



### This Week's Program

	<p><b>Wednesday, December 16</b> Join Us via ZOOM</p> <p><b>HOLIDAY GATHERING</b> <b>CELEBRATING ROTARIANS</b></p> <p>12:15 p.m. - Dial In to ZOOM <i>Dial In Details Will Be Sent</i> 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. - Program Via ZOOM</p>	
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### President 104's Post #24

**Matt Kinley**



#### ROTARIANS ARE EVERYDAY PEOPLE

When I grew up in North Long Beach, it was taken for granted that we lived in a diverse community. No muss, no fuss. Our friends did not necessarily come from our culture. So what? It **◆**s probably no coincidence that I grew up loving R&B, or what I knew as Funk or Soul. It was part of the popular music of the day. *My dance moves are epic.*

An anthem for me is the 1969 hit song from Sly and the Family Stone, *Everyday People*. (Treat yourself, take less than 3 minutes and [play the video here](#).)

Gotta hand it to Sly:

*There is a blue one who can't accept the green one  
For living with a fat one trying to be a skinny one  
And different strokes for different folks  
And so on and so on and scooby dooby doo  
I am everyday people*

You gotta love the scooby dooby doo.

One of the reasons the RCLB resonates with me is that we celebrate our differences. Rotarians work to make sure that what we say and do builds good will and better friendships. Rotarians call each other by our first names, because as Sly says, **◆**I am no better and neither are you. **◆**For over a century, we **◆**ve worked to help underprivileged everyday people by supporting students, building spaces for our children to play and learn. This year alone, we have celebrated our community by giving families some help at Christmas; giving college students scholarships and some needed staples; helping kids read, and giving people all across the globe water and a better future. After all, **◆**We all gotta live together. **◆**

**◆***The butcher, the banker, the drummer and then, Makes no difference what group I'm in **◆**"*

*There is a long hair that doesn't like the short hair  
For bein' such a rich one that will not help the poor one  
And different strokes for different folks  
And so on and so on and scooby dooby doo.*

Please celebrate with us this December by reaching out to your fellow Rotarian with **A Gift of Time**. Give them a taste of what **◆**s special about you. Let them know that you appreciate what **◆**s special about them. Let **◆**s encourage each other during this challenging time. After all, **◆**We are all everyday people. **◆**

Let **◆**s all honor our fellow Rotarians. At this week **◆**s meeting, we will celebrate the holidays by celebrating each other. There will be a couple of holiday jokes. We **◆**ll hear from several members about how they celebrate the holidays. And, I can now announce: A SPECIAL VISIT BY SANTA! Not a fake one, the real one. He may bring a reindeer and a cup of nog.

Our members come from all over, and we will be treated to their special holiday cheer. It **◆**s the perfect way to wrap up 2020 for Rotary. See you then.

### CLUB LEADERSHIP



**Matthew L. Kinley**  
President



**Olivia Maier**  
Assistant to the President



**Ahmet Atahan**  
Vice President



**Sathya Chey**  
Vice President



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Vice President



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Sergeant at Arms



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Sergeant at Arms



**Diane Wood**  
Sergeant at Arms



**Laura Doyle**  
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Career Service Director



**Richard Gibson**  
Club Service Director



**Sandra Simon**  
Club Service Director



**Daniel Bruce Lipton**  
Community Service Director



**Brett Lewis**  
Fellowship Service Director

**Lydia Vincenty-Lowell**  
Fellowship Service Director



## In the News

### Rotary Meetings - What's Up!

**NO Rotary Meetings on December 23 and December 30**

**NEXT MEETING - January 6, 2021 @ 12:30pm**

#### LAST Week @ Rotary

**Birthdays** - Lisa Finn, Ginny Baxter  
**New Member Induction** - Mike Rivard, David Gayl  
**Program** - Rotary Leadership Reveal !

**RCLB Golf Outing**

#### THIS Week @ Rotary

**Birthdays** - Jeremy Harris, Joe Hower  
**Program** - Happy Holidays!

### Dennis Smith, RCLB President #105 Announces 2021-2022 Board and President #107

Congratulations to the following Rotarians who will serve as the **2021-2022 RCLB Board of Directors**

**Dennis Smith**  
President

<b>Dana Buchanan</b> Assistant to the President	<b>Robyn Gordon-Peterson</b> Vice President	<b>Greg Burnight</b> Sergeant at Arms	<b>Rich Gibson</b> Club Service Director
<b>Michele Dobson</b> Assistant to the President	<b>Tony Gales</b> Secretary/Treasurer	<b>Steve Hockett</b> Fellowship Service Director	<b>Henry Fung</b> Career Service Director
<b>Nel Varenas</b> Vice President	<b>Gaia Valentino</b> Sergeant at Arms	<b>Lisa Finn</b> Youth Service Director	<b>Freda Hinsche Otto</b> International Service Director
<b>Dorian Bolick</b> Vice President	<b>Aaron Blackburn</b> Sergeant at Arms	<b>Tina Barry</b> Community Service Director	<b>Matt Kinley</b> Past President
<b>Dan Lipton</b> Vice President	<b>Brett Lewis</b> Sergeant at Arms	<b>Lisa Hain</b> Membership Service Director	<b>Alfredo Velasco</b> President-elect

**Michele Dobson**  
President-nominee

Special thanks and appreciation to the seven (7) members, elected by the RCLB Membership, of the

**2020-2021 Election Committee,**

who selected **President #107, Michele Antoinette Dobson,** our **RCLB President, 2023-2024**

**Greg Burnight, Chair**  
**Mollie Bennet Beck**  
**Marcelle Epley**  
**Steve Keesal**  
**Andy McFarland**  
**Jean Bixby Smith**  
**Alfredo Velasco**

## Meet the RCLB President #107

By Gregory J. Burnight



President #107, **Michele Antoinette Dobson**, has a name so regal, it may have been inevitable that she would ascend to the Rotary throne!

Michele is ubiquitous throughout our community as a force for good works, a beacon of kindness and empathy, and a Rotarian through and through.

In her professional life, Michele is an accomplished local attorney who represents nonprofits and small businesses among her many clients. She is a vigorous advocate for clients who is also well respected by her peers. She was even named a Rising Star back in the day by Super Lawyers Magazine!

When she's not busy pursuing justice and looking to right wrongs, she works tirelessly as a volunteer dedicated to making a substantive difference for the causes she cherishes. Her list of current and past board service on local nonprofit organizations exceeds our page limit, but is near 20 or more.

She has deservedly received countless honors, recognitions and kudos for her community service. Among her awards, she is a member of the LBCC Hall of Fame, a recipient of the Courageous Leadership Award from the Martin Luther King, Jr. Democratic Club, a CCEJ Humanitarian of the Year nominee, and has received the Zelma Lipscomb Service Award from the Long Beach chapter of the NAACP.

Beyond all of the laurels and accomplishments listed above, Michele is first and foremost an amazing mother to her children, Dante and Meara. Michele is a legendary flag football coach and has imparted endless life experience, awesome travels around the globe, bountiful love and sage advice to her children—all the while imbuing them with the wonders of Rotary and the importance of giving back in time, talent and treasure. This past year she has shepherded her family through the tragic loss of their home to a fire, yet through it all maintained her sense of humor and perspective. Mind you, trial by fire is not a requisite for Rotary presidency—but if it were, Michele aced that challenge.

Congratulations Michele! Our club members are looking forward to your leadership of our club as President #107!



**Freda Hinsche Otto**  
International Service Director



**Mark Guillen**  
Membership Service Director



**Lisa Finn**  
Youth Service Director



**Mollie Beck**  
Past President



**Dennis C. Smith**  
President-elect



**Alfredo Velasco**  
President-nominee



**Madrid Zimmerman**  
Club Executive Director  
Club Executive Secretary



**Dan Ouweleen**  
Assistant Governor



## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



**Conor Kenneth Weir**  
December 17th



**Michael Peters**  
December 18th



**Tony T. Chi**  
December 20th



**Laura Doyle**  
December 21st



**Cathy Wieder**  
December 21st



**Jeremy Harris**  
December 24th



**Joyoti Banerji**  
December 25th



**Dorian Bolick**  
December 28th



**Joseph Wayne Hower PE, DFE**  
December 28th



**Robert G. Foster**  
January 1st



**Mark Gray**  
January 3rd

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**December**  
15th - RCLB Board of Directors  
16th - Weekly RCLB Meeting

## Why Give?

By Virginia Baxter



During the past two months we have been introduced to a few of the 200+ inspiring students who are current recipients of our **Long Beach Rotary Scholarships**. We met the first Cochran Family Scholarship recipient, Kaisa Faleone, the 9th Bixby Leadership Award recipient, Taryn Williams, and ... the Newell Family Scholarship recipients, Alanis Alvarez and Grace Hughes Johnson. Their stories remind me why I spent my career at Long Beach City College and why I now serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the LBR Scholarship Foundation.

Many Long Beach Rotarians may ask ♦ why give to the Scholarship Foundation? Well, I asked **Vic McCarty** who has been a RCLB member since 1968, 52 years. He told me, ♦ I give because it has to do with education, which if not the most important reason, it is one of the most. I like the concept of helping young people succeed in their education, which is vital for personal and economic success. ♦

Vic graduated from Wilson High School in 1945 and enrolled at Long Beach City College right afterward, waiting to be drafted. He says he enjoyed his one year there so he could play basketball and take some classes. (*Vic fulfilled a personal commitment to 'never take a book off campus.'*) He was drafted and served in the US Army. After he was discharged, he returned to LBCC because he knew he had to get his grades up to transfer to UCSB and UCLA. He graduated UCLA as an accounting major and went on to earn his CPA license. He joined the RCLB in 1968 after being hired by Windes Accounting Firm, where he eventually rose to become Partner in Charge. He served as the **RCLB President #68** in 1984-85 and wanted to set a good example by making a donation to the Scholarship Foundation which had been established in 1964. Vic's commitment is followed by every member of the LBR Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors as everyone contributes annually.

Vic and Patty have been married for 56 years and have 3 children and 1 grandchild. 100% of their annual LBRSF contribution goes directly to support our community youth, where one of our Traditional Wilson High School scholarship recipients is recognized as the **McCarty Scholar**.

Although endowed named scholarships start at \$100,000, annual named scholarships can be made with a contribution of \$1,250 for a LBCC student or \$2,500 for a CSULB student. Enjoy a visit to the [LBR Scholarship Foundation website](#).

You also may wish to view this [short video message](#) from **Larry Jackson** (*RCLB President #81*) presented at the last Rotary Revealed.

Vic and Patty's story is not so different from many of ours. We all start from various beginnings. It is gratifying to support these wonderful students who will be the next generation of Rotarians!

**Speaker:** Festive Participants  
**Subject:** HOLIDAY EVENT !  
23rd - [NO WEEKLY RCLB MEETING - Holiday](#)  
30th - [NO WEEKLY RCLB MEETING - Holiday](#)

### January

6th - [Weekly RCLB Meeting](#)  
13th - [Weekly RCLB Meeting](#)  
14th - [5 O'Clock Somewhere](#)  
**Speaker:** The RCLB Virtual Mixer  
**Subject:** Happy Hour with Friends!  
19th - [RCLB Board of Directors](#)  
20th - [Weekly RCLB Meeting](#)  
21st - [Business Breakfast Roundtable](#)  
27th - [Weekly RCLB Meeting](#)  
31st - [Ronald McDonald House Meal Prep](#)

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