



ROTARYGRAM

September 19, 2018 - Vol. 102, Issue 11

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, Sept 19 from 11:30am-12:15pm: Rotary Connect (formerly Rotary 101)
"Committees and Avenues of Service"
Contact Kavita Gupta
Queen Mary, Grand Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802)
- Wednesday, Sept 19 from 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program
Coach Alan Knipe - "Creating a Culture of Greatness"
Queen Mary, Grand Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802)
- Thursday, Sept 20 from 7:30am-9:00am: Breakfast Business Roundtable (3rd Thursday/every other month)
Ken Jacobs presents "5 Hot Advertising Tips That You Can Use NOW!"
Contact Dennis Smith or Rayne Sherman
Polly's Pies (Los Coyotes Diagonal). Pre-fixed breakfast menu.
- Wednesday, Sept 26 from 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program
Rob Lapsley - Propositions on the November Ballot
Queen Mary, Grand Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802)
- Thursday, Sept 27 from 6:00pm-8:00pm: Rotary Revealed Information Meeting (4th Thursday/every other month) Bring a prospective member.
Rancho Los Alamitos (6400 Bixby Hill Rd.)
Volunteers needed for set-up/breakdown. Contact Lydia Vincenty-Lowell.

- Friday, Sept 28 from 12:30pm-4:30pm: Monthly Golf Outing September at Meadowlark
Limited space. Contact Dennis Smith asap
- Sunday, Sept 30 from 4:00pm-6:00pm: Ronald McDonald House Sunday Meal Prep (last Sunday/every other month). Contact Randy Gordon.

***This Week's Lunch Meeting -
September 19 - Grand Salon - Coach
Alan Knipe - "Creating a Culture of
Greatness"***



Three-time AVCA Coach of the Year Alan Knipe has created a winning culture at Long Beach State and in 2018 led the men's volleyball program to its second NCAA National Title. In the 16 seasons at the helm of the LB State Men's volleyball program, Knipe has guided the Beach to 5 NCAA Final Fours--three since 2016. Knipe also guided the US Men's National Team to the quarterfinals of the 2012 Olympic Games in London and the United States also qualified for the World League Finals in 2009, 2011 and 2012. Knipe played three years (1990-1992) at Long Beach State where he was a key member of the 1991 National Championship team.

This Week's Birthdays

Sep 19 - **Tammy Newland** (Keller Williams Realty, Real Estate - Residential)

Sep 19 - **Randy Kemner** (The Wine Country, Wine & Spirits - Retail)

Sep 19 - **Mike Soutar** (Architects McDonald, Soutar & Paz, Architecture & Interior Planning & Design)

Sep 21 - **Don Rodriguez** (Boys & Girls Clubs of Long Beach, Non-Profit Organizations - Boys and Girls Clubs)

Sep 23 - **Mike OToole** (Gondola Getaway, Entertainment - Gondola)



***President's
Message***

Last week we had another great new member introduced, Chris Wacker, CEO of Laserfiche. His sponsor was Bob Luskin and co-sponsor Freda Hinsche Otto. Our dear Rotarian Bob has studiously avoided the podium through his many years at Rotary but his good friend's introduction required him to break his tradition.

Our speaker, Jeff Fullerton, Plenary Edgemoor Civic Partners, gave us an update on the completion of the LB Civic Center. He had a great sense of humor, showing us a series of pictures of the site as it tried mightily to move forward but the refrain of "it rained, and rained, and then rained again," still plays in my mind. How frustrating, but they are actually a little ahead of schedule and plan for completion in June of 2019. It is going to be beautiful and even better for its residents, up to earthquake

Cruises)

Sep 24 - **LaVerne Davis** (Retired, Telecommunications - Operator Services)

New Member Proposal

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

Machelle Thompson, PT, CMC - President/Geriatric Care Manager, Keen Home Health Care

Proposed classification: Health Care - Private Duty Home Care
Proposed by: Craig Dougherty and Jay Beeler

Business Breakfast Roundtable

Reserve your space at the Business Breakfast Roundtable that takes place on Thursday, September 20 from 7:30am-9:00am. Ken Jacobs presents "5 Hot Advertising Tips That You Can Use NOW!" Pre-Fixed Menu for \$10 at Polly's Ples (4680 Los Coyotes Diagonal).
Contact Rotary office: madrid@rotarylongbeach.org

New Member Introduction

Long-time Rotarian Bob Luskin introduced our newest club member, Chris Wacker. Chris graduated from Hofstra School of Engineering (NY) and began his career in the research department of the US Mission to the United Nations. His subsequent travels around the world included Nigeria on a Rotary Fellowship Exchange. After moving to California in 1986, he launched Laserfiche, a custom software company that specializes in digital document management. Besides Long Beach, the firm has offices in Washington D.C., London, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Toronto, Mexico with 36,000 installations worldwide.

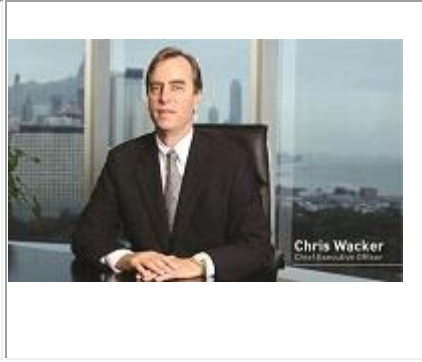
standards. Rotarian and City Attorney Charlie Parkin will be especially happy as his office is in a non-earthquake standard part of the building. You learn so much at Rotary Roots.

Many thanks to Randy Gordon and Mark Guillen for their contributions to the Charitable Foundation. They are being recognized by Ronald McDonald House, A Few Good Men, but could actually do team stand-up comedy as they so clearly showed at the meeting.

Wayne Slavitt gave us a very inspiring moment as he explained the meaning and traditions of the Jewish holiday Yom Kippur. We will do this throughout the year as our club has members representing many of the world's religions. I explained that I was going to ask Ginny Baxter to do the Christian season of Lent. She is amazingly strong as she gives up chocolate each year. This takes a very singular type of devotion.

The 5 Way Test at the wonderful restaurant **4th and Olive** was really well attended and our Guru of Fun, Steve Hockett along with Brandi Collato, hit another home run with our outing to Angel Stadium for the 10th Annual Angels Night to End Polio Now and Chili Cook-off. Our chili was hands down the very best but, and I am not saying there was any funny business with the judges, we received second place. Certainly respectable but we were definitely robbed. There was a huge turnout and a lot of

Welcome to your Rotary family, Chris!



comments about how many Long Beach Rotarians were there. Thank you all, GREAT FUN !!!

Now, as you go to sleep tonight, remember these words "VOTE, VOTE, VOTE, VOTE." The ballots arrived by snail mail this week for you to elect the Election Committee for President #105. You can turn them in at the meeting or mail them back quickly, just VOTE !!!

Gail #102

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at 12:00 noon on the Queen Mary (1126 Queens Hwy., Long Beach, CA 90802)
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