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Hello Kay, If you didn't attend last week's meeting, you missed a great opportunity to honor our wonderful veterans and a truly inspirational program put on by our own Marine Vet, Steve Kuykendall. See the "Last Week" article to read about what you missed. This coming week we will be having **Mike Stolzman, president, Pacific Harbor Line**, sharing his thoughts with us on the railroads of the future. Having a long career with several railroad companies and now with Pacific Harbor Line, the sole rail operator for both the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, this should be a great program. Plan on attending this week and invite a guest.

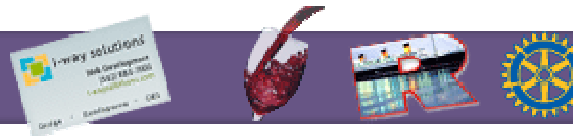
Blake Christian, President

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MEETINGS



Wednesday, November 16 - 12 noon - Michael Stolzman, President, Pacific Harbor Line, speaking on *Pacific Harbor Line - Gateway to the World*. Stolzman joined Anacostia and Pacific with the Pacific Harbor Line (PHL) coming to the US west coast from CANAC, a subsidiary of the Canadian National Railroad, in 2005 as general superintendent and eventually president in May 2010. The PHL is the sole rail operator for both the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. With more than 30 crew starts daily, the PHL moves more than 1.2 million cars per year in what is arguably the most complex operating environment on the west coast. Before his work with the railroad, he

the website. [[click here to learn more or register](#)]



Wednesday, November 16 - 1:35 pm - Rotary 101 Class with Past President Frank Newell. Please join Frank Newell and Lew McCullough for the first offering of session #5 of Rotary 101. Frank will be covering Chapters 9 and 10 in the *Century of Service* book, Navigating Through Turbulence and Foundation of Hope. If you haven't heard Frank (memory like a steel trap) Newell speak, you are in for a real treat. He is very knowledgeable in the area of the Rotary Foundations, which will give us an opportunity to learn about Rotary's many contributions. You will be educated and inspired by what Frank has to say. Wow! I didn't realize the Rotary Club of Long Beach had so many Foundations! Register to attend in the website. [[click here to learn more](#)



Wednesday, November 23 - NO ROTARY MEETING - HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING Enjoy your holiday and your family.



Wednesday, November 30 - 11:30 am - Session 2 of Rotary 101 Class with Past President Frank Newell. He will be covering Chapters 9 and 10 in the *Century of Service* book, Navigating Through Turbulence and Foundation of Hope. If you haven't heard Frank (memory like a steel trap) Newell speak, you are in for a real treat. He is very knowledgeable in the area of the Rotary Foundations, which will give us an opportunity to learn about Rotary's many contributions. You will be educated and inspired by what Frank has to say. Wow! I didn't realize the Rotary Club of Long Beach had so many Foundations! [[click here to learn more](#)]



Wednesday, November 30 - 12 noon - Steve Kinney, Partner, Public Opinion Strategies, a survey research company specializing in corporate and public policy research, with offices in Washington, Denver and Los Angeles. Since their founding in 1991, they have completed more than 5,500 research projects and interviewed more than 2.4 million Americans across the US. The projects have ranged in scope from neighborhood studies to national samples in all 50 states. Internationally, they have completed research projects in Albania, Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, Guam, Kenya, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Poland, Russia, Venezuela, South Africa, and the United Kingdom. Invite a guest and make a reservation in the website. [[click here to learn more or register](#)]



Wednesday, December 7 - 12 noon - President-elect Greg Haeseler will introduce his new board of directors for his term as president 2012-13. The highlight will be the announcement of the next President-elect, who will serve as president of the Rotary Club of Long Beach for 2013-14.

[[click here to learn more or register](#)]



Wednesday, December 14 - 12 noon - The Annual Rotary Holiday Luncheon will feature Brass At The Beach, an outstanding brass quintet from the Bob Cole Conservatory of Music at CSULB who will be entertaining us. Please consider bringing family, friends, and your co-workers, as this will be a great event with a great meal, wine, and some surprises for everyone. Invitations will be in the mail soon or you can register online. Cost is \$35 per person or Meal Plan

EVENTS



Saturday, November 19 - District 5320 Annual Foundation Dinner at Old Ranch Country Club. Come and support our own District Governor Greg Owen and First Lady Val and hear keynote speaker, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Jean Irwin, who has spoken to over 275 conferences for both Rotarians and teachers about her experiences with the deaf and what she learned as an Ambassadorial Scholar. Dinner is "surf and turf", and the cost is only \$60. Hosted cocktail hour begins at 5pm, with dinner at 6pm. Register online at www.rotary5320.org. You can also purchase a book of 12 opportunity raffle tickets for \$100 for a chance to win some great prizes! Sign up with Karen in the Rotary office at 436-8181



Saturday, December 10 - Keep It Clean Day 8:00 am Coffee, 8:15 am Clean Up. Come and enjoy spending time with fellow Rotarians, family members and friends and help keep our Rotary Centennial Park pristine and beautiful! [[click here to learn more or register](#)]

LAST WEEK

If you had been there . You would have heard **President Blake Christian** open the 4,501st meeting of Long Beach Rotary; invite US Marine Corps Veteran **Phil Steuber** with a passage from William Shakespeare for the invocation, **Lew "Rotary 101" McCullough** to lead us in the pledge, Navy Veteran **Terry "Damn the Torpedoes" Geil ing** encouraging us to sing along with a classic video with Kate Smith singing *God Bless America*; invite **Lew** back up for a Rotary 101 reminder featuring **Frank Newell** on November 16 at 1:35 pm and November 30 at 11:30 am.

You would have heard **Prez Blake** thank all the hosts, moderators and participants in last week's Evening Panel Dinners; thank council member and Rotarian **Gary DeLong** for hosting this week's wine bar; announce the stellar LB Rotary turnout for the upcoming District Foundation Dinner; invite **Lance "Pick Up That Kan" Kenyon** to remind us about the Centennial Park cleanup this Saturday; bring up Army Veteran **Cheri "Dead Eye" Davis** to let us know about the upcoming Sporting Clays event on Sunday December 4 at Triple 'B'; present **Jane Netherton** to introduce our newest member **Connie Rivera**; welcome executive director of the LB Ronald McDonald House, Cheri Bazley, with an update about the generous donations given by Rotarians to this great organization; present **Paul "Too-Tall For An Elf" Scholz** with an Operation Santa Claus announcement; let us know about the E-club Christmas Trees for Amputees program; bring up **Tom Poole** to recognize our 14 newest Paul Harris Fellows; and heard **Blake** present Army Veteran and **Sergeant-At-Arms Steve "Black Ops" Keesal** to wish **Matt Kinley** a happy birthday.

You would have heard **VP Steve "Storm the Beach" Kuykendall**, USMC Captain (Ret) welcome our guests and Veterans before introducing this week's program honoring Veteran's Day. He asked our Rotary and visiting Veterans to stand up as he announced each branch of our military services. **Steve** let us know that the different branches should always be listed in order of their seniority, Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and Air Force. He gave us one of the most inspiring and heartfelt presentations we've ever had, and explained the important differences between Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veteran's Day. He did a truly wonderful job honoring our Veterans.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Service is one of the Avenues of Service that encourages Rotarians to offer service to their communities. Your Community Service Committee offers the following opportunities for every Rotarian to exemplify "Service Above Self" --- the Long Beach Basket Brigade Thanksgiving Basket Food Collection and Delivery; Better Balance Christmas Store serving all nine Council Districts; Rainy Day Shelter Underwriting; and the Downtown Area Youth Services After School Program Speaker Series and Dinner. See our table at each Rotary Meeting and remember to wear your Rotary pin and Rotary gear when you serve. Contact the Community Projects Chair for more information at:

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by Michele Wilson

Rotaract Long Beach, a local community group, is now 26 members large and growing. They are always looking to diversify their membership while providing opportunities for young professionals to give back to the community while building their professional portfolio. They are currently looking for community partners with the following skills/positions: Wizardly Photographer, Jazzy Journalist, Historic Historian, Hype-man, Web Guru, Marketing Magician, Social Media Specialist, Event Master Planner, Fundraiser Fanatic, and Devilish Graphic Designer. Please visit www.rotaractlb.org to learn more about Rotaract Long Beach and send an email to info@rotaractlb.org if you are interested in participating or know someone who is.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- **Bo Pearson** - 11/16 Director of Rehabilitation, RPM (Health Care - Pain Management)
 - **Bill Ridgeway, Jr.** - 11/16 Owner, Long Beach Animal Hospital, Inc. (Veterinarian)
 - **David Robertson** - 11/16 Principal, Robertson & Associates (Real Estate - Appraisal Services)
 - **Andreas Mitisek** - 11/19 General Director, Long Beach Opera (Conductor - Opera)
 - **Bill Simmons** - 11/19 Vice President, City Light & Power, Inc. (Private Utilities - Utility Developers)
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Buy a Tree; Give a Hand - As a Long Beach Rotary Sponsored Club, Chartering [Rotary eClub of the West](#) is excited to initiate its first fund raiser, "Trees for a Cause". If you buy your tree from us this year, 35% of the cost of the tree will go to the LN-4 Prosthetic hand project. Amputees in 3rd world countries receive LN-4 hands for free, and this Christmas as you can "give hope and give a hand". Your tree will be ready for pickup between 9am and 12pm on Dec. 10 in the Ability Trimodal parking lot in Carson. Reserve your tree at <http://treesforacause.com/longbeach> and pick it up December 10th at [Ability Trimodal](#) (delivery available at extra cost). Why not buy one for your

Operation Santa Claus family?

Most Recent Paul Harris Fellow Presentations: **Tom Poole** reminded us of the world-wide value of the Paul Harris Fellowship (PHF) program. He encouraged Rotarians who have not yet participated to read about this important program at: www.rotary.org and thanked the following Rotarians who received their first PHF certificates and pins: **Mike Biddle**, Owner of Alamitos Enterprises; **Rich Dempsey** - Owner, Dempsey Insurance Company; **Gina Maguire**, President, St. Anthony's High School; **Joe Prevratil**, President/CEO, Archstone Foundation; and **Kevin Tiber**, Sr. VP and Chief Investment Officer, F&M Trust Company. For additional philanthropic gifts, PFH + 1 pin were presented to: **Jim Morris**,

Boulevard Cadillac.

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Kay Cofield, Editor

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