

# ROTARYGRAM

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## [This Week's Lunch Program - January 15, 2020](#)

### *"Update on the Construction of the Desmond Bridge Replacement Project: Long Beach's 100-year-old Bridge"*

*Daniel Rhodes*



The current Gerald Desmond Bridge is a vital part of the country's trade infrastructure, with 15 percent of the nation's imported waterborne cargo trucked over it. In addition it is a critical access route for commuters between the Port of Long Beach, downtown Long Beach and surrounding communities. Built in the 1960s and in need of replacement, the current bridge was not designed to accommodate today's larger cargo ships or the dramatic increase in trucking traffic with the growth of the Port.

Daniel Rhodes is Senior Vice President and head of the Westbound Communications team for the replacement project.

## [Upcoming Events](#)

- Monday, Jan 13, 2020 - 5:00pm start - BCS Championship Game  
Watch it with your LB Rotarian football fans at Joe Jost's (2803 E. Anaheim)  
Contact: Steve Hockett or Greg Haeseler
- Wednesday, Jan 15, 2020 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program  
Update on the Construction of the Desmond Bridge Replacement Project - Daniel Rhodes  
Queen Mary, Grand Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802)
- Thursday, Jan 16, 2020 - 7:30am-9:00am: Business Breakfast Roundtable  
Intellectual Property for the Small Business with Suman Naresh  
RSVP for Long Beach Rotarians only -- space is limited  
\$10 pre-fixed breakfast menu at Polly's Pies (Los Coyotes Diagonal)
- Wednesday, Jan 22, 2020 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program  
The Popular Art of Storytelling - Mariana Williams  
Queen Mary, Grand Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802)
- Thursday, Jan 23, 2020 - 6:00-8:00pm: Rotary Revealed Information Meeting  
Hosted by Diane Donaldson  
RSVP to bring a prospect

- Sunday, Jan 26, 2020 - 3:00pm-5:00pm: Ronald McDonald House Sunday Meal Prep  
500 E. 27th St. (near Atlantic)  
Contact Michele Dobson to help with the meal preparation
- Wednesday, Jan 29, 2020 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program  
To be confirmed - come early for Table Networking  
In Memoriam for John Wavell  
Queen Mary, Britannia Salon ("M" Deck in the stern)
- Wednesday, Feb 5, 2020 - NO Lunch, but Evening Dinner Focus
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Sign up by January 29 to join an intimate group at a LB Rotarian's home  
"Long Beach Rotary 2030"  
**Hosts and Moderators needed.**

**Next Rotary lunch meeting  
- Wednesday - January 22 -  
The Popular Art of  
Storytelling - Mariana  
Williams**



Mariana Williams

Mariana Williams is producer of *Long Beach Searches for Greatest Storyteller*, currently in its tenth year. She leads storytelling workshops on the art of expressing oneself in memoir. She penned the Veronica Bennett series of novels, receiving "Most Humorous" international book award for two of them. Her father had a thriving business for over 50 years in Long Beach and her husband, songwriter Paul Williams, drove in the LB Grand Prix. Her affection for Long Beach is long and deep.

**This Week's Birthdays**

Jan 15 - **Cameron Crockett** (Ultra-Unit Architectural Studio, Architecture and Interior Planning & Design)

Jan 18 - **Genevieve Murphy** (Visiting Angels, Health Care - Non-Medical Home Care)

Jan 20 - **Jerry Lane** (McCoy Belmont Group, Financial - Trust Administration)

Jan 20 - **Frank Newell** (Retired, Attorney-at-Law -- Real Estate)

Jan 20 - **Tim Richmond** (Richmond Plastering, Contractors - Plastering)

**Wanted for Evening Dinner Focus**

**Hosts and Moderators.** This year's Evening Dinner Focus will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2020.. This is a popular annual event where club members meet in small groups to have dinner at another LB Rotarian's home. The topic will be Long Beach Rotary 2030.

If you are **interested in hosting or serving as a moderator**, please contact **John Romundstad** (jer.attorney@verizon.net).

If you are interested in **attending** this dinner meeting, please **sign up with the office no later than January 29**

**WANTED: Interviewer for Global Scholars**



**President's  
Message**

Seems like the holidays are already a distant memory and we're back in the business of living. That's OK. Rotarians have plenty to keep us busy.

Shout out to all the folks who show up for Centennial Park Clean-Up. The Park barely needed us last Saturday but that's the good news. In the future, a plan coordinated with the Parks and Recreation Department gives us some specific responsibilities for our Saturday clean-up. But more importantly, P&R has agreed to some specific responsibilities as well. It is becoming a well-oiled machine that still needs us so please continue to help us keep this gift to the City in proper shape.

Several people expressed an interest in obtaining the slides from last week's presentation by Patrick McClure on "How Millennials Fit in Business and Marketing". Patrick graciously agreed to share them so please email me if you're interested.

This week we'll learn when I can drive on the Gerald Desmond Bridge without having to check their app for road closures!

See you tonight for the BCS Championship game at Joe Josts at 5:00pm.

Some of you may have noticed that we did not hold the Evening Dinner Focus in November. We were SO busy with other things that we moved it to February. This is one of the most popular events our Club holds and it is by far the best opportunity to get to know other Rotarians in a small group setting. Please mark your calendars for the evening (hence the name) of February 5th to attend AND/OR volunteer to host or moderate the discussion.

One small clean-up item from the Holiday Parade pre-party....I have some serving pieces that will become lovely gifts to me if the owners don't claim

If you care about students studying aboard to make this world a better place....and you have **Saturday (March 14) morning open...** please join LB Rotarians and other District Rotarians to interview candidates for the next Global Grant Scholar. Social Media Savvy will help in this process.

The two most recent recipients Suzan Al Shammari and Izak Epstein were sponsored by LB Rotary.

Contact Dee Wood (dwood9119@gmail.com) if you would like to participate in the Global Scholars program in some way.

them. Let me know before I find room in my cupboards.

Mollie B. #103

P.S. Don't blame the Gerald Desmond Bridge folks for this photo. I shot it while in the passenger seat roaring through the construction site.

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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