



ROTARYGRAM

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This Week's Lunch Program - May 22, 2019

DARK - NO MEETING ABOARD THE QUEEN MARY

Inter Service Club Luncheon - Hosted by Kiwanis Club

Rotary Club is not meeting this week in order to support the annual Inter Service Club Luncheon. This year the Lunch is being hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Long Beach.

Meeting begins at 11:30am

If you made reservations, please check in with Madrid at the Grand Event Center, when you arrive.



Upcoming Events

- 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 14.
- Wednesday, May 29, 2019 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program
Long Beach Economic Forecast - Seiji Steimetz
Queen Mary, Grand Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802)
- Wednesday, June 5, 2019 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program
Speaker TBA
Queen Mary, Grand Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802)
- Friday, June 7, 2019 - 12 noon: Last Monthly Golf Outing
Contact Dennis Smith
- Saturday, June 8, 2019 - 8:00am-9:00am: Centennial Park Clean-up (2nd Sat/month)
Park entrance on E. Pacific Coast Hwy., near Junipero
Contact Ahmet Atahan
- Wednesday, June 12, 2019 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program
The Return of World War II Veteran - Sam Sachs
Queen Mary, Grand Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802)
- Wednesday, June 19, 2019 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program
Roasting and Toasting President Gail Schwandner - The Demotion
Queen Mary, Grand Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802)
- Wednesday, June 26, 2019 - 6:00pm-8:00pm: Presidents' Party
No lunch meeting, for evening event
Aquarium of the Pacific - new Pacific Visions Wing
Invitations forthcoming, but save-the-date

**[Next Rotary Lunch meeting
- Wednesday - May 29 -
Long Beach Economic
Forecast - Seiji Steimetz](#)**



Seiji Steimetz is Professor and Chair of Economics at the California



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State University, Long Beach, and Director of the Office of Economic Research, which partners with the City of Long Beach in producing the annual *Long Beach Regional Economic Forum*. His research specialties include transportation, urban, and environmental economics.

This Week's Birthdays

May 21 - **Sy Alban** (Retired, Medicine - Orthopedic Surgery)

May 22 - **Salvador Farfan** (Caught in the Moment Photography, Photography - Commercial)

May 23 - **JC Richards** (Retired, Manufacturing - Adhesive Products)

May 23 - **Linda Treffry** (Coldwell Banker Commercial Blair WESTMAC, Real Estate - Sales and Leasing)

May 26 - **Bob Steuber** (Alta Office Services, Coffee - Service)

LB Rotary Scholars at LBCC

It does give you faith in the next generation when you attend a lunch like the one we attended last week at City College and hear from the 27 scholarship winners (a record attendance). They were planning for careers in the fields of computer technology, medical technology, an aspiring politician and one who had his BA and had come back to City College to qualify for a particular medical technology career. PP Cam Killingsworth and President's Assistant Marcelle Epley interviewed the students and were excellent in their Barbara Walters roles. They made it look easy, but I know how much information gathering and work goes into putting something like this together; thank you, Cam!!

We started with Donnell Jones, Rotary Honors Scholarship recipient and current LBCC Student Trustee, who welcomed all of the Rotarians to the LBCC Campus. Sean Ryan who is the current Newell Scholar and studying to be a firefighter, led us in the pledge. Angela Adams who is majoring in nursing and is a Rotary Trades Scholar led us in the inspiration which was a heartwarming story of how the Rotary Scholarship has helped her. And then, (drum roll) Marcolito Balajadia introduced me. He is a Rotary Slaughter Scholar and is completing his nursing degree. I was to welcome dignitaries and ask all Rotarians who had attended LBCC or who had a child or other family member attend LBCC to stand. The majority of Rotarians in the room stood and one of the students mentioned to me afterwards how surprised he was that so many of these City leaders had attended his college. Craig Cross, as Chair of the Rotary Scholarship



Foundation, spoke for a few minutes on the Foundation itself, its award amounts and how Rotary is committed to funding education.

Chair of the LBCC Scholarship Committee, Don Cochran, introduced our speaker Dr. Mike Munoz, VP for Student Support Services at LBCC. Mike had an inspiring story for the students to hear. He was a single dad, going back to school, working and trying to make ends meet. He didn't know how he was going to pay for books that semester until he learned that he had won a scholarship. This enabled him to buy his books and was just the beginning of his hard work toward his doctorate and becoming a Vice President at LBCC. It was another ah ha moment for these students where they could see themselves in the story of a successful person.

I can tell you that everyone went away from that lunch inspired. In fact, Dr. Regan Romali LBCC President called me the next day to say what a wonderful luncheon it had been and she would like to meet with Mollie and me, sometime in June, to discuss how we could strengthen the Rotary LBCC relationship. Interesting speakers, good food, easy parking and a substantive outcome, what more could we ask of a luncheon!

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