

ROTARYGRAM

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In honor of this week's speaker, Eloy Oakley, the Rotarygram proudly publishes a picture of one of LBCC's finest moments - the May 1983 student body president debate between Charles Tooma and our own Troy Donahue look-a-like, Past President and current Assistant District Governor Brian Russell. Dazzling the crowd with movie-star good looks and debating skills the Viking newspaper claimed would have put William Jennings Bryan to shame, Brian went on to win the election and served as LBCC student body president in Fall 1983. For those concerned about the stress of being Rotary president, there is no truth whatsoever to the rumor that Brian had a full head of hair before assuming the Rotary presidency on July 1, 2014. Read Brian's memories of LBCC below.

**Meetings aboard the QM: October 5, 12, 26.
October 19: DARK - No Meeting.**

**BE SURE TO TURN IN YOUR FIRST-ROUND VOTING BALLOT
BY 1:30PM, ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5.**

**[This Week's Meeting - October 5, 2016 - Eloy Oakley -
Challenges for the Chancellor](#)**

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Bring a Guest

October 5: Eloy Oakley

October 5: 1st round ballot - Election Committee

Eloy Ortiz Oakley becomes the new Chancellor for the California Community College System in December 2016. He is best known throughout California and the nation for implementing innovative programs and policies that help students succeed in college. Oakley has been serving as the Superintendent-President of the LB Community College District since 2007. LB Rotarian Oakley touches on some of the challenges he expects to meet in his new position and reflects on what's succeeded in Long Beach.



Also this week, come see who's BB (Best Buds) with Jay Leno, and who was caught drinking champagne down the Rhone on a luxury cruise....

Next Week's Meeting - October 12, 2016 - Russ Parsons - "Current Food Controversies: What to Know about Organics and GMOs"



Russ Parsons was the food editor and columnist of the LA Times for more than 25 years. He has been writing about food for more than 30 years and is the author of the cookbooks "How to Read a French Fry," and "How to Pick a Peach." He has won every major American food journalism award.

Last Week's Meeting Highlights - September 28, 2016 - ROTARY ROOTS

Rotary Founder Paul Harris would have been pleased that his tradition of taking turns meeting at different members' places of business, is still alive in Long Beach Rotary! Nine club members stepped forward for the Fall Rotary Roots and hosted individual programs for members. Many thanks to:

Whit Latimer (Bancap Commercial Real Estate Services), Mu Zhang (Encore Awards & Marketing), Willetta McCulloh (Environ Architecture), Craig Cross and Sathya Chey (Halbert Hargrove Global Advisors), Mark Garlington (Mark A. Garlington, DDS), Suny Chang (LINC Housing), Otis Cliatt (Pacific Harbor Line), and Gina Maguire (St. Anthony High School).



ROTARY ROOTS is an offsite lunch program that enables members to connect with each other by learning about each others' businesses and organizations. The Spring Rotary Roots is scheduled for April 5, 2017.

October 12: 2nd round ballot - Election Committee

October 12: Russ Parsons - Current Food Controversies: What to Know about Organics and GMOs?

October 19: DARK - NO Meeting

October 20: Boat Cruise (5:30pm) - replaces October 19 meeting

October 23: Ronald McDonald House Sunday Meal Prep - Captains Conor Weir and Lydia Vincenty-Lowell

October 26: Reading by 9 Fundraiser

October 26: League of Women Voters - November Ballot Propositions



Birthdays of the Week

October 1 - **Dana Buchanan** (Primal Alchemy Catering, Catering Services)

October 1 - **Mark Garlington** (Mark A. Garlington, DDS, Dentistry - Orthodontics)

October 2 - **Lisa Hopkins** (Lisa Hopkins, Medicine - Optometry)

October 4 - **Carl Calkins** (Retired, Government - Municipal-Public Safety-Police Chief)

October 4 - **Eileen Factor** (ChildNet Youth & Family Services, Non-Profit Organizations-ChildNet Youth & Family Services)

October 5 - **Efren Baca** (Western Building Maintenance, Janitorial Services)

Memories of L.B. City College - Brian Russell

Long Beach City College holds an important and special place in my heart. The time I spent there was life changing and happened at a time when I needed a sense of direction and belonging. After an apathetic three years in high school, I was not sure that college was for me. After working for a couple of years I decided to go back to school and give it another try. After taking classes at LBCC for about a year, I got involved with student government. It felt that I had found my tribe. The students, faculty, and administrators that I got to know and work with were a diverse group of backgrounds, values, and political leanings that mirrored the community I lived in. With the warm and gentle guidance of my ASB advisor John Fylpaa, and VP of Student Services Beverly O'Neill, I learned the most important aspects of leadership, and the value of making any community I find myself a part of a better place. To this day, my experiences at LBCC, and the lasting meaningful relationships I have carried into my adulthood, continue to have a profound and meaningful impact on my life. I hope to always be connected with the college. Currently, I am serving on the LBCC Foundation Board of Governors and a group that is working to solve the homeless student crisis. I am a proud LBCC Alum. Go Vikings!



Last week, Mu Zhang was one of 8 hosts for Rotary Roots. She shared her business, Encore Awards, with fellow Rotarians.

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

The following is being proposed as a member of the Rotary Club of Long Beach. His name is hereby submitted to the membership for a 10-day period as required by the bylaws. Any comments can be addressed to the President or Executive Director of the club during this 10-day period.

Matt Harms - Development Associate, LB Museum of Art

Proposed classification: Non-Profit Organizations - LB Museum of Art

Proposed by: Mark Kachigan and Vali De Vries

NEW QUEEN MARY MENU

Have you noticed lunch lately on the Queen Mary?
Like the Street Taco Bar?? Taste of Tuscany??? Asian Stir Fry???

As a reminder there is a minimum charge of \$10.00 to attend the lunch program.

Even if you do not eat anything, we still have to pay for the room facility, QM staff, parking.

Centennial Legacy Campaign Update - Nancy Kindelan

The Rotary Centennial Legacy Project fundraising is now underway and we are getting ever closer to our goal of being able to dedicate the Children's Storytime Theater and Early Literacy areas in the new downtown library.



The generosity of our club members is amazing. Dan Walker and the team at Farmers and Merchants Bank have informed us that they will be the Platinum Centennial Fellows, which gave us a tremendous boost. We also have six Gold Centennial Fellows: Jean Bixby Smith, Mitch Dion, Craig Dougherty, Cam Killingsworth, Frank Newell and The Owen Family.

This week we will recognize our Ruby Centennial Fellows: Jerry Bloeser, Blake Christian, Greg Gill, Greg Haeseler, Vic McCarty, Jane Netherton, Mike Walter, Don and Carl Ann Wylie. My thanks to all who have given so far and to the very hard working committee that made this possible: Greg Burnight, Steve Keesal, Jayne Lastusky, Jane Netherton, Frank Newell and Greg Owen.

Last but not least, thanks to all Rotarians who have already given so generously. We still have a ways to go to reach our goal of \$250,000 and we are asking that each member of our club consider becoming a Rotary Centennial Fellow by pledging \$1,000 to the campaign. This can be paid over two years which can make it very affordable for a lot of us. Making a gift at this level will make a difference in the lives of children in Long Beach. Their literacy is critical to a successful future here and I am so proud that Long Beach Rotary can make a difference in their lives.

Caborca: Personally Eradicate Polio - Last 4 spaces



You can personally administer the life-changing vaccine to children in Caborca, Mexico. The 2017 Polio Eradication trip is scheduled for February 10-12.

There are only four spaces left. Several LB Rotarians and RotarActors have already signed up. The cost is \$225, plus cost of motel room (2 nights @ \$50 US/night). Rooms have two twin beds and cost can be shared. Please contact Terry Geiling (tgeiling@goldstarmanor.org)



Sunday morning thousands of Marathon runners will pass by the Jane Netherton Bench in Rainbow Harbor..

CLUB ELECTION TIME

Elect the 7 members who will serve on the Election Committee to select

PRESIDENT #103

October 5: 1st round Ballot due

October 12: 2nd round Ballot due

Contact the office to receive 2nd round ballot, if not attending Oct. 12 meeting.



DUFFY SUNSET CRUISE - RSVP by Oct. 14

Since we are DARK on Wednesday, October 19, come out for the annual sunset boat cruise in Alamitos Bay. Dinner at LBYC follows.

RSVP for a seat on a boat/dinner \$50/person
Arrive to board by 5:45pm.

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

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