

ROTARYGRAM

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This Week's Lunch Program - March 18, 2020

March 18 Lunch Program cancelled

See re-print of *Message from the President* (emailed March 13) below



Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, Mar 18, 2020 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program
Cancelled this week.
Queen Mary, Grand Salon (1126 Queens Hwy.)
- Thursday, Mar 19, 2020 - 7:30am-9:00am: Business Breakfast Roundtable (3rd Thursday/every other month)
Postponed until May 21
Reservations required - space is limited.
Polly's Pies (Los Coyotes Diagonal). \$10 cash for pre-fixed menu
Contact: Rayne Sherman
- Wednesday, Mar 25, 2020 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program
Technology for Social Change - Manisha Javeri
Queen Mary, Grand Salon (1126 Queens Hwy.)
- Thursday, Mar 26, 2020 - 9:00am-10:00am: CDC Book Delivery **POSTPONED**
Burbank CDC (535 Junipero)
Will be re-scheduled
- Thursday, Mar 26, 2020 - 5:00pm-7:00pm: Rotary Revealed information meeting
POSTPONED
 - 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
- Wednesday, Apr 1, 2020 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program
Speaker to be announced.
Queen Mary, Grand Salon (1126 Queens Hwy.)
- Wednesday, Apr 1-3, 2020: Camp Enterprise **CANCELLED**

Next Rotary lunch meeting
- Wednesday - March 25 -
Technology for Social
Change - Manisha Javeri



Dr. Manisha Javeri is at the intersection of world peace and technology. She is a recipient of the Rotary World Peace Fellow Award and has been a featured speaker at global Rotary events. Come hear about how she has inspired her students to produce technological peace initiatives such as: HIV/AIDS training manuals for the teenagers in Mozambique, Micro-financing and business plans for the women caregivers in Africa, E-learning course modules for the University of Unilurio in Mozambique, Solar cooking training manuals and videos for the women in Mozambique.

This Week's Birthdays

Mar 19 - **Chris Wacker** (Laserfiche, Software Development - Data Storage)

Mar 19 - **John Gilligan** (Gilligan Law Corporation, Attorney-at-Law - Family Law)

Mar 19 - **Joen Garnica** (Garnica Interiors, Interior Design)

Mar 21 - **Jim Mills-Winkler** (Waddell & Reed Financial Advisors, Financial - Financial Advisor)

Re-printed March 13 Message from the President

Dear Rotarians,

The coverage of the COVID-19 virus, coronavirus, is causing all of us to question how to navigate our daily lives. I have personally received several inquiries, suggestions and general information about what the Rotary Club of Long Beach should consider in the days and weeks ahead. Rest assured I have also monitored governmental directives, LBUSD announcements, Rotary International recommendations, Center for Disease Control communication, Red Cross strategies and been in discussions with the Queen Mary. Here is my best effort at our current Club position.

*As responsible adults applying the 4-Way Test (Is it the **truth**? Is it **fair** to all concerned? Will it **build goodwill and better friendships**? Will it be **beneficial** to all concerned?) continues to be our best strategy.*

*If you are vulnerable to contracting this virus or if you are in danger of exposing others based on your travel and health, please avoid participating in activities that would endanger yourself or your friends by having contact with you. As volunteering adults, we carry this obligation and the choice regarding whether or not to participate or attend an event. Until this morning I considered the choice to be the responsibility of each of us alone. However, **I am canceling the upcoming meeting set for March 18th.***

As Rotarians there are certain matters about which we are privileged to make assumptions. Your character and the choices you make that impact others, are two of them. I know you'll choose wisely in the weeks to come.

Several of you, for a variety of reasons, are responsibly curtailing your exposure to others. if you find yourselves in need of assistance, running errands or needing food delivery as an example, please contact me directly and we will do our best to



President's Message

Rotary Roots was another amazing success last week. Special and hearty thank you's going out to Marty Kurner-host at Aquarium of the Pacific, Janet McCarthy-host at Goodwill Industries, James and Sarah Naccarato-hosts at Iconwrap, Chris Wacker-host at Laserfiche, Stacy Mungo and Sofia Riley-hosts at LA County Fire Department Foundation and Museum and Solimar Salas-host at Museum of Latin American Art. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Cathy Wieder of Long Beach Medical Center and Ken McDonald of Long Beach Transit needed to "take a rain check" but should be back in the queue for the next go-round. One of the things I loved about this Rotary Roots was the number of folks who we rarely get to see on a Wednesday for lunch graciously opting to host all of us. It just goes to show ya, there are lots of ways to be a Rotarian!

The other thing I love about Rotary Roots is how much there is to learn about each other and the organizations we represent. Everyone I spoke with came away with so much enthusiasm and new knowledge about the businesses they visited. And they came away saying how nice it was to, once again, gather in a smaller group.

Speaking of smaller groups, we had a robust turnout for the 5th Way Test Mixer last Thursday held at Dave Lott's Belmont Brewing Company. Attendees were gleeful "guinea pigs" for the chefs latest ideas for appetizers. Thank to Dave (and his food temperature thermometer doubling as a human temperature thermometer) for a night with lots of laughs and a few new jokes.

You may recall that President Elect Matt Kinley was running in the LA Marathon. President Nominee Dennis Smith challenged folks to make donations based on Matt's goal to finish in under 4 hours 30 minutes. Matt cleared that goal and the result was another \$350 for the Rotary Charitable Foundation. Congratulations Matt and thank you Matt, Dennis, Steve Hockett, Alfredo Velasco, and Leslie Wiberg. Always nice to use fun ways to raise money for our local community.

A shout out to John Graham and Rich Gibson! Our Sarah Linderman was unable to attend a recent meeting but John and Rich stepped up and stepped in to fill the gap. Thanks, gentlemen.

Your Board of Directors will be making history by holding our very first virtual meeting via conference call/video this week. It's an experiment that we hope will open up other opportunities for Rotary participation.

Watch for my update email this Friday. Let's keep those Rotary Wheels turning!

Mollie B.
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help. Additionally, please consider the extent of the economic implications to our community and continue to support others as you best can.

I implore you to participate in life to the extent you are comfortable and can extend to those around you the same level of comfort. The best advice I've heard is to "temper fear with reason, panic with patience and uncertainty with education".

I do believe in being as proactive as possible and am happy to discuss with any of you your suggestions for a positive outcome.

We are exploring several alternatives to weekly meetings including tele-conference options. This is an evolving situation and I will therefore be in touch with you weekly to keep you updated.

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