



## ROTARYGRAM

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### *This Week's Lunch Program - October 16, 2019*

#### *OFFSITE for Rotary Roots*

**No lunch aboard the Queen Mary**



Paul Harris, Founder 1905

When Paul Harris first started the Rotary Club in Chicago, the members had to take turns hosting lunch. So each week they moved to a different business. We're carrying on that tradition by offering our fall Rotary Roots program. There were 8 venues from which you could have chosen: Bryson Financial, Gondola Getaway, Long Beach Civic Center, Long Beach Museum of Art Downtown, Long Beach Post, Long Beach Rescue Mission, Parkers' Lighthouse, Will Grella DDS.

All wonderful chances to learn about each others' businesses and yourselves!

#### *Upcoming Events*

- Wednesday, Oct 16, 2019 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program  
*Offsite for Rotary Roots*  
Online registration only September 25 - October 9 to select 1 of 8 possible venues
- Saturday, Oct 19, 2019 - 8:00am-12noon: *Feeding the Future* Grab & Go packing event  
St. Cornelius Catholic School (3330 N. Bellflower)  
Various volunteer possibilities during this morning community service project  
Contact: Denise Dahlhausen, John Graham, or Angel Macias
- Wednesday, Oct 23, 2019 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program  
John Sangmeister - Transpac Trauma  
Queen Mary, Queens Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802)
- Wednesday, Oct 23, 2019 - 12:30pm: Reading by 9 Fundraiser  
Join Frank Newell and raise funds to provide books and reading materials for children pre-K through 3rd grade.  
Queen Mary, Queens Salon
- Thursday, Oct 24, 2019 - 6:00pm-8:00pm: Rotary Revealed Information Meeting  
(instead of a November meeting which would place it on Thanksgiving Day)

Bring prospective members to this meeting  
Hosted by Jan and Jerry Maize  
Contact: Nel Varinas and Gaia Valentino

- Friday, Oct 25, 2019- 12noon-4:00pm: Monthly Golf League Outing  
Contact Rich Gibson
- Wednesday, Oct 30, 2019 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program  
*Offsite* - new Long Beach Public Main Library  
RSVP by October 23.

**Next Rotary lunch meeting**  
**- Wednesday - October 23 -**  
**John Sangmeister -**  
**Transpac Trauma**



In this year's 50th Transpacific Race, John Sangmeister was setting the race record when his trimaran Tritium hit 6 telephone poles in a debris field from the 2011 tsunami that hit Japan. He and his crew slowed down for 14 hours to make repairs, before finally abandoning the sinking 70-foot sailboat. Fellow competitor Roy Disney (grandnephew of Walt Disney) rescued Sangmeister and his crew. This was the 8th Transpac race, in which the owner of Gladstone's Restaurant in Long Beach was competing.

**This Week's Birthdays**

Oct 15 - **Patrick O'Grady** (Blue Chip Foodsystems, Food Concessions)

Oct 20 - **Don Pierce** (Home Instead, Health Care - Non-Medical Home Care)

Oct 22 - **Leslie Wiberg** (WealthSpring, Financial - Financial Advisor)

**2019 Election Committee**

We are pleased to announce the **2019 Election Committee!** This team will select the 2022-2023 Rotary Club of Long Beach President, #106.

Kay Cofield, Chair

Michele Dobson  
Matt Kinley  
Frank Newell  
Gail Schwandner  
Wayne Slavitt  
Dennis Smith

Thank you to all Rotarians who exercised their voting privilege.

With appreciation,

**2018 Election Committee**  
Cam Killingsworth, Chair

Greg Burnight  
Greg Haeseler  
Freda Hinsche Otto  
Steve Keesal



**President's Message**

What-A-Week!

Another fabulous boating event on Thursday night. We had a HUGE turnout for fun, fellowship and, fortunately...fair winds. Santa Ana winds had been predicted and Ramer Spurr warned me that it would be "Skippers' Choice" as to whether or not we left the dock. The Skippers all chose to cruise under a beautiful night sky. Thanks to Rotarians Ramer, Chris Wacker, Bob & Loretta Luskin, Ed & Ann Arnold (Ed celebrated his birthday with us), Jerry Maize (with former and prospective member Mark Turpin), Brian & Diane Donaldson and Bond Nichols for providing the essential "boat" part of a "boating" event. But an event of this caliber also benefited from the assistance of Madrid Zimmerman, Meredith Shaw, Sandy & Barry Simon and Vali DeVries. Captain Steve Shaw is so adept at this annual fellowship that he even added a few non-Rotarians to provide what we needed to have for such a lovely evening. Thanks to everyone involved. Just more proof that Rotarians enjoy being together...even if it can't be on a Wednesday.

Steve & Meredith Shaw didn't stop with fun on the water. They organized fun on the sand too! The 35th Annual Hometown Marathon was held on Sunday and the Shaws, with the generous help of Dave Lott, made us all very comfortable while we cheered on the enthusiastic group of runners, wheelchair athletes and bicyclers.

If you haven't already done so, please RSVP for Feeding the Future this coming Saturday. We are a little challenged for promoting the project because we are not together as a group this week while we celebrate Rotary Roots at various off-site locations. Please respond to the Evite or contact the office with questions. Children 12 and older are welcome and we encourage you to bring a friend, family member or potential member to join in the fun and satisfaction of knowing we're making a difference right here in our own hometown.

TWO Rotary feel good moments occurred this weekend. During Rotary Centennial Park Clean Up, Dale Whitney was recognized by a young

Jean Bixby Smith  
Alfredo Velasco

### [New Member Proposal](#)

The following are being proposed as a member 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 of the Club during this 10-day period.

#### **Robb Korinke - Founder/Co-owner, GrassrootsLab**

Proposed classification: Public Relations & Policy Development  
- Governmental

Proposed by: Conor Weir and Dan Tapia

#### **Nick Sramek- Senior Project Leader, The Aerospace Corporation**

Proposed classification: Engineering - Aerospace

Proposed by: Steve Keesal and Bob Luskin

### [Feeding the Future Grab & Go Bags](#)

#### **STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS !**

LB Rotary is organizing its own special community service project. On Saturday, October 19, we will be bagging 4,500 meals for students at LBCC and CSULB who may be food insecure.

Invite your family, friends, business colleagues, other community groups to come help--the more people we have, the shorter time it will take. Please register in advance.

St. Cornelius School (3330 N. Bellflower)  
Contact: John Graham or Angel Macias to help

October 19: 8:00am-12:00pm

October 18: vehicles to transport food and supplies to St. Cornelius

man as the reader in his classroom through Rotary Reads. The boy was SO excited to see Dale outside of his classroom! Shall we say "In The Wild"! Then Kay Cofield, still wearing her Rotary t-shirt from park clean-up, was approached by a woman who thanked her because her daughter went through school on Rotary scholarships. She said she was really glad to be able to thank Rotary "in person". Rock On Rotary!

Finally, check out the new Rotary banner in the photo above. Steve hung this proudly from the railing at the marathon so every athlete knew Rotary was *In-The-House!* We even met a former Long Beach Rotarian who says he might now have the time to re-join. Signage (and t-shirts), are a big deal and Steve Shaw got the banner done for us.

Have a stellar week and we'll see you back on the Queen Mary in a week for the thrilling story of a rescue at sea during the Transpac in July. If you're bringing guests, please let the office know in advance. This program, coupled with Frank Newell's annual Reading by 9 fundraising will be a big draw for guests.

*Mollie B. #103*

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at 12:00 noon on the Queen Mary (1126 Queens Hwy., Long Beach, CA 90802)  
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