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This Week's Program

Wednesday, April 3

**Inglewood: The Only Thing That Has Changed
Is Everything**

James T. Butts, Sr.
Mayor, Inglewood, CA

MEETING ON THE QUEEN MARY
12:00 Noon - LUNCH
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - PROGRAM



On February 1, 2011, **James T. Butts, Jr.** was sworn in as Inglewood's 12th mayor. James Butts has 50 years of public safety and municipal government experience. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from California State University and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from California Polytechnic University. Mayor Butts has held the rank of CEO, General Manager or Assistant General Manager of three large municipal organizations. He served 19 years in the Inglewood Police Department, rising to the rank of Deputy Chief, 15 years as the Chief of Police for the City of Santa Monica, and five years as an Assistant General Manager for Los Angeles World Airports in charge of Public Safety and Counterterrorism, taking LAX to a NUMBER 1 ranking nationwide by the TSA in 2009. He is a 7-year Board Member and Past Chairman of the Los Angeles METRO Board of Directors.

In 2011, Mayor Butts negotiated with Madison Square Garden to renovate the Forum. In 2016, the Forum became the #1 concert venue in California. Mayor Butts secured the reinstatement of the then federally defunded Residential Sound Insulation Program by obtaining over \$100 million in grant funding. Inglewood now operates the #1 Residential Sound Insulation Program in the country. On November 4, 2014, James T. Butts was re-elected Mayor of Inglewood with over 83% of the votes cast—the highest margin of victory in Inglewood electoral history. He was again re-elected in 2018.

In 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021, Mayor Butts was named one of the 500 most influential leaders in LA County by the Los Angeles Business Journal. His business expertise prevented bankruptcy in a city that Bond Rating agencies had ceased to rate for bond worthiness as late as 2010. Mayor Butts negotiated the return of the NFL to Southern California. Both the Rams and Chargers played home games in Inglewood commencing the 2020 season.








In June of 2017, Mayor Butts led the City to open negotiations with the Los Angeles Clippers with the mutual intent of relocating the Clippers to Inglewood into a cutting edge NBA arena. The Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles relocated to Inglewood from Marina Del Rey in 2019.

In 2021, the LA Philharmonic relocated its Youth Orchestra Program (YOLA) to Inglewood; YouTube opened a 6,000 seat theater in Inglewood. and the NFL Network relocated from Culver City to Inglewood; in 2022 Showtime opened 115,000 Square Feet Production Studio in the north end industrial area of the City. In February of 2022, Super Bowl LVI was held in Inglewood and the Rams were victorious; in 2023, the NCAA Championship Bowl game and WrestleMania took place in Inglewood. By 2024, the Clippers will open a state of the art NBA arena "The Intuit Dome" in Inglewood. Finally, in 2028, the Olympic Games will open in Inglewood, California and Olympic Basketball and Swimming competitions will occur in the resurrected City of Champions.







Rubi Nunez, 2016 Camp Enterprise Alumna



Birthdays

-  [Lynne Wainfan PhD](#)
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-  [Blake E. Christian](#)
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Rubi Nunez, a 2016 Camp Enterprise Alumna and Graduate of Millikan High School's QUEST program, is deeply rooted in the Long Beach community. From 2015-2020, she worked for the City of Long Beach as a Youth Sports Coach and Counselor at El Dorado Park West. In 2021, she was named Miss Long Beach, leveraging her platform to contribute to impactful initiatives such as food and clothing drives for individuals experiencing homelessness across Southern California.

In 2021, Rubi pursued dual degrees at UC Davis, earning a B.A. in Political Science - Public Service and a B.S. in Human Development. Throughout her undergraduate journey, she gained valuable policy and legislative experience through internships with past Long Beach representative, Assemblyman Patrick O'Connell, Congressman Ami Bera, and Health Access, a prominent lobbying group in Sacramento. Toward the end of her undergraduate career, she pursued research regarding young adult health and sugary beverage consumption, specifically studying the effects of health-conscious labeling on consumer purchasing behavior. Her academic achievements, internships, and contributions to the Political Science Department earned her at graduation, a Department Citation and **Cum Laude** Honors.

Post-graduation, Rubi assumed the role of Project Manager at a STEM-focused company, championing educational and workforce equity for historically underrepresented communities. She is currently studying to earn a Master of Public Health in Health Policy Management at UCLA and serves as President of the Health Policy and Management Student Association. Her capstone project addresses delays in emergency surgery wait times for ectopic pregnancy patients at the Kaiser Permanente South Bay Medical Center. Rubi will graduate from UCLA in June 2024 and is looking forward to continuing her career in healthcare.

Navajo Nations "A Gift of Health & Hygiene"

By Karen K. Widerynski, Navajo Nations Fundraiser Committee



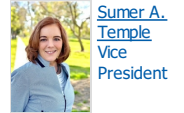
Did you know that on the **Navajo Nation** over 30% of families live without running water? The Rotary Club of Long Beach is proud to host an event to raise funds for access to safe water for Navajo Nation families.

On **Sunday April 14th** from **3 to 6 PM** Rotarians and selected guests are invited to one of Long Beach's most prestigious historic homes to enjoy fellowship, wine and light appetizers and learn more about the challenges and life changing impact of water.



Tickets are \$100 per person. Your space can be reserved by calling the Rotary office and paying by credit card or check. Please make checks payable to **Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation** and note **"Navajo Water"** in the memo.

For additional questions or to discuss other ways to donate, contact **Event Chair Diane Donaldson** via text [562-243-7682](tel:562-243-7682) or email dianedonaldson@gmail.com Space is limited. Please RSVP soon.



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Register NOW for Spring 2024 Rotary Roots

Online Registration is Open - be sure to check your email FROM March 27 to register.

On **Wednesday, April 17, 2024** Rotarians are invited to participate in **Rotary Roots** - there will be no general meeting at The Grand on this date. We are deeply grateful to this season's hosts:
 Register for any of these sites online! If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out.



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Join us for an enriching and diverse experience at **"Rotary Roots,"** an event spanning six unique venues, each hosted by esteemed Rotarians in our community. This exceptional event promises to cultivate connections, foster collaboration, and celebrate the essence of Rotary's spirit.

We extend a warm invitation to all Rotarians to seize this opportunity for engagement and enrichment. Choose a venue that resonates with your interests and passions and embark on a journey of discovery and connection with fellow members of our Rotary family.

On behalf of the Rotary Roots Committee, let us come together to celebrate our shared values, leverage our diverse talents, and reaffirm our commitment to service above self. Reserve your spot today and be a part of "Rotary Roots," where we honor our heritage, cultivate our present, and sow the seeds of a brighter future for all.

Let's Go to Calico Ghost Town!

YEE HA! Let's go to Calico Ghost Town!

(Just East of Barstow)

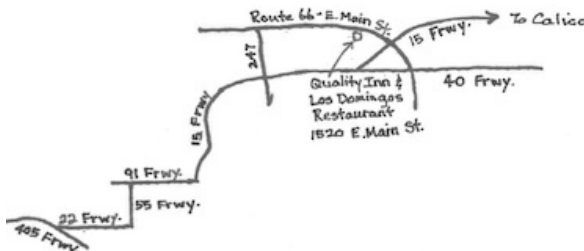
Saturday, April 27 – Sunday, April 28

- Saturday 4/27:** 12:00 High Noon meet at the Calico Restaurant in the Ghost Town for lunch and talks about town history and area geology.
- After Lunch:** Ride on a mine train and explore the town's shops, including Gabriel & Xavier's Rock Show, Print Shop, & Calico Leather Workshop. And, if we aren't careful, we might get in the middle of an Old West Gun Fight and watch a Quick Draw Contest.
- Around 3:30:** Check into your choice of hotel, (there is also RV and Tent Camping at Calico). Steve and Meredith Shaw will be staying at The Quality Inn at 1520 E. Main St, Barstow, (just west of I 15 Fwy). It's a nice and convenient hotel. More upscale hotels are by the Outlet Mall about 5 miles south of Downtown. The Ayres Hotel is now part of the Holiday Inn.
- Happy Hour 6:00:** In the pool area of the Quality Inn.
- Dinner 7:00:** Di Napoli's Firehouse Italian Restaurant at 1358 E. Main St. (1 block from the Quality Inn). If walking to dinner, be sure to walk in groups. This is a Cowboy Town (not kidding). We have reservations on the 2nd floor of the restaurant. Their Pizza is excellent, and they also have other dishes.
- Sunday Morning:** Breakfast at 8 AM at the Quality Inn. A complete breakfast is included for those staying there. Around 8:45 Rich Dempsey will be leading an expedition to search for Arrowheads and Woolly Mammoth carvings. Other activities include shopping at the outlet mall, driving up to Rainbow Ridge on a dirt road and/or visiting the Train Station Museum in town.

There will be a prize for the Best Dressed Cowboy/Miner and Cowgirl at dinner. We encourage you wear the outfits all day, although it is likely to be sunny and hot so be sure to wear a hat.

Please contact Madrid or Jennifer at the rotary office by email; madrid@rotarylongbeach.org; or phone (562) 436-8181, no later than Wednesday, April 24th if you would like to go.

Questions contact: Steve Shaw (562) 453-5202



Farewell to Randy Gordon - May 3 !



The Rotary Club of Long Beach Presents

The Rotary Roast

MAY 3, 2024

Honoring Randy Gordon

Cocktails 5:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:30 p.m.
WESTIN HOTEL
333 East Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90802

TICKETS ON SALE NOW
\$125 per person
Proceeds to benefit the
Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation



Opportunities to Participate:

\$250.00 To Roast Randy in Person
\$100 To Do a Video Roast of Randy

Virtual Program:

\$250.00 Full Page Ad Roasting Randy
\$150.00 Half Page Ad Roasting Randy
\$50.00 Written Word Roast of Randy
In The Program (Limited to 30 Words)

RSVP AND PROGRAM AD DEADLINE:
Payment and PDF's due April 26th
For further information, contact Long Beach Rotary
(562) 436-8181 madrid@rotarylongbeach.org

Email or Call the Rotary Office with Credit Card Payments and Digital Ad Payments and Information

Mail Checks Payable to the Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation, 400 Oceangate, Suite 470, Long Beach, CA 90802

WOW, what a week...

1st Responders, John Hinrichs, Rotary w/ Dirtbags, Centennial Park Egg Hunt



If you're wondering how many men it takes to take care of Madrid! It takes at least 12 men! You could hear a pin drop in the room as Madrid addressed her first responders from LBF Station 1.

"These are just words, as I can't give enough to equate the value you have given



me. January 26 was probably just another ordinary day for you.

But because of your rapid response, expert assessment and care, I was able to receive an emergency stent implant at St. Mary's Medical Center, in record time.

I am able to stand before you today because you gave your all, as I know you do every day!

Thank you from the bottom of my very good, beating heart."

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Rotarians **Dan Walker** and **Kevin Tiber** paid tribute and celebrated Rotarian **John Hinrichs'** 60 years of service and dedication to balancing faith, career, family and service. With one of the largest contributions (*fines*) of the year, Rotarians gave Hinrichs a standing ovation and rousing applause. The Rotary Charitable Foundation is grateful for the generous contribution and we are so thrilled to extol John's service to the Long Beach Community.

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Long Beach Rotarians were at Blair Field â€" Dirtbags vs. Fullerton Titans. Rotarians and Rotary Scholarship Recipients were hosted by the Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation at a pre-game reception at The Dirtbags Pavilion, coordinated by LBRSF ED Letty Totah!

Following the 1st pitch by Rotarian/CSULB President Jane Close Conoley, LB Rotary Scholarship Foundation Chair Cam Doherty Killingsworth and Rotary President Michele Dobson presented a **Rotary Scholarship Foundation check for \$315,500 for 125 Rotary scholarships** to President Conoley for the students of CSULB!

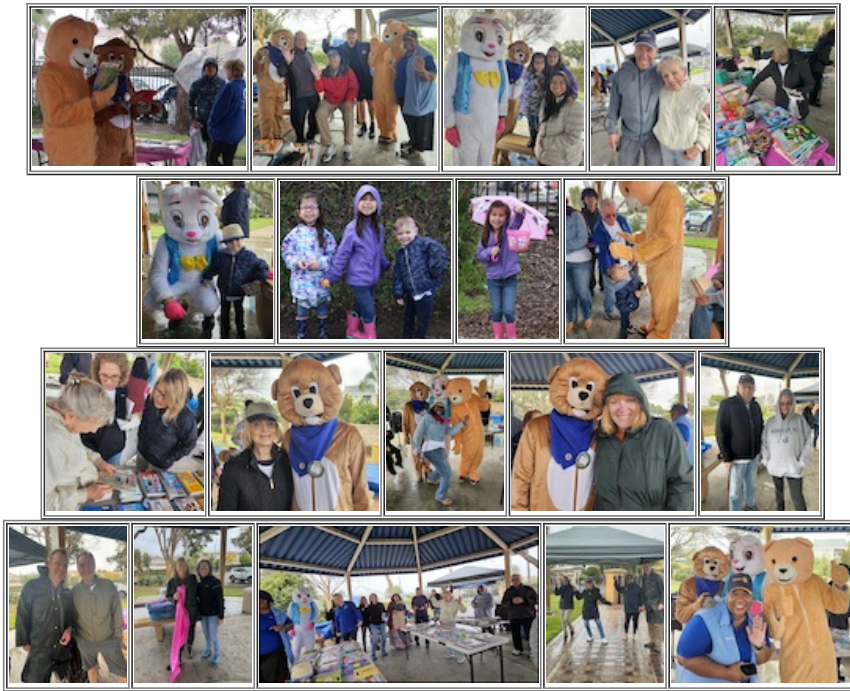
From President JCC, *â€œI love being around my fellow Rotarians. What a positive group of folks who really show up for our community.â€*

FINAL - Dirtbags 5 - Titans 2 â€" largest home crowd since 2002 (2,922) AND they broke the record later that weekend with 3,246 attendees â€" GO BEACH â€" GO ROTARY!



Special thanks to President Michele and Caught in the Moment Photography

The **Long Beach Rotary Mark Bixby Easter Egg Hunt and Paul Kennard Book Faire** carried on and was fun despite the rain, Of course, the clouds parted just as we ended. Thank you to all the Rotarians who supported the event.



Special thanks to President Michele and Rachel Massari for the photos!

Calendar Events

April 3rd, 12:00-1:30 PM
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Mayor James Butts
Subject: Inglewood Intuit Dome; Camp Enterprise Kick-off

April 10th, 12:00-1:30 PM
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting
 OFFSITE - Cambodian Town
 Hak Heang - 2041 E. Anaheim

April 11th, 2:00-3:00 PM
RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club

April 13th, 8:00-9:00 AM
Centennial Park Clean-up

April 14th, 3:00-6:00 PM
Navajo Nation Fundraiser
 Raising Awareness for Navajo Nation
 Contact Diane Donaldson

April 16th, 4:00-5:15 PM
RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club

April 17th, 12:00-1:30 PM
ROTARY ROOTS Lunch Program - Spring 2024
 Rotary Roots - individual member hosts

April 24th, 10:30-12:00 PM
Peace of Mind Seminar
Topic: Planning for the Future with Panel of LB Rotarians

April 24th, 12:00-1:30 PM
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Josh Brost
Subject: Relativity Space

April 25th, 2:00-3:00 PM
RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club

April 25th, 5:00-7:00 PM
5 O'Clock Somewhere

May 1st, 11:00-12:30 PM
Spring Cleaning - Donate your Stuff
 Clean out your closets and donate at May 1 Rotary meeting

May 1st, 12:00-1:30 PM
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Kelvin & Tenisha Anderson - VIP Records
Subject: Creating Space for Small Businesses

May 3rd, 5:30-8:30 PM
Rotary Roast - Farewell to Randy Gordon
 All-star cast of Roasters
 LB Rotary Charitable Foundation fundraiser

May 8th, 12:00-1:30 PM
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Ashebir Jacob
Subject: AI Technology at the Port of Long Beach



May 9th, 2:00-3:00 PM
RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club

May 10th, 5:30-8:30 PM
District Conference Hospitality Night
 LB Rotary Hosting a Hospitality Suite
 Need LB Rotarians to volunteer/sponsor

May 11th, 8:00-9:00 AM
Centennial Park Clean-up

May 13th, 11:00-5:00 PM
Golf Tournament for World Peace

May 14th, 5:00-7:00 PM
5 O'Clock Somewhere

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