



This Week's Program

Club Meeting

Long Beach
Meets via ZOOM on January 19
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Time:
Wednesday 12:15 p.m. Dial In
Program: 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, January 19 - Join Us via ZOOM

**A Conversation with Robert Garcia
Dr. Robert Garcia, Mayor of Long Beach**

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**Have a question you'd like considered for Mayor Garcia?
Email by Tuesday Noon to Dennis (dennis@denniscsmith.com)**

Dr. Robert Garcia is an educator and the 28th Mayor of Long Beach. He was re-elected to a second term by almost 80% of the vote in 2018.

Mayor Garcia immigrated to the United States at age 5 and was raised in Southern California. The Mayor, a college and university educator, earned his B.A. in Communications (CSULB), M.A. (University of Southern California), and Ed.D. in Higher Education (CSULB).

Mayor Garcia is focused on making the City of Long Beach a leader in education, economic development, public health, and climate protection. As Mayor, he has championed progressive education policy, launched an aggressive climate plan, supported workers by increasing wages, and fought to expand and protect rights for women, immigrants, and the LGBT+ community.

He has proposed and passed ten ballot initiatives since 2014. They include measures to support safety and infrastructure, a cannabis tax, and reforms to strengthen the city auditor, set term limits, and create ethics and redistricting commissions. His signature ballot initiative, Measure A, has launched the largest infrastructure repair program in a generation.

Mayor Garcia has also been a leader on access to quality, affordable health care and is Co-Chair of Mayors for Medicare. When the global coronavirus pandemic hit Long Beach in March of 2020, Mayor Garcia, the Long Beach Department of Public Health, and the regional health community took swift actions to protect the community. Under Mayor Garcia's leadership, Long Beach was acknowledged by government leaders and media around the country as a model city for its response to COVID-19 for containing the spread of the virus, providing a community-focused testing operation, and excelling at vaccine distribution.

He is married to Matthew Mendez Garcia, a Professor of Political Science at California State University, Long Beach.

President 105's Post #27

By Dennis C. Smith



For those who have not tuned into our ZOOM meetings this year, you are missing some excellent programming put together by our great team of Vice Presidents. This past week, Dan Lipton's sit-down interview with Naomi Rainey-Pierson, President of the NAACP Long Beach, was educational, thought-provoking, and engaging. This week we will have a conversation with Mayor Robert Garcia, booked before his announcement of candidacy for the House of Representatives.

Both Rainey-Pierson and Garcia have had tremendous impact on our city. Building on their own accomplishments year after year, not satisfied with what they have accomplished, looking for the next challenge or problem they can tackle. This is a common characteristic of community leaders.

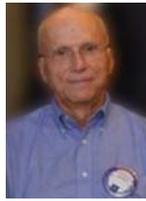
These traits are also common in Rotarians. Problems like Polio, literacy, human trafficking, access to clean water, and now COVID-19 vaccinations, are being tackled around the world by Rotarians who are not satisfied with prior accomplishments and continue to seek new ways to help their communities.

Our city is in transition with new Council Districts, Chief of Police, City Attorney, and soon a new Mayor. The Rotary Club of Long Beach is a constant in our city, bringing together members from different segments of our community to tackle problems while building relationships. As we move further into 2022, follow the advice of Past President Terry Geiling in his inspiration at last Wednesday's meeting. Reach out to an Avenue of Service Director, or a committee chair, to see how you can help tackle problems to improve our community. And build stronger relationships.

We are Long Beach Rotary,

Dennis

Remembering Gainer Pillsbury



The RCLB's longest serving member, S. Gainer (Gainer) Pillsbury, Jr. passed away on January 5 at age 89. He had been awarded an Honorary Membership in July of 2021.

In 1964, Gainer was sponsored in Rotary by his father, Stirling Pillsbury, and held the classification of OB/GYN. Over the years, he was an active club member and held positions as Vice President (1983-84) and Sergeant-at-Arms (1993-94, 2003-4). Gainer was a Paul Harris Fellow.

Gainer was born and raised in Long Beach, attending Los Cerritos Elementary School and Poly High School. He went on to Stanford as both an undergraduate (earning Phi Beta Kappa honors) and to medical school (where he was a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society). He did an internship at the U of Pennsylvania, which convinced him that he was a genuine California boy, and he served two years in the Navy as a medical officer. He later served as President of the Stanford Medical School Alumni Association.

Professionally, he joined his father in Long Beach private practice in 1964 and retired from patient care, as he said, after a nice round 40 years to become Chief Medical Officer at Long Beach Memorial-- while also serving as a Clinical Professor in OB/GYN at UC Irvine.

He and his wife of more than 58 years, Lynne, had two daughters (Tricia, Gayle) and five grandchildren.

A simple recitation of biographical facts does little to capture Gainer's warmth, his broad smile, and booming, unforgettable laugh. While it is not technically true that a Pillsbury delivered at least every other child in East Long Beach for decades, it certainly seems that way; scratch a resident, and they'll have a Pillsbury story. I can attest to that, having been delivered by dad Stirling with both of our children delivered by Gainer.

It's particularly sad that our newer members won't have the chance to know Gainer; he was among the very best of us.

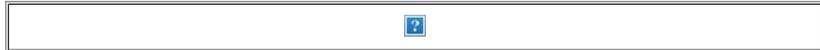


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Business Breakfast Roundtable

By Rayne Sherman, FIIDA, CID, CSI and Lisa Hain



Report to the RCLB: Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation

By Matthew L. Kinley, LBRCF President

As the Immediate Past President of the RCLB, it is my honor to serve as the President of The Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation along with a stellar Board of Directors. The Foundation is a nonprofit corporation which has been created to accept and spend charitable donations for the RCLB. The Foundation may receive and distribute funds in a manner that furthers the mission, projects and goals of the Rotary Club of Long Beach.

The Foundation continues to be in a strong financial position, driven mostly by your donations. Funds are augmented with investments which have benefitted from the recent stock market gains. As of the most recent financial report, the Foundation has total assets of \$1,479,918. Of that amount, approximately \$1,230,506 are in restricted accounts. Trusts have been established for major contributions from the Steuber family and the late Henry Meyer in the name of Camp Enterprise, which assures funding for this important event for the foreseeable future. There are also separate accounts for Centennial Park and for the Club's donation to The Rotary Early Childhood Literacy Area & The Storytime Theater. Reading by Nine is also an important part of our Foundation, with all funds raised and spent through the Foundation.

Funds for the Foundation are raised primarily through Rotarian donations. Donations come in the form of bequests and gifts, which vary each year. Primarily funds are raised through birthday celebrations and recognitions which have the dual purposes of raising money and creating camaraderie for RCLB members. These funds also vary by year, but for the last 10-years, the Club has raised between \$21,000 and \$36,000 each year. Funds raised through birthdays and recognitions are spent by the Foundation the following year.

In 2020-21, the Club raised \$36,745 through recognitions and birthdays. The Foundation Board has designated funds for Reading by Nine (\$5,000), Feeding the Future (\$8,000, which is matched by a District Grant of \$8,000) and District 5320 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (a District-wide camp experience for Long Beach students). This leaves \$20,000 for grants to local charitable organizations of between \$2,500 and \$5,000. Currently, grants are being accepted for 2021-2022. (See, <https://www.rotarylongbeach.org/long-beach-charitable-foundation/>). In the last 10-years, the Club has given between \$4,000 and \$70,500, depending on other gifts to the Foundation during the prior year.

Over the next few weeks, the Foundation board will be reviewing grant applications. Making final selections is a difficult task because there are generally over 40 applications for these very limited funds.

On behalf of the Foundation, I want to thank you for all of your support of the Foundation over the years. The Foundation has been an important element of the RCLB's Service Above Self commitment. With your future support, we know we will continue to benefit our community for years to come.

Upcoming Events - Click Title for More Info and for Meeting RSVP

January 18th
[RCLB Board Meeting](#)

January 19th
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: A Conversation with Mayor Robert Garcia
Subject: Via ZOOM only

January 20th
[Business Breakfast Roundtable](#)
Speaker: Rotarian Linda Treffry
Subject: Long Beach Is Under Construction

January 26th
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: TBA
Subject: TBA

January 27th
[Rotary Revealed Information Meeting](#)

Birthdays This Week - Click Name to Send a Greeting



[Timothy W. Richmond](#)
January 20th



[Frank R. Newell](#)
January 20th



[Jesse Rivera](#)
January 20th

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