



ROTARYGRAM

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OFFSITE

New Downtown Main Library

The new LB Main Library opened in September and is named after LB tennis legend Billie Jean King. Besides the vast collections, the Main Library offers a wide range of services for people of all ages and abilities including accessible computers, social service assistance, a makers space, children's programming and more. As its Centennial Legacy gift to the community, the Rotary Club of Long Beach provided the funding for the Storytime Theater and Early Childhood Literacy Area. This children's section is decked out in a nautical theme with interactive murals, shelves of new books, a reading boat, submarine and lighthouse. Glenda Williams, Director of Library Services, will be our guest speaker.

Meeting space for box lunch and seats limited. Reservations closed -- we are full.

[Upcoming Events](#)

- Wednesday, Oct 30, 2019 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program
Offsite - new Long Beach Public Main Library
200 W. Broadway
Reservations now closed. Space is limited.
- Wednesday, Nov 6, 2019 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program
Andy Fee, Athletic Director Long Beach State
Queen Mary, Queens Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802)
- Saturday, Nov 9, 2019 - 8:00am-9:00am: Centennial Park Clean-up (2nd Saturday/month)
Entrance on E. Pacific Coast Highway, near Junipero
Contact: Robyn Gordon-Peterson
- Wednesday, Nov 13, 2019 - 5:30pm-7:30pm: 5 Way Test mixer (instead of Nov 14)
Wine Tasting at The Wine Country (2301 Redondo Ave., Signal Hill)

Next Rotary lunch meeting
- Wednesday - November 6
- Andy Fee - Athletics at
Long Beach State



From the 2019 Men's Volleyball Champions to the 2019 Women's Golf 3 Big West Champions, Long Beach State continues a proud tradition of a strong athletic department. Sports include basketball, cross country, golf, indoor track & field, volleyball, water polo, baseball, soccer. Andy Fee joined LB state in April 2017 as its 12th Director of Athletics. He was previously in the athletic departments at UC Santa Barbara and UC San Diego.

This Week's Birthdays

Nov 2 - **Gainer Pillsbury** (LB Memorial Medical Center, Medicine - Obstetrics/Gynecology)

Nov 3 - **Rich Gibson** (Global View Capital Advisors, Financial - Retirement Planning)

Nov 4 - **Gail Schwandner** (Retired, Education - LBCC - Educational Development)

New Member Proposals

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 of the Club during this 10-day period.

Jim Better - Managing Partner, Essential Plans of Insurance

Proposed classification: Insurance - Life - Estate Planning
Proposed by: Randy Kemner, Lynne Wainfan, Greg Haeseler

Don Burdge - Chairman, Vistage

Proposed classification: Consultant - Business
Proposed by: Bob Luskin, Mark Kachigan, Steve Shaw



President's Message

As Rotarians we have the unique opportunity to participate, whether with our time, talent &/or treasure, in several different charitable endeavors.

These are not chances to "pick-pocket" Club members until their finances run dry! NO! These are CHOICES made available to smart, educated and discerning Rotarians in the event they are of interest and in the event YOU want to support a certain project.

Last week PP Frank Newell spearheaded a fundraising campaign that over 110 of you felt is worthy of supporting. The money raised will stay in our community to provide books and teacher grants and literacy support to children. Oversight is done by Frank, your Club Members that serve on his Committee and your Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation. Nice group to hang with.

Earlier last week you had the opportunity to support, through your precious time & talent, another charitable cause--Feeding the Future. The funds came out of the Club's budget and a matching grant from our District. Benefactors were our local college students. Oversight was provided by your Club Members who volunteered THEIR time & talent to make sure the project was well run and the money spent was used wisely.

Your Board of Directors recently approved supporting Mozambique 3 (Moz3) wherein you will again be given an opportunity to support, through financial donations, installation of water wells in villages in Mozambique. An International Project with oversight that includes Rotary International.

A group of Club Members visited the Navajo Nation this past weekend doing leg work to bring you the opportunity to support a water project in that community. Another International Project with oversight that includes Rotary International.

Rotary International!!! Ranked #1 on Charity Navigator!!! More people you can trust with your donor dollars.

Donations received for recognitions, whether it's your birthday or an event you're proud of, are deposited to the Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation, then distributed to local organizations as donations from our Club. We receive grant requests, review them and present your donations throughout the City. Again, oversight is done by Club Members who serve on the LBR Charitable Foundation Board.

Contribute any time to any of these causes or a plethora of other opportunities.

I do not know how you and your family choose to spend your charitable budget. Heaven knows there are plenty of options in our community and the world and I've only touched on a *small sample* of what is available through our Club. What I do know for sure, is that when you contribute through Rotary, Rotarians are the stewards of the money you donate. Rotarians who follow the same 4-Way Test you follow. Rotarians who are intent upon using the funds donated as you, the donor, intended. People you can trust. Rotarians.

I'll see you at the library. Oh! What's that? Another opportunity that several of us chose to contribute to in support of childhood literacy in our community. Fancy that.

Mollie B. #103

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