

# ROTARYGRAM

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1958

**MISS UNIVERSE BEAUTY PAGEANT**  
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, U. S. A.

HARRY MERRICK STUDIO  
1901 W. Anaheim St.  
Long Beach, California

Alicja Bobrowska, Miss Poland 1958, joins two dashing young Rotarians, Norb Zink (left) and Gordon Dougherty (right) at the Annual Rotary Miss Universe Lunch in the International Ballroom of the Lafayette Hotel. Who won and how did Miss Poland do? – for that and the connection between Rotary and the Miss Universe Pageant see Chronieler Report below.

The first 3 September lunch meetings are aboard the QM.....the 4th is offsite for Rotary Roots (SIGN UP online August 31-September 14).

**[This Week's Meeting - September 7, 2016 - Chris Koontz -](#)**

**[Calendar](#)**

Bring a Guest


## **LB Planning Dept. - Citywide Land Use Element Update**

As the Advance Planning Officer for the City of Long Beach, Chris is responsible for long-range planning, environmental review, climate change adaptation and historic preservation programs. His update includes where the City is encouraging growth, how heights and building use is changing, how residents and businesses can become involved.



Also This Week a **Civic Pride Presentation from Cliff Ratkovich**, president of Ratkovich Properties and developer of The Edison, a project transforming the 1959 Kenneth Wing-designed all-electric building at Long Beach Blvd. and 1st Street into 156 luxury flats including six penthouses.

## **Next Week's Meeting - September 14, 2016 - 100 Years of Long Beach Sports with Mike Guardabascio and John Fylpaa**

 When Mike Guardabascio reported in early August about the 16 Long Beach area athletes and coaches who would be in Rio at the 2016 Olympics, he was just barely touching the tip of the iceberg. Long Beach has long been a breeding hotbed of athletes and coaches who not only made their mark in a Long Beach school, but went on to professional sports. Award-winning sportswriter, Mike, along with John Fylpaa (president of The Century Club) will reflect on the many outstanding athletes that have come out of Long Beach over the past 100 years.

## **Last Week's Meeting Highlights - August 31, 2016 - Jerry Schubel - President/CEO, Aquarium of the Pacific**

Dr. Jerry Schubel has been president and CEO of the Aquarium of the Pacific since 2002. At the Aquarium of the Pacific he created the Aquatic Forum that brings together scientists, policy-makers and stakeholders to explore alternative ways of dealing with complex, controversial environmental issues facing the nation. The lack of water, environmental changes (affecting water), impoverished transportation system are only some of the reasons why California has dropped from the #1 desirable state to live, to #49. Even still, the population of Southern California will rise to 39 million by 2050--the current population of the entire state today. Schubel encouraged conscientious risk-taking for a livable Southern California in the future.



September 7: Chris Koontz - LB Citywide Land Use Update

September 8: Information Meeting (Host: Marcelle Epley)

September 10: Centennial Park Clean-up

September 14: Mike Guardabascio and John Fylpaa - 100 Years of LB Sports

September 21: Kelly Colopy - State of Health in Long Beach

September 28: ROTARY ROOTS - OFFSITE

October 5: Eloy Oakley

October 5: Reading by 9 Fundraiser

October 19: DARK - NO Meeting



### Birthdays of the Week

September 2 - **Whit Latimer** (Bancap Commercial Real Estate Services, Real Estate-Commercial & Investment)

September 3 - **Todd Leutheuser** (Southland Motor Car Dealers Association, Associations-Automotive )

September 4 - **Fox Boswell** (Carson, McBeath & Boswell, Inc., Medicine-Retinal Surgery)

September 5 - **Greg Haeseler** (Wells Fargo Advisors, Financial-Investment Advisor)

September 7 - **Liz Krummell** (LB Police Department, Government-Municipal-Public Safety-Analyst)

September 7: **Pat Madden** (LA County Superior Court, Judiciary-Superior Court)

September 8: **Beverly O'Neill** (Retired, Government-Municipal-Mayor)



Our club resurrected **Member Talk** as Alfredo Velasco admitted to once presiding at the Escondido club podium with green hair and braces; something he might not have done as a kicker at UCLA before truly becoming a Rotarian years later. Velasco also revealed the eight venues for the offsite Rotary Roots lunch on September 28. Members will need to sign up online quickly, as space is limited for each of the venues provided by club Rotarians. Sergeant-at-Arms (SGA) Mark Kachigan recognized birthday-ite Rich Dempsey.

### [President of RI Confirmed for Centennial Kickoff Lunch](#)

We're honored to report that **John F. Germ**, the 2016-2017 president of Rotary International, will help us launch our Centennial year by being our guest speaker Friday, January 13, 2017, at our Centennial Kickoff Lunch. (Noon on the Queen Mary.) Germ, an engineer by training is a member of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee. Mark your calendar now for this big event. Please note the lunch is on Friday and will replace our regular meeting on Wednesday January 11, 2017.



### [Chronicler Report - Miss Universe and Rotary](#)

The Miss Universe Pageant and its successor Miss International were held in the beloved Long Beach Municipal Auditorium between 1952 and 1967. Each year the contestants would join Rotarians for a lavish lunch at the Lafayette Hotel. Overcoming all the cigarette and cigar smoke Miss Poland finished 4th. The winner in 1958 was Colombia's Luz Marina Zulguaga. The Colombian government was so delighted with her win they declared her tax-exempt for life, put her face on a postage stamp and even built her a house. The Executive Secretary of Miss Universe from its beginning in 1952 was June Doherty. Her many responsibilities included ensuring the contestants interacted with the community (including Rotary), chaired the hostess committee that attempted to chaperone the contestants and even accompanied the winners on Port of Long Beach-sponsored trips to Japan. She also helped coordinate the television broadcasts of the pageant. Upon correctly answering the question below we'll learn more about June and Miss Universe on Wednesday.

September 9 **Jerry Bloeser** (Retired, Carpets-Retail)

September 9: **Jim Lamhofer** (Retired, Consultant-Marketing-International)



*Can you guess the location of this Rotary Roots lunch from April 2016?*

**ROTARY ROOTS**  
**[SIGN UP ONLINE](#) AUGUST 31 - SEPT. 14**

SEPTEMBER 28 is Rotary Roots day!

Go on-line to sign up (just click on the link above).

Eight club Rotarians are hosting a program from 12 noon - 1:30 on September 28 (no meeting aboard the Queen Mary)

**SPACE IS LIMITED** - you must [sign up on-line](#), before September 14th

Read the descriptions on-line for more details.



*Can you guess the location of this Rotary Roots lunch from October 2015?*

## Chronicler Quiz No. 2 -

People were not surprised when the daughter of June Doherty went on to become:

- a. Miss Teen USA
- b. Most Valuable Player - Lake Forest Roller Derby All-Stars
- c. First red-headed Mouseketeer
- d. First female president of Long Beach Rotary

## LB Rotary YouTube

Visit our club [YouTube](#) page for selected clips from our first club *Talent Revue* (February 2016)

Rotary Club of Long Beach usually meets every Wednesday at 12:00 noon on the Queen Mary.

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