

ROTARYGRAM

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THE ORIGINAL CHARTER MEMBERS OF LONG BEACH ROTARY

As we celebrate our 100th Birthday, we honor our charter members. Top Row, left to right - Ed Steinke, J.J. Mottell (first president), George Shell, John Rankin, George Besancon; Middle row - John Forsyth, Ed Gillette, Dr. F.E. Walker, Fred Steele, John Feers; Bottom Row - William Senbero, William Nestle, J.E. Carter, F.A. Green, R.S. Oakford

ALL JANUARY LUNCH MEETINGS ABOARD THE QUEEN MARY.

**This Week's Meeting - January 25 -
Centennial Kick-off Lunch - 2nd Floor
Windsor Salon Meeting starts at 12
noon; Cash Bar opens at 11:30**



2017 is finally here and we are launching our Centennial Year! Come early for the 11:30am Cash Bar. We will start the meeting at 12 noon. Representatives from our "mother" club (LA5) and the 1st generation of clubs we sponsored will be attending. Program highlights include historical reflections on three of our club's major emphases and an update on the centennial plans for the year. Reservations were due January 19, and there is no cookie/coffee option.

Also This Week Introducing the guests and birthdayites as Sergeant-at-Arms will be Past President Bob Graham (2005-2006).

**Next Lunch Program - February 1 -
OFFSITE - The Golden Sails Hotel -
6285 E. Pacific Coast Highway**



Take a trip down memory lane and join us for a return visit to the Golden Sails Hotel---where LB Rotary used to meet before moving to the Queen Mary. The infamous "Rotary South" (aka cash bar) will open at 11:30am for those who are still hardy enough to down a martini--or two--before lunch. Our program speaker, Ken McDonald of LB Transit, is bringing a zero emission bus to demonstrate how LBT supports eco-conscious Long Beach.

Reservations needed by January 25. No coffee/cookie option, so individual lunch cost is \$25 (unless on Meal Plan).

**President's Message - Jayne Lastusky
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Happy Birthday Rotary Club of Long Beach! This week we officially kick off our yearlong Centennial Celebration. I am humbled to serve as your 100th President and proud to be a Long Beach Rotarian.



Early in 1941, Rotary founder, Paul Harris, planted a magnolia tree in Bixby Park. Later, a bronze marker was added designating the magnolia as "Rotary Founder's Tree."

Calendar

Share Rotary with a Guest

January 25: Centennial Kick-off Program -
RSVP by January 18

February 1: **OFFSITE at the Golden Sails** -
Ken McDonald - LB Transit Zero Emission
Buses - RSVP by January 25

February 8: Misty May Treanor

February 15: "Teaching Ethics to Kids" -
our centennial gift to the middle schools

February 22: DARK for Lunch, but
EVENING FOCUS DINNER at 6:00pm -
RSVP by February 13

Our club has a deep and rich history that parallels the history of our great city. Throughout 2017, you will hear about our club traditions, accomplishments and shenanigans. We can all be proud to be part of a club that through a century of service has had such a profound, positive impact on our local community.

This week you will hear about the many ways you can be involved in our Centennial activities. I encourage everyone to join in the fun and celebrate big. Rotarians are the star of the show. It is our birthday and a time to enjoy and appreciate 100 years of making a difference every day.

Last Meeting - January 18 - Christopher Lowe - CSULB Shark Lab - "The Return of the Predator"



Over the last 20 years as director of the CSULB Shark Lab, Chris Lowe has used and developed acoustic telemetry techniques to study movements, behavior, and physiology of sharks, rays and gamefishes. CSULB houses one of the best shark labs in the world. Lowe maintains that the return of a thriving shark population off of the California coastline is a good sign because it indicates that our oceans are getting healthier. Earlier regulation/legislation (i.e., banned gill net fishing, white shark protection law) has resulted in the flourishing of baby white sharks through the increase of white sea bass and sea lions---all part of the food chain. Improved water and air quality in California all contribute to the strength of these species.

Also at Last Week's Meeting: Guest Sergeant-at-Arms Past President Whit Latimer (2001-2002) recognized the birthday for "the Chairman", his father Bob Latimer. Adriana Lanting and Justin Arana gave a brief update on the Mozambique water wells project in which the club will be sponsoring at least four water well systems.



Birthdays of the Week

January 24 - **Bijan Noori** (Baypoint Insurance and Financial Services, Insurance-Life-Estate Planning)

January 24 - **Connie Rivera** (Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, Transportation - ACTA)

January 27 - **Steve Kuykendall** (Steven T. Kuykendall & Associates, Consultant - Business)

January 28 - **Jim Morris** (JCL Traffic Services, Contractors - Temporary Traffic Control)

January 28 - **Judy VanderLans** (Retired, Judiciary - Superior Court)

January 31 - **Lun Hom** (Retired, Medicine - Neoplastic Diseases)



**Super Bowl Squares - The Commish -
Andy McFarland**



Already feeling withdrawals now that the Rotary Football Pool is over? You're in luck! With the Super Bowl coming up on February 5th, there is another opportunity to try your luck at some fellowship disguised as football wagering. "Super Bowl Squares" will be available for purchase at \$20 per square at the next 2 Rotary lunch meetings (January 25 and February 1). Don't know anything about football? You're in luck again! This game literally requires no skill or knowledge - just pick a square and cross your fingers! I will be ready to take your bets starting on Wednesday, January 25 at the Queen Mary.

**Chronicler Report - J. J. Mottell, The First
President of Long Beach Rotary**



In 1917, J.J. Mottell was one of the fifteen charter members of Long Beach Rotary and served as the club's first president. He was born in St. Louis in 1872 and came to Long Beach in 1909 and started his own funeral home at 3rd and Locust. In 1926, he built what was called one of the five most beautiful mortuaries in the United States at 3rd and Alamitos. In addition to Rotary, he was a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason and an Elk. His passion was the Long Beach Day Nursery, where he was affectionately known by the children as "Uncle Joe." For years he celebrated his birthday at the Day Nursery, spoiling the over 175 children with ice cream and cake. The cake at the 1942 celebration weighed 45 pounds! The Day Nursery was founded in 1912 with Long Beach Rotary being a major supporter since the club's beginning. J.J. Mottell passed away June 21, 1944 in Long Beach.

*"The Father of Long Beach Rotary"
Who is he? All will be revealed at
Wednesday's Centennial Celebration.*



NEW DATE!

*Save-the-Date: February 16, 2017
LBR Scholarship Foundation Night*

Check Presentation to Rotary Scholars

CSULB vs. UC Davis 7:00pm game
Tickets: 562-985-4949 or
LBSUtickets@csulb.edu

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