

# ROTARYGRAM

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*With hand securely on Paul Harris' head "Junior Past President" Greg Burnight recites the sacred "Oath of the Walking Stick" as the "stick" is transferred from PP Brian Russell to Greg during a mystical and secretive ceremony last Wednesday night at the Past Presidents' Party. Following the ceremony the past presidents offered pearls of wisdom and sage advice to incoming President 101 Steve Keesal.*

***OFFSITE meetings: May 3, 10, and 31 - RSVPs required.***

***This Week's Lunch Program - May 3 -***

**CSULB President Jane Close Conoley -  
OFFSITE (Miller House)**



The ultimate "home game." CSULB President Conoley will be our speaker and the meeting will be held at "The Miller House," the university president's residence in Park Estates. One of the highlights of the meeting will be Past President and Scholarship Foundation Chair Jane Netherton introducing the winner of the \$15,000 Rotary Centennial Scholarship, the largest scholarship in club history. This will be a very special meeting and space is limited to 125 members and guests. Ample parking is available. **Reservations closed Wednesday, April 26.** President Conoley has called "The Miller House" the university's living room. The house was built by and later donated to the University for use by the president by Earl and Loraine Miller. They also established the Earl B. and Loraine H. Miller Foundation as well as building Miller Children's Hospital on the campus of Memorial Medical Center. It is fitting that our Rotary Centennial Scholarship be awarded at "The Miller House" because the Albert Reingardt Foundation, named for the contractor who built the 5,500 sq.ft. house and other commercial, government and custom residential buildings throughout Southern California, is the largest benefactor of our Long Beach Scholarship Foundation having donated cash and real estate currently valued in excess of \$4 Million. The gold entrance to the Pyramid is named in Albert Reingardt's honor.

**Next Lunch Program - May 10 - 46th  
Annual Inter Service Club Luncheon -  
RSVP required - OFFSITE (Grand  
Event Center) - 11:30am start - \$35**



Every spring major community service clubs in Long Beach meet to recognize some of their major projects/activities for the year. As a member of this illustrious group, LB Rotary "goes dark" that day so that Rotarians can attend this special luncheon. CSULB President Jane Close Conoley will be the guest speaker. **Reservations and payment must be made in advance** so that lunch tickets can be distributed.

Cost is \$35. Every Rotarian needs to submit payment, as Meal Plan does not apply.

**President's Message - Jayne  
Lastusky 100**



*PP Brian Russell clutches "The Walking Stick" one last time before passing it on to Greg Burnight.*

## Calendar

### *"Share Rotary with a Guest"*

May 3: LBRSF Scholarship Program at President Jane Close Conoley's home - RSVP *OFFSITE*

May 10: Annual Inter Service Club Luncheon - Grand Event Center - RSVP *OFFSITE*

May 11: LBCC Rotaract Chapter Reception (RSVP through Michelle Dobson)  
*New LB Rotary Rotaract Club !*

May 13: Centennial Park Clean Up 8am

May 17: Development Plans for the Queen Mary and Its Surroundings - Urban Commons

May 19 & 20: District Conference  
(May 20 LB Rotary Hospitality Booth)

May 21: LB Lesbian & Gay Pride Parade - 10:30am line-up (contact Michele Dobson)

May 22: (Golf) Tournament for World Peace - Old Ranch Country Club

May 24: TBA

May 31: What's Happening in North Long Beach? (Michelle Obama Library) - RSVP *OFFSITE*

June 7: TBA

June 14: DARK - NO LUNCH MEETING



Our Centennial Year continues to be filled with wonderful celebrations that commemorate our remarkable history and recognize the incredible impact the Rotary Club of Long Beach has had on our great city. This week is no exception.

Our signature program Youth and Literacy remain a point of pride for our club. For over 60 years the Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation has supported Long Beach students awarding over 4,250 annual scholarships totaling over \$5 Million. We remain the single largest funder of scholarships at LBCC and the second largest funder of scholarships at CSULB.

This week, Past President and Scholarship Foundation Chair, Jane Netherton, will present the one time Rotary Centennial Scholarship to a very impressive and deserving CSULB scholar. This is the largest scholarship ever awarded by the foundation in honor of our Centennial. How fitting that our meeting will be held at the home of CSULB President Jane Close Conoley (see above for details).

On Thursday May 4, President Conoley will present the Rotary Club of Long Beach with the *President's Distinguished Service Award*. I am honored to be able to accept this prestigious award on behalf of our club's ongoing service to our community. For 100 years we have practiced *service above self* making a difference every day.

**[Last Week's Meeting - April 26 - Jean Bixby Smith - Rancho Los Cerritos and the Bixby Family](#)**



A native of Long Beach and a member of Rotary for 30 years, Jean Bixby Smith is a descendant of the owners of the 27,000-acre sheep ranch that evolved into the cities of Long Beach, Downey, Paramount and Lakewood. Jean provided a condensed timeline from the beginning of the land purchase through the Bixby family involvement to 1955. In 1844 John Temple built the ranch house as a traditional adobe building, 100 feet x 160 feet in a U shape. The "home" of the prized rams is now where the Virginia Country Club is located. At its height the herd grew to 30,000---but it became more lucrative to sell off parts of the land than to sell sheep. Jean recalled a few memories during the time her grandfather Llewellyn Bixby moved into the house in 1931 until the family transferred Rancho Los Cerritos to the City of Long Beach in 1955.

**[Also Last Week .....](#)** On Past Presidents Day Jayne Lastusky recognized those Past Presidents not in "The Asterisk Club" (See pages 1-4 in roster) mistakenly bypassing Lubock, Texas' gift to Long Beach, President "Rocket" 88 Randy Gordon who was president of not one but two Rotary Clubs, Long Beach and Covina. With the ominous threat of

June 21: Last meeting - Celebration of the Past Presidents

June 28: NO LUNCH but PRESIDENTS' PARTY (5:30pm at KYL) RSVP



**Birthdays of the Week**

May 1 - **Rick Skelton** (Guardian Financial Group, Financial - Investment Advisor)

May 1 - **Kelly Lucera** (Long Beach Symphony Association, Non-Profit Organizations-LB Symphony Association)

May 4 - **Brendan Diette** (Northwestern Mutual Insurance Co., Insurance-Life-Estate Planning)

May 6 - **Sara Myers** (The Volunteer Center South Bay-Harbor-Long Beach, Non-Profit Organizations-Volunteer Center So.Bay/Harbor/LB)

May 7 - **Jane Roeder** (Ukleja Center for Ethical Leadership at CSULB, Education-Ukleja Center for Ethical Leadership)

May 8 - **Bill Marmion** (Honorary, Retired, LBUSD)

Randy grabbing the microphone he was quickly recognized by President Lastusky. SAA Nancy Kindelan celebrated the birthdays of Bond Nichols and Jean Bixby Smith. PP Kay Cofield stylishly attired as "The Ghost of Rotary Past" provided a very entertaining editorial on the past, present and future of Rotary's Mystical Walking Stick. Sponsor Dave Woody made history when before an audience of stunned Rotarians he unexpectedly handed off the microphone to surprised new member Janet Nelson who did a great job with Rotary's first "Do It Yourself" introduction. Janet is Vice President at International City Bank and was co-sponsored by past ICB President, Jane Netherton.



Jayne Lastusky, Brian Russell, Greg Burnight and Past Presidents at last Wednesday night's party.

**Save- the-Date**



**June 28, 2017 - Presidents' Party.**

Mark your calendar now and plan to spend Wednesday evening June 28 high atop the beautiful Union Bank Building in the 14th floor offices of Keesal, Young and Logan at our Annual Presidents' Party as we thank President 100 Jayne Lastusky and her board for a great job and welcome dashing President 101 Steve Keesal and his board. We will also be honoring and recognizing our revered Past Presidents. The event will feature wonderful fellowship, fabulous cuisine and libations under the watchful eye of KYL's Special Events Manager Richard Brown together with drop-dead 270 degree sunset views. RSVP and additional information will be provided shortly. **There will be no regular noon meeting on June 28.**

**District Conference - May 19 & 20 (Club Hospitality Booth) - San Diego**



Long Beach Rotary will have a food booth during the District Conference's Hospitality Night on Saturday, May 20. You can spend the day at the Liberty Station Conference Center before attending Hospitality Night---find out what special food Willetta McCulloh has created for the event. Special hotel rates are still available at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina. For those wanting to start the festivities earlier, "Celebration on the Bay" takes place Friday evening at the Admiral Kidd Club.

Go on-line to register for the District Conference. <https://www.directory-online.com/Rotary/Register4/index.cfm?EventID=77323184>

**NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL**

The following are being proposed as members of the Rotary Club of Long Beach. Their names are 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.

**Kavita Gupta**

Proposed classification: Consultant-Education and Training  
 Proposed by: Greg Haeseler and Gabrielle Canale

**Diane "Dee" Wood**

Proposed classification: Education - Consultant  
 Proposed by: Kurt Wood and Steve Shaw



Thanks to everyone who came out for the blood drive last week, and to Rotarian Debra Fixen for organizing.

**GIVE BLOOD FOR OUR 100 PINTS**



**American  
Red Cross**

For our centennial year LB Rotary has  
pledged 100 pints.  
Contact Debra Fixen (dfixen@yahoo.com)  
or [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

*You can give every 56 days.....*

*....If you missed the April 26 Bloodmobile  
Drive at the Queen Mary, you can still give  
blood at any time during 2017 to count  
towards our 100 pints!*

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

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