

ROTARYGRAM

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This Week's Lunch Program - June 26, 2019

NO LUNCH - Presidents' Party at 6:30pm

No lunch meeting on June 26, for those who are attending the Presidents' Party at 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 the Culmination Gallery while experiencing interactive art installations, engaging multi-media displays, and a live animal guest appearance at 7:30pm.

Heavy Hors D'oeuvres - This is not a sit-down dinner.



Upcoming Events

- 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 **Heavy hors d'oeuvres -- this is not a sit-down dinner**
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

The Inside Scoop on the Long Beach Scooter Program - Michelle Mowery
Queen Mary, Grand Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802)

[Next Rotary
lunch meeting -
Wednesday -
July 10 - The
Inside Scoop
On the Long
Beach Scooter
Program -
Michelle
Mowery](#)



Michelle Mowery is a transportation planner with an expertise in active transportation for over 25 years. As the manager of the Mobility Group in the City of Long Beach's Department of Public Works, she works on programs and projects that support bicycling and walking, and interacts with the engineering staff on the development and design of LB bikeways. In 2018 Long Beach launched a pilot e-Scooter share program, managed by Ms. Mowery who is working towards the expansion of the mode.

Also being presented: Newell Scholarship Awards

[This Week's Birthdays](#)

Jun 25 - **John Wavell** (Wavell-Huber Wood Products, Contractors -

[President's
Message](#)

This is the final President's Message for this President. Our last meeting was my demotion and I would be remiss if I didn't say, once again, to everyone involved that it was fantastic. I remain awed by your creativity and the work you put into this final QM meeting. It certainly packed many surprises starting with the Inspiration, done by President Nominee Dennis Smith who made it a lovely inspiration about me and when Ginny Baxter came up to do the pledge I thought I was safe. But after our pledge she read us her creation "Ode to a Brooch," as she knows that I collect them. But all bets were off when Michele Dobson led us in the Virginia Tech fight song and presented me with lots of VPI paraphernalia. It was amazing!

Then I was back in charge (somewhat) and we celebrated Rick Jordan's birthday, then on to Kay Cofield's birthday with pictures of her

Architectural Millwork)

Jun 25 - **Ahmet Atahan** (C. S. America, Inc., Textile Manufacturing - Sales)

Jun 27 - **John Romundstad** (The Romundstad Law Corp., Attorney-at-Law - Business & Taxation)

Jun 27 - **Trent Bryson** (Bryson Financial Group, Financial - Executive Benefits)

Jun 28 - **Suman Naresh** (International Strategy Group, LLC, Consultant - International Intellectual Property)

Jun 30 - **Jack Hinsche** (Windes & McClaughry, Accountants - Certified Public - Taxation)

Jul 3 - **Bob Bond** (Bond Consulting Services, Computer - Software Consulting)

Jul 3 - **Jeff Wimbish** (Kensington Investment Counsel, Financial - Investment Counseling)

Jul 5 - **Dennis Smith** (Stratis Financial, Financial Services)

Jul 7 - **Paul Scholz** (Onisko & Scholz, LLP, Accountants - Certified Public- Accounting Services)

Some Upcoming Lunch Programs

July 17: David Salazar - Long Beach Development
Global Grant recipient - Suzan Al Shamhari

skiing. She got to ski free because it was a "special" birthday. She did have to bring her birth certificate and two other forms of picture ID because they would not have believed her. And our dear Rotarian Mike Jensen mistakenly sent me a video of his wonderful vacation; this only leads to a recognition. He claimed stress in trying to come up with an amount but other Rotarians were only too happy to help him with a dollar amount.

At this point Braden Phillips escorted me to a beautiful chair that looked like it belonged in a throne room, and the Roast began. Many thanks to Greg Burnight who was the guiding light behind the content but apparently this was a difficult group to herd. He wasn't there to see his masterpiece because it was a choice of picking his son up from college and directing the roast; his son won. It started by placing a tiara on my head. Lisa Finn in a long blond wig was amazing, and Steve Hockett and Jean Smith also provided colorful commentary on memorable recognitions. If you didn't follow Harry Potter, Game of Thrones or The Lord of the Rings, you might have found some of it puzzling. But the audience was laughing through it all so I assume there was some translating going on. Many thanks to

July 24: Stephen O'Kane - AES Battery Plant
(special tour available on another date)

July 31: *OFFSITE* - 10 Mile Brewery

August 7: LA DA Jackie Lacey - *Courageous Citizen Awards*
District Governor Marc Aaron

August 14: Chris Steinhauser - LB United School District
Centennial Sports Award

[Gail "Demoted" - June 19](#)

Cam Killingsworth and Salvador Farfan for arranging the videos, keeping them straight, and on cue. Marcelle Epley lip synced to Daenerys with the proper amount of kindness and menace in her voice. Suny Lay Chang's voice over was just as lively and quick as Legolas firing his arrows and leaping from rocks to dragons and landing safely on two leotard-covered legs. Who knew that behind the column was Mark Guillen providing the menacing voice of Professor Snape? There were also presentations of brooches to members based on memorable recognitions by Theresa Brunella. Vali De Vries (with an incredible script written by Lynne Wainfan) played our speaker whose program was on "clearing out clutter" but was actually just hawking her book. Vali in a short brown wig (it changed her completely) played her as a cigarette girl at a 1940's nightclub. She had a little red cap and form fitting jacket, short skirt and fishnet stockings with the tray box held in front of her filled with little pamphlet style books on which she reduced the price as she went through her spiel. Carl Ann and Don Wylie surprised us with a visit and joined other past presidents (Kay Cofield, Terry Geiling, Greg Haeseler, Steve Keesal, Cam Killingsworth) in



Presidents' Party - June 26

trying to almost having the last word. Our club has an amazing range of talent.

I closed the meeting by saying what an honor it has been to serve as your president and that I surprised myself by enjoying all of the Wednesday meetings. I have gotten to know each of you attending Rotarians so much better; no more hiding behind the pole for me. This year flew by and I could not have done it without the help of our amazing Executive Director Madrid Zimmerman. We were a true team and the addition of Sarah Linderman has even made it better. This is a wonderful Rotary Club and I am proud to be a member.

Gail #102

To view Demotion Program: if the link does not work, go to Youtube and type in Gail Schwandner

<https://youtu.be/IZ5Vm6KUuj0>



Aquarium of the Pacific - Pacific Visions Wing

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