turned into a place to feed the soldiers and sailors on board. He said there were so many of them that the line stretched around the ship. So, with two meals per day the men would stand in line, eat and then go back and stand in line for the next meal. He talked about the wonderful mural on the wall that shows the Atlantic passage routes and told us that there was a great race among the different countries' ships to have the fastest time. It apparently was a very prestigious award. The paranormal activity he discussed were sightings of a lady going up the stairs in the Pool area, two little girls in one of the

[New Member Proposal](#)

The following are being proposed as members of the Rotary Club of Long Beach. Their names are 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 during this 10-day period.

John P. Sousa - Owner, Blue Ribbon Drapery Company

Proposed classification: Interior Window Coverings

Proposed by: Steve Keesal and Marnee Brooks

Jack Irvin - Real Estate Agent, Coldwell Banker Coastal Alliance

Proposed classification: Real Estate - Residential

Proposed by: Jerry Bloeser and Judy Ross

[New Member Introductions](#)

Two new members were introduced into the Rotary Club of Long Beach in February.

Robyn Gordon-Peterson

Classification: Transportation - Public Transit

Sponsored by: Marcelle Epley and Larry Jackson

Robyn recently retired after working for 30 years for **Long Beach Transit**. She started out as a payroll clerk and ended up as the Chief Operating Officer. She moved to Long Beach when she was ten and raised seven children. Robyn enjoys singing, dancing, reading, swimming, and games.

Curtis Pilon

Classification: Restaurants - Irish Pub

Sponsored by: Debra Fixen and Sathya Chey

Curtis founded **Spectrum Information Services** (document scanning company) in 1991 in Irvine. The company has expanded into Long Beach with its newest client, the City of Long Beach. Five years ago, he became part owner of **Shenanigan's Irish Pub** in Shoreline Village. In his free time, Curtis enjoys golf, tennis, and power boating.

staterooms, and apparently there is one stateroom that all of the paranormal trackers say is the most haunted spot on the ship. For many years they kept that room out of service but have added it back into available rooms with a warning to guests checking in. He was a fascinating speaker, kept to 20 minutes (my favourite) and then took several questions. Just perfect!

We had a new member introduction by Debra Fixen. Curtis Pilon is the founder of Spectrum Information Services and is part owner of Shenanigan's Irish Pub in Shoreline Village. He enjoys golf, tennis and power boating. I hear the golfers scratching his name on their lists as I write.

We had a very special blue badge exchange as Cathy Wieder received her blue badge from her father, who is a past President of the Alhambra Rotary Club. Mayor Beverly O'Neill was there to cheer Cathy on and it is always special to have Mayor Beverly in the audience.

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR ROTARY ROOTS !! March 6 Deadline.

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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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