

# ROTARYGRAM

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*Rotarian Larry Inman, owner of The Inman Co. Photographers, took this picture of the Cyclone Racer Roller Coaster at the Pike on June 23, 1946. Do you remember where Long Beach Rotary met in 1946? For the answer and more information on the Cyclone Racer and near-by Long Beach Municipal Auditorium see Chronicler Report.*

***Aboard the Queen Mary: May 17 and May 24  
OFFSITE: May 31 RSVP for Michelle Obama Library***

**[This Week's Program - May 17 - Dan Zaharoni of Urban Commons - Re-development of the Queen Mary and Its Surroundings](#)**



Dan Zaharoni is the Chief Development Officer of Urban Commons, the leasehold owner for the Queen Mary property. Structural renovations to the Queen Mary ship are part of the \$250 million master plan proposed by Urban Commons to the City of Long Beach. The 26 discrete renovation projects are directed at a specific life, health or safety concern, or as it affects the integrity of the ship. Urban Commons believes the best way to make the ship financially viable is to beef up the 65 acres surrounding the ship with more dining, shopping, concerts, adventures. Urban Commons bought the Queen Mary lease in April 2016 for 66 years.

**Also This Week ....** a QM tour guide will offer a short history of the Grand Salon -- our lunch venue room. Michele Dobson will announce the student winner of the *Service Above Self* Award. Vali De Vries will serve as Sergeant-at-Arms this week, substituting for Mark Kachigan.

**[Next Lunch Program - May 24 - Dr. Bryna Kayne - Skin Care and Cancer](#)**



Dr. Bryna Kayne is the senior founding partner and co-owner of Long Beach-based Laser Skin Care Dermatology Associates and is a graduate of the UC Davis School of Medicine. Dr. Kayne has been practicing adult and pediatric dermatology for over 30 years. She coordinates with other doctors and specialists in medical, surgical and cosmetic dermatology for all skin concerns. Dr. Kayne has clinical teaching appointments at both UCLA and UC Irvine where she is Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine/Dermatology and continues to teach residents in her practice.

**[The Chronicler Report - Cyclone Racer and Municipal Auditorium](#)**



Rotarian Larry Inman was a top commercial photographer in Long Beach and took the masthead picture and the picture in the border of the Long Beach oceanfront March 4, 1938. Prominent in the picture is



*Cup of Kindness to be awarded June 7*

**[Calendar](#)**

*"Share Rotary with a Guest"*

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 - 10:00am line-up (contact Michele Dobson)

May 22: (Golf) Tournament for World Peace - Old Ranch Country Club  
19th Hole Reception \$30 - Open to Public

May 24: Dr. Bryna Kayne - Skin Care and Cancer

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

June 7: TBA - Centennial 2017 Cup of Kindness Award

June 14: DARK - NO LUNCH MEETING

June 21: Last meeting - Celebration of the Past Presidents

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

the Cyclone Racer Roller Coaster and to the right the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium surrounded by Rainbow Pier. Many "vintage" (a description courtesy of youthful PP Brian Russell) aka "older" Rotarians took white-knuckle trips on the Cyclone Racer before it was demolished in 1968. The Cyclone Racer was built in 1930 on the beach at the Pike Amusement Park. As seen in the picture the southern end of the coaster was built on pilings over the ocean. With two trains, each with five cars running side-by-side, the Cyclone Racer could reach speeds of 50 mph on 7,400 feet of track including 17 stomach-dropping hills. The Cyclone Racer was the last remaining seaside dual-track roller coaster of its kind in the United States.

The Long Beach Municipal Auditorium was built in 1932 under a \$2.8 Million bond issue and in its 43-year history was the site for dances, stage shows, sporting events, the Miss Universe Pageant, dog shows, numerous conventions and some large Rotary events. (PP Cam Killingsworth's mother June Doherty was Executive Director of the Miss Universe Pageant). The building stood nine stories tall and was surrounded by an eight-acre park and a 32-acre water lagoon that was enclosed by a semi-circular "Rainbow" pier running from Pine Ave. to Linden Ave. The street lamps on the pier were all a different color. The Municipal Auditorium had three venues. Upstairs was an 8,000-seat, rectangular-shaped auditorium surrounded by a multi-tier balcony. The auditorium shared a common stage with a semi-circular concert hall on the south-oceanside of the building. Downstairs was a multi-purpose facility. Among the acts appearing in the 8,000 seat auditorium were Elvis Presley, Judy Garland, Bob Hope and the Harlem Globetrotters. Rotarian high-school graduates from Long Beach will remember the Municipal Auditorium as the site of the All-Night Dance following graduation. It was eventually replaced by Grad Night at Disneyland. Starting in 1961 the Wink Martindale Dance Party was broadcast live from the Municipal Auditorium on Channel 13 as thousands of screaming teenage girls (including the Fabulous Four?) welcomed to Long Beach heartthrobs including Frankie Avalon, Sam Cooke and Paul Anka. Others who performed in the Municipal Auditorium included lesser-known sports celebrities such as Ralphie Valladares and Gloria "Honey" Sanchez, legendary husband and wife jammers for the Los Angeles Roller Derby T-Birds and the four participants in a 1964 No-Holds-Barred Wrestling Tag Team Match -- Freddie Blassie and Mr. Moto vs. Chief Thundercloud and the Intelligent Sensational Destroyer. In 1938 a 38'x22' mosaic mural with 462,000 colored, glazed and semi-vitreous tiles entitled *Long Beach Recreation* was installed in the arched facade facing Ocean Blvd. The mosaic was part of a New Deal era Work Progress Administration (WPA) project and was one of the largest in the country. When the Municipal Auditorium was demolished in 1975 the mosaic was moved to the East Third St. terminus of the Downtown Promenade. *In 1946 Long Beach Rotary met at the Pacific Coast Club.*

**[Last Week's Meeting - May 10 - 47th Annual Inter Service Club Luncheon - The Grand Event Center](#)**



*Long Beach March 4, 1938*



#### Birthdays of the Week

May 17 - **Stephanie James** (Davis & Associates Advertising, Advertising-Agencies)

May 17 - **Kurt Wood** (Belmont Brokerage & Management, Real Estate - Property Management)

May 18 - **Greg Gill** (Lee & Associates, Real Estate - Commercial & Investment)

May 19 - **Liz McCann** (LBCC Foundation, Education - LBCC Foundation)

May 20 - **Leslie Gentile** (F&M Bank, Architecture & Interior Planning & Design)

May 21 - **Sy Alban** (Alban/Wertheimer Orthopaedic, Medicine-Orthopedic Surgery)

May 22 - **Salvador Farfan** (Caught in the Moment Photography, Photography - Commercial)



LB Rotary went "dark" last week to participate in the annual Inter Service Club Luncheon, held at The Grand Event Center. This year's program was hosted by the Altrusa Long Beach Club. Other Long Beach clubs who participated were the Assistance League, Century Club, Exchange Club, Kiwanis, Downtown Lions Club, Soroptimist and Y Service Club. Each club's representative spoke briefly to explain the club's purpose and significant focus and projects for this year. CSULB President and Long Beach Rotarian Jane Close Conoley was the guest speaker. As a former psychologist, President Conoley spoke to more recent neuroscience studies about "growth mindset" that can be applied to academic pedagogy. She also announced that this spring CSULB would be graduating its largest class ever with over 11,700 students.

**March in the LB Pride Parade -  
May 21 - 10:00am**



The LB Rotary Youth Services committee invites each of you to participate in the next citywide event, the Long Beach Pride Parade on Sunday, May 21 at 10:00am. Rotarian Vali De Vries has generously offered her soft-top red Jeep for the parade and it only takes up a couple of hours of your time. You will be at brunch by 1:00pm.

Shortly before the parade we will be given our entry number and we will provide it to the Rotary Club so you know exactly where to meet us. Until then, you can plan to meet at Ocean Blvd. and Molino. Then you just show up on the morning of the parade in your Rotary hat, t-shirt and sunscreen ready to walk down Ocean Boulevard. The route is from Ocean Blvd. and Loma to Ocean Blvd. and Alamitos. The bandstand is at Ocean Blvd. and Cherry Avenue if you want to come out, watch the parade instead of marching, and cheer us on.



*One of the special Silent Auction prizes for the (Golf) Tournament for World Peace Monday - May 22 - Old Ranch Country Club*

**GIVE BLOOD FOR OUR 100 PINTS**



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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