

ROTARYGRAM

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This Week's Lunch Program - March 11, 2020

Rotary Roots

OFFSITE



In 1905 when Paul Harris started the Rotary Club in Chicago, members took turns meeting at each other's location of business.

Our *Rotary Roots* is a return to a chance to eat lunch with a fellow Long Beach Rotarian. Eight Rotarians are hosting the Spring 2020 *Rotary Roots*: Marty Kurner (Aquarium of the Pacific), Janet McCarthy (Goodwill), James & Sarah Naccarato (Iconowrap), Chris Wacker (Laserfiche), Cathy Wieder (LB Medical Center), Ken McDonald (LB Transit), Stacy Mungo and Sofia Riley (LA County Fire Department Foundation and Museum), and Solimar Salas (Museum of Latin American Art).

Registration closed.

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, Mar 11, 2020 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program
Rotary Roots - OFFSITE venues at members' businesses
Registration closed
- Thursday, Mar 12, 2020 - 5:00pm-7:00pm: 5 Way Test mixer (2nd Thursday/month)
Belmont Brewing Co. (Belmont Pier)
- Saturday, Mar 14, 2020 - 8:00am-9:00am: Centennial Park Clean-up (2nd Saturday/month)
Entrance on E. Pacific Coast Hwy., near Junipero
Contact: Robyn Gordon-Peterson
- Thursday, Mar 19, 2020 - 7:30am-9:00am: Business Breakfast Roundtable (3rd Thursday/every other month)
Nathan Whittacre - "Data Security for Businesses"
Reservations required - space is limited.
Polly's Pies (Los Coyotes Diagonal). \$10 cash for pre-fixed menu
Contact: Rayne Sherman
- Thursday, Mar 26, 2020 - 9:00am-10:00am: CDC Book Delivery

Burbank CDC (535 Junipero)
Contact Frank Newell by March 18

- Thursday, Mar 26, 2020 - 5:00pm-7:00pm: Rotary Revealed information meeting
Shenanigan's (423 Shoreline Village Drive)
Starts early at 5:00pm because Band begins at 7:00pm
Last chance to bring prospects for Membership March Madness
CASH BAR. \$2 parking with validated ticket.
Contact: Nel Varenas
- Friday, Mar 27, 2020 - 11:30am-4:00pm: Monthly Golf Outing
Contact Rich Gibson
- Sunday, Mar 29, 2020 - 3:00pm-5:00pm: Ronald McDonald House Sunday Meal Prep (every other last Sunday of the month) 500 E. 27th St. (near Atlantic Ave.)
Contact Michele Dobson

Next Rotary lunch meeting
- Wednesday - March 18 -
Smart City Technology -
Ryan Kurtzman



You're sitting at a traffic signal. No other cars are around. Yet you wait, and wait, and wait. "Can't something be done about this?" you think. Well, there is something that can be done! It's called The Smart City, and it's a program that Ryan Kurtzman, The Smart Cities Program Manager from the City of Long Beach will be telling us about. Smart Cities utilize the IoT (commonly known as the "Internet of Things") to address all sorts of challenges that cities face--such as making traffic flow faster, that will lower costs, increase efficiency, and generally make our city a more pleasant place to live and work.

This Week's Birthdays

- Mar 13 - **Jack Senske** (Pactrust Bank, Real Estate - Mortgage Loans)
- Mar 19 - **Chris Wacker** (Laserfiche, Software Development - Data Storage)
- Mar 19 - **John Gilligan** (Gilligan Law Corporation, Attorney-at-Law - Family Law)
- Mar 19 - **Joel Garnica** (Garnica Interiors, Interior Design)
- Mar 21 - **Jim Mills-Winkler** (Waddell & Reed Financial Advisors, Financial - Financial Advisor)

Volunteers Needed

Help LBUSD students be career-ready. 50 volunteers are needed for mock interviews on Saturday, March 28, 2020. Interviews take place at Browning High School (2180 Obispo, 90804) from 10:15am to 12:00pm noon. Long Beach CaLL is organizing this "Career and Internship Readiness Conference" and will provide training and interview questions the day of the event. Email Kehau Fujikami (kfujikami@lbschools.net) for questions, or contact Rotarian Henry Fung.



President's Message

The world stops for us on occasion and this past week it certainly stopped for Michele Dobson. Michele's recently remodeled home caught fire Wednesday evening and was, essentially, destroyed. Michele and her children are safe. One of three cats survived.

What happened next is another example of the Magic of Rotary. Long Beach Rotarians and Lakewood Rotarians burst forth offering support, assistance, housing, clothing, food and general care. Michele and the kids have been overwhelmed by the reaction and have found the greatest solace by reading cards and messages from so many. Michele's word..."amazing".

Michele also has the confidence that comes with doing business with Rotarians. Confronted with opportunistic vendors and contractors, Michele is comforted in knowing the Rotarians with whom she does business can be trusted, particularly at a time like this.

So now, before you all ask what more you can do to help, Michele wants to thank you for all you have provided so far. Right now we are recommending to keep sending cards and messages for the family to read together. Send them to the Law Office of Michele Dobson 3711 Long Beach Blvd #5047, LB 90807 or via email at longbeachesq@gmail.com.

We are also looking for a keyboard or piano for Michele's son Dante to use in their rental home. Dante turns to music to calm and relax himself and the future of their piano is still unknown. If you find one, we can work together to figure out how to get it to Dante.

The warmth and outpouring I have witnessed from all of you brings tears of joy to my eyes. We are all so lucky to belong to this Rotary Family.

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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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