



# ROTARYGRAM

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## ***This Week's Lunch Program - June 19, 2019***

### **Roasting and Toasting President Gail Schwandner**

Hard to believe Gail Schwandner has almost completed her term as President #102 for the Rotary Club of Long Beach. Let's send her off with some unforgettable memories as she moves ever graciously into the alluring pastures for past presidents.

(Do we see Washington in her future crystal ball?)

Please come early as you will want to **finish eating by 12:20pm.**

We will then move to our theatre seats for the program.



## [Upcoming Events](#)

- Wednesday, June 19, 2019 - 11:45-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program  
Roasting and Toasting President Gail Schwandner - The Demotion  
Queen Mary, Grand Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802)  
*Come early to finish eating by 12:20pm*
- Wednesday, June 26, 2019 - 6:30pm-8:00pm: Presidents' Party  
No lunch meeting, for evening event  
Aquarium of the Pacific - new Pacific Visions Wing  
\$65/person **RSVP before June 19**  
6:30pm-Film showing 7:00pm-Appetizers and Cash Bar
- Thursday, June 27, 2019 - 6:00pm-8:00pm: LBRCF Community Grant Check Presentation  
Able ARTS Works fundraiser concert - free admission  
The Ordanarie 210, The Promenade North  
*Exile on Broad Street* presented by Keesal, Young & Logan
- Wednesday, July 3, 2019: NO Weekly Lunch Program
- Wednesday, July 10, 2019 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program  
The first one for President #103 Mollie Beck  
Scooters: Love'em. Hate'em. Just get used to them. - Michelle Mowery  
Queen Mary, Grand Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802)

### [Next Rotary meeting - Wednesday - June 26 - Presidents' Party](#)

**No Lunch Meeting**

**RSVP by June 19**



No lunch meeting on June 26 so that you can join us in the Aquarium of the Pacific's new Pacific Visions wing. We start in the new two-story theatre with a viewing at 6:30pm of "Designing Our Future" -- featuring high-resolution footage of marine animals, animated segments and computer-generated images. Afterwards, Rotarians can munch at the appetizer buffet in Culmination Gallery while experiencing interactive art installations, engaging multi-media displays, and a live animal guest appearance at 7:30pm.



### [President's Message](#)

I could not have had a final speaker for my year that would have been better; even if Elvis had come back, Sam would have been better. Sam Sachs, 104-year-old WWII veteran, continues to amaze us with the strength of his voice and his ability to

\$65/person. Cash Bar for your beverage selection

RSVP by Wednesday, June 19.

***This Week's Birthdays***

Jun 16 - **Rick Jordan** (H.W. Jordan & Assoc. Insurance Svcs., Insurance - Casualty)

Jun 17 - **Kay Cofield** (California Media Productions, Video Productions)

Jun 17 - **John Fullerton** (LB Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, Non-Profit Organizations - Boy Scouts of America)

Jun 18 - **Ron Rand** (The Rand Group at Morgan Stanley, Stock & Bond Brokers - Security Brokerage - National))

Jun 20 - **Dan Lipton** (TravelHost Media Group, Publisher - Travel Magazine)

Jun 22 - **Steve Finch** (CEO University, Consultant- CEO University)

***New Member Introduction***

New member David Sommers was introduced by Jeremy Harris.

David is publisher of The Long Beach Post, Long Beach's premier online newspaper. With service in his blood--his parents were both officers in the Salvation Army--his previous communications experiences with NBC News and the CEO's office at LA County have only intensified his commitment to bringing community together and revealing areas for improvement through excellent investigative journalism. David and his wife are parents of two children (8 and 5 years old). David's sponsors are Conor Weir and Jeremy Harris.

recall facts. He stood for the entire 30 minutes I gave him to speak and stayed standing for the 10 minute time for questions. He was amazing. He told us all about how gliders worked during WWII, the balsa wood frame, and the total lack of communications with the plane towing them. Getting released at the correct time was very important as you can imagine. On D-Day he looked down and tried to decide if the green he was seeing was ocean or green fields; he decided it was ocean. Fortunately, he was right because when they released some time later they were in the correct place on Utah Beach. He said that coming down he heard machinegun fire all around them but when he landed and inspected his glider there was only one bullet hole. He said he put his hat over his heart and thanked the almighty for his safe landing. He also said he must have had a guardian angel on his shoulder. When asked to what he attributed his strength and longevity, he answered that it was 1. Moderation in all things, 2. Exercise, exercise, exercise and, 3. Controlling the stress in his life. He said he and his wife walked every evening and that the couple who walk together, stay together. We should all follow his great advice. Last week the French Government awarded him the Legion of Honor; it was well deserved!

Rotarian Sy Alban celebrated his 95th birthday with us and it was a pleasure to see him after such a long time. We also celebrated the birthdays of Randy Fudge who contributed extra funds in honor of our speaker, and John Fullerton who was also recognized for the 100th birthday of the Boy Scouts and his daughter's graduation with Honors from CSULB. Angel Cutno, past president of our



### **Presidents' Party - June 26**

We're ending the 102nd year of the Rotary Club of Long Beach with the beginning of the Aquarium of the Pacific's Pacific Visions. This new wing just opened in late May to the general public. At 6:30pm we start in the two-story Honda Pacific Visions Theater with a viewing of "Designing Our Future" --the story of the world's oceans----featuring high-resolution footage of marine animals, animated segments and computer-generated imagery. Rotarians can then munch through the appetizer buffet in the Culmination Gallery as they experience interactive art installations, engaging multimedia displays and a live animal exhibit.

Date: Wednesday - June 26, 2019 (no lunch program that day)  
Place: Aquarium of the Pacific - Pacific Visions Wing  
Time: 6:30pm showing of "Designing Our Future"  
Cost: \$65/person  
Cash Bar for your beverage selection

If you are parking in the garage, please be prepared to pay \$9.00 as you leave the garage.

(The Aquarium does not close to the general public until 6:00pm.)

*Please RSVP before June 19.*

Community Rotaract Club was visiting us from New Orleans and did a flag exchange from her new club. Tim Aldrete, definitely a go-getter, received his blue badge in record time; he was introduced on the 24th of April.

Jeremy Harris had the pleasure of introducing the new member he sponsored, David Sommers. David may just have gotten his red badge but he is a familiar face and name as he is the Publisher of the Long Beach Post, the largest circulation news vehicle in Long Beach.

Hope to see everyone on Wednesday, as it is my demotion; I will need all the support I can get!

Gail #102

View part of Sam Sachs presentation on youtube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-R8Ep9B5cbM&t=906s>



Aquarium of the Pacific - Pacific Visions Wing

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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