



ROTARYGRAM

May 1, 2019 - Vol. 10

This Week's Lunch Program - May 1, 2019

Miguel Vargas

The Evolution of the LA Arts District

Miguel Vargas currently serves as the Executive Director of the Arts District Of Los Angeles (ADLA) Business Improvement District.

Prior to working for ADLA, Miguel worked for LA City Councilmember Jose Huizar, which allowed him to work closely with The City departments to meet the unique needs of communities like Skid Row, Little Tokyo, Bunker Hill, and The Arts District.

Previously, Miguel was a High School History teacher in Riverside, CA



Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, May 1, 2019 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program
Evolution of LA Arts District - Miguel Vargas
Queen Mary, Grand Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802)
- Friday-Sunday, May 3-5, 2019: District Conference - "Be the Inspiration"
Newport Beach Renaissance Hotel
Friday, May 3: **Hospitality booth with LB Rotary REGISTER ONLINE**
- Wednesday, May 8, 2019 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program
LBPD: Handling Challenges like Body Cameras and Profiling - Bureau Chief Jason Campbell
Queen Mary, Grand Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802)
- Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program **OFFSITE at LBCC**
LB Rotary Scholarship Foundation Program at LBCC
Reservations required by May 8. Parking permits will be issued with RSVP
- Thursday, May 16, 2019 - 7:30am-9:00am: Business Breakfast Roundtable
Polly's Pies (Los Coyotes Diagonal); \$10 cash for pre-fixed breakfast menu
Contact: Rayne Sherman
- Monday, May 20, 2019: LB Rotary's (Golf) Tournament for World Peace: annual club-sponsored to
Old Ranch Country Country Club (3901 Lampson Ave., Seal Beach)
Contact Greg Haeseler for golf registration
- Monday, May 20, 2019 - 5:00pm: 5 Way Test Monthly Mixer as part of the Golf Tournament for W
Old Ranch Country Club (3901 Lampson Ave., Seal Beach)
Silent Auction - Wine Pull
- Wednesday, May 22, 2019 - 11:30am-1:00pm: Weekly Lunch Program **DARK**
Members invited to attend instead the annual Inter Service Club Lunch
"My Name is Also Freedom" - Shari Ho (labor human trafficking)
The Grand Event Center (4101 E. Willow) - \$35 (paid to our office in advance)
Reservations required by May 15.

Next Rotary Lunch meeting
- Wednesday - May 8- LBPD
Bureau Chief Jason
Campbell- Handling
Challenges (Body Cam,
Profiling)



LBPD Bureau Chief Jason Campbell began his career with the City of Long Beach in 2016. He was formerly the Executive Officer of the California Board of Podiatric Medicine and previously employed by the

LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Maine, and completed the Executive Leadership Institute with the Federal Bureau of Investigation -- LEEDA training program.

This Week's Birthdays

Apr 29 - **Mollie Beck** (The Beck Company of Coldwell Banker Beachside, Real Estate - Residential)

May 1 - **Laura Knapp** (DeVry University, Education-Private-DeVry University)

May 2 - **Janet Nelson** (International City Bank, Banking)

May 3 - **Kelly Lucera** (Long Beach Symphony Association, Non-Profit Organizations - LB Symphony Association)

May 4 - **Brendan Diette** (Northwestern Mutual Insurance)

Co., Insurance-
Life-Estate
Planning)

New Member Introduction

Liz Lucas introduced our newest member, Tim Aldrete. Tim beat off competition from his two older brothers to "just park cars" at Automac, a business started by his father in 1970. Now as CFO he devotes many hours to community service. Apparently he has time to vacation in Bora Bora. Maybe you should ask him just how relaxed he appears in Bora Bora.....



New Member Proposal

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

Angel Macias - CEO, California Families in Focus

Proposed classification: Non-Profit Organizations - Youth Services

Proposed by: Henry Fung and Judy Seal

District Conference & LB Hospitality Booth

May 3- 5, 2019

On Friday, May 3, our club is hosting a booth at the District Conference's Hospitality Night. Come support our club at the Renaissance Newport Beach Hotel from 6:00pm-10:00pm. Cost for Hospitality Night is \$40; registration online is appreciated. Willetta McCulloh and Dan Tapia are the chefs. Lance Kenyon and the Hammered Nails will perform.

There are other events/sessions throughout Saturday and Sunday of the Conference that you'll enjoy attending. Wayne Slavitt will emcee Saturday night's dinner and casino night (orchestrated by Vali DeVries and Lydia Vincenty-Lowell). Randy Kemner and John Romundstad's wife (Elizabeth Kuehne) will be do a session on *Liqueur and Chocolates*. Other break-out sessions include: David Lott on Mozambique Waterwell Project; Freda Hinsche Otto on the Navajo Water Project; Lynne Wainfan on *Teaching Ethics to Kids* (TEK); Brian Russell presenting the District Memorial Service that will remember Carl Calkins and Earl Marks.

Register online for the conference (District calendar).



Renaissance Newport Beach
4500 MacArthur Blvd., Newport Beach

Rotary Club of Long Beach usually meets every Wednesday
at 12:00 noon on the Queen Mary (1126 Queens Hwy., Long Beach, CA 90802)
Club Office: 400 Oceangate, Suite 470, Long Beach, CA 90802
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President's Message

Basil Hewitt, the PIO for the Sanitation Districts of LA County, was the epitome of a PIO. He took a topic that could have been very complicated and not the most electrifying and made it clear and very interesting. After showing us a very disturbing picture of raw sewage being dumped into the ocean in LA via a large pipe in the early 1900's, he talked to us about what is being done now and how these changes have occurred. He told us what is currently being done with grey water and how the plants for water cleansing do this job in 3 steps as it travels down the County. He also explained how significantly lower our LA County sanitation costs are because of this process than our neighboring City of LA. He ended with a description of what is being done with food waste. There were disturbing pictures of huge dump trucks of food being poured into waste processing containers where (my very loose hold on science terms resulted in the following description) it was turned into methane gas. This gas is used not only to power the plant but also supplies power to homes in LA County. He had a great sense of humor and took a few shots at VP Mark Guillen for choosing waste disposal as a lunchtime topic.

We did a farewell with regrets to much valued Rotarian Wendy Sorel. She and her husband are retiring to Portland and we thanked her for all the work she did on Camp Enterprise and for the great passion and accomplishment she brought to the Student Internship Program. The only bright spot is that now we have a room to stay in when we visit Portland.

Our monthly table networking was enhanced this week by our new Directory of Club Members by Classification. You can obtain a copy by going onto the Club Website <https://www.dacdb.com/SecLogin3.cfm> Login/MyClub/Reports/go down to Member 15.50 and VIEW the report. Huge thank you to Past President Kay Cofield for making this need a reality.

We had a new member introduction by Liz Lucas of Timothy Aldrete. He describes his job as parking cars but in reality he is the CFO of Automac Inc. He is someone who is committed to community service and we are quite happy to channel his considerable energy into Rotary projects. We also celebrated Mark Schneider's birthday. This was made all the more meaningful by

the fact he is in fine health after having unexpected heart surgery, is celebrating his 50th anniversary with his lovely wife and is welcoming 3 new grandchildren. He does have a great deal to celebrate.

I look forward to seeing you all this week when we hear about the evolution of the LA Art District. I want to learn more about the LA Art Walk that is the talk of the town.

Gail #102