

ROTARYGRAM

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[This Week's Lunch Program - May 13, 2020](#)

May 13 Lunch Program via Zoom Video Conferencing (Not aboard the Queen Mary)

"Meeting Room" opens starting at 12:15 for a 12:30pm meeting

"RotaryIt's All About YOU! "

Sometimes, it's more than just a lunch.



ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

So you can meet virtually, [install the Zoom.com app](#) to your phone or computer and allow the app to access your microphone and video.

OR JOIN via a LINK

******A separate email will be sent to you with Zoom link, meeting ID #, etc.on Tuesday afternoon******

(note that this feature can be used without your computer--just call in to participate)

[Upcoming Events](#)

- Wednesday, May 13, 2020 - 12:15pm-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program
"Rotary....It's All About YOU!"
Break-out Sessions after the Presentation to Discuss the Program
via Zoom
- Wednesday, May 20, 2020 - 12:15pm-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program
Topic to be confirmed.
via Zoom
- Thursday, May 21, 2020 - 5:30pm-6:30pm: *New Rotary Revealed* Q&A
for prospective and new members
Meeting focus:
via Zoom

- Wednesday, May 27, 2020 - 12:15pm-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program
What's Coming Up for Long Beach Rotary? Your Questions Answered.
via Zoom

Next Rotary lunch meeting - Wednesday - May 20 -



To be confirmed.



President's Message

This Week's Birthdays

- May 12 - **Greg Owen** (Ability/Tri-Modal Distribution, Transportation - Motor Freight Service)
- May 14 - **Larry Jackson** (Retired, Transportation - Public Transit)
- May 14 - **Sathya Chey** (Elliot & Carlsen Wealth Management Group, Investment Counseling)
- May 14 - **Pam Young Lee** (Rancho Los Alamitos, Non-profit Organizations - Rancho Los Alamitos)
- May 15 - **Michele Dobson** (Law Office of Michele A. Dobson, Attorney-at-Law - General Practice)
- May 15 - **Paul Kennard** (Retired, Aircraft Industry)
- May 15 - **Brad Willingham** (Boulevard Pontiac/GMC/Cadillac, Automobiles - Retail)
- May 16 - **Gloria Cordero** (Cordero & Associates, Consultant - Public Affairs)
- May 17 - **Stephanie James** (Davis & Associates Advertising, Advertising - Agencies)
- May 17 - **Kurt Wood** (Belmont Brokerage & Management, Real Estate - Property Management - Residential)
- May 18 - **Greg Gill** (Lee & Associates, Real Estate - Commercial & Investment)

Thanks to Randy Kemner, who at last week's meeting opened our eyes to some very practical advice for selecting the appropriate beverage to accompany a meal as we laughed and giggled our way through the meeting! Remember you can contact Randy for a copy of his slides.

Last week Long Beach was 3722 medically approved face shields stronger due to your generosity of time and treasure. You need to know that the catalyst for our partnership with the California Association of Healthcare Facilities (CAHF), who distributed our face shields to the Long Beach facilities with the greatest need, was our very own Karen Widerynski. You will recall that Karen was featured in an earlier Rotarygram because she works with the CAHF and offered suggestions about how we, as individuals, can help alleviate the stress and boredom for the patients by offering small acts of kindness. Reach out to Karen for more information. (kwiderynski@hotmail.com).

LB Rotary Food Establishments

Please support these food establishments owned by LB Rotarians which are open for take-out and/or delivery:

- Baja Sonora - Mary Sophiea
- Belmont Brewing Company - David Lott
- Boathouse on the Bay - John Morris
- Derrick's on Atlantic - Aaron Blackburn
- La Strada - Lisa Ramelow
- Primal Alchemy Provisions - Dana Buchanan
- Shenanigan's - Curtis Pilon
- TGIS - Sofia Riley
- The Wine Country - Randy Kemner

Speaking of small acts of kindness, please see the email on the left from President "almost elect" Dennis Smith about his encounter with new member Jesse Rivera. People...this is the stuff that keeps us going.

You should also know that even though schools aren't holding in-person classes, Henry Fung successfully coordinated a mentoring session on "Student Loans" with Yvonne Santos, Vice President of International City Bank. Twenty-five students attended using Zoom technology. As Henry says "Rotary Club of Long Beach marches on, no challenge that can't be overcome!"

Have you ever thought to stop and consider what this pandemic would be like without our Rotary Club and members? I think it's a useful exercise to think about the past several weeks. How many Rotarians have you enjoyed speaking with, hearing about their successes, supporting your decisions and your BUSINESSES, presenting solutions or new ideas? This would have been a much more dismal experience without all of you and without each other. Gratitude is everything.

The Magic of Rotary

A little while ago I put out a request on the Rotary members' Facebook page for someone who was knowledgeable about WordPress. Jesse Rivera, a new member barely two weeks with a virtual badge until he can get a physical one, volunteered to help.

And help he did, reconfiguring my website's blog page as I was hoping. I offered to pay him for his time and his simple to fulfill request was to sit and sip some whiskey and get to know each

This week Greg Owen will be sharing a touching "Rotary Moment" that I had personally never heard before. Greg tends to have more than his share of "Rotary Moments" 😊 but this one was a very real and serious game-changer. Take the time to think about your moments when Rotary came through for you and made a difference in your life. Big and small, they matter, and they shape us. Every. Single. Time.

other better. I am looking forward to hosting Jesse at the home bar to fill his “payment.”

Just another example of Rotarians helping Rotarians and the incredible breadth of resources our members can provide each other.

To recognize this value of my membership, and the benefits we can all derive from other members, I am self-fining myself \$100 in honor of Mr. Jesse Rivera.

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Rotary Club of Long Beach usually meets every Wednesday
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