



## This Week's Program

### Club Meeting

Long Beach  
Meets via ZOOM on January 26  
Dial In Details Will Be Sent

Time:  
Wednesday 12:15 p.m. Dial In  
Program: 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

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**Wednesday, January 26 - Join Us via ZOOM**

**VIP Access Pass to the Emmys Red Carpet**

**Ron Sylvester, President/CEO, RS/tv, Inc.**

**12:15 p.m. - Dial In to ZOOM**  
*Dial In Details Will Be Sent*  
**12:30 - 1:30 p.m. - Program Via ZOOM**

For over 25 years **Ron Sylvester** has been producing/directing a wide range of video projects.

In 2004, Ron started his own publicity and production company, RS/tv Inc. and has been servicing his client base with broadcast publicity campaigns as well as corporate video, commercials, and online content.

The core of the RS/tv business is entertainment publicity. From theatrical premieres to home video publicity, as well as celebrity related consumer launch events, RS/tv Inc. has worked with every major Hollywood film studio as well as many big national consumer brands. The company also produces online entertainment content for IMDb.com at major events like Comic Con, Sundance Film Festival and The Toronto International Film Festival as well as Emmy, Oscar and Golden Globe coverage. In addition, RS/tv Inc. has managed the media logistic of the Primetime Emmys Red Carpet and backstage press center for the last 5 years.

After graduating in 1985 from Clarion University with a BS in Communications, Ron began his career in NYC where he produced segments and special reports for a video trade publishing company.

From there, Ron entered the public relations field heading Edelman PR's broadcast division in New York City for 7 years as Senior Vice President of Production. During this time Ron created various video project for clients including VNRs and B-roll packages, live events as well as longer format shows, including a one-hour infomercial, sales videos, informational music video, instructional videos and PSA's.

Ron then moved to LA to continue his career in PR broadcast video. During a ten-year period, he has held various senior level positions with production companies and PR firms producing and directing additional live and taped productions.

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## President 105's Post #28

By Dennis C. Smith



◆We disagree on many issues, but we have many more we agree about◆I think you would say, I am a nice guy.◆

So said Mayor, and Rotarian, Robert Garcia during my conversation with him at our meeting last Wednesday. And he is right, we have disagreed, and will likely do so in the future, and we do agree, and will likely do so in the future, and I do say, he is a very nice guy.

That◆s important. It is important in our community. It is important in our Club, and it is important in our interactions with others. Disagreement is healthy and essential to exploring solutions and possible outcomes to problems. Finding common ground within disagreements most often leads to better outcomes. Underlying the search for solutions and their subsequent implementation, is being kind and respectful when in disagreement. It is harder to find or seek common ground if one party, or both, is/are being a jerk.

What Robert said could have been said between any two Long Beach Rotarians. We agree that we can disagree and still be kind to one another. Because of this we are able to work together to make our community a better place.

As we enter election season, we are able to disagree or agree, but most importantly, remain kind and respectful of each other. Be nice.

One of my questions to Robert was what traits does he feel our next Mayor should have. I loved his first response, ◆they have to love Long Beach.◆ I think that is a pretty good litmus test, and if they pass this test they will make a great Long Beach Rotarian!

We are Long Beach Rotary,

## Per Rotary Request

By Naomi Rainey Pierson, President, Long Beach Branch NAACP

Here is a reading list of books that share the Black experience in America. At last week's Rotary Club of Long Beach meeting, I was asked to share a book(s) that would help to provide insight about the Black experience in America.

*Black Like Me* by John Howard Griffin  
*Soul Sister* by Halsell, Grace  
*The Help* by Kathryn Stockett  
*The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison  
*Men We Reaped* by Jesmyn Ward  
*Brothers and Keepers* by John Edgar Wideman  
*Busted in New York* by Darryl Pinckney  
*The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander  
*So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo  
*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou  
*We Are Not Like Them* by Christine Pride and Jo Piazza  
*Emmett Till: The Murder That Shocked the World and Propelled the Civil Rights Movement* by Devery S. Anderson

Sincerely hope this reading list helps to provide insight regarding being Black in America.

## IN MEMORIAM - SY ALBAN 1924-2022

By Jill Rosenberg



How do you define a life well lived? Meaningful relationships? Career accomplishments? Community impact? Personal fulfillment? No matter what index you use **Seymour Sy Alban** achieved success in every sphere of endeavor.

From his earliest life in Chicago, Sy exhibited impressive academic scholarship, concluding his Northwestern college career in 3 years and his Loyola medical studies in another 3 years. He joined the military and became a flight surgeon for the Army Air Corps, eventually retiring as a Reserve Colonel. Following WWII he completed a residency in orthopedics and a fellowship in neurosurgery.



Sy and his wife, Reva, settled in Long Beach where he established a large orthopedic practice. He immediately became involved in the community serving as President of the Long Beach Medical Association and on the boards of the LB Heart Association, LB Symphony, St Mary Medical Center, CA Pools for the Handicapped, National Medical Veterans Society, CA Conference for Equality and Justice, and LB Transit, among many others. He joined Rotary in 1991 and remained a member until 2020 when failing health forced his resignation.

Sy's extensive volunteerism included being a Reserve Deputy of the LA County Sheriff's Department. He flew search and rescue missions and repelled from helicopters to aid the injured. He was a founder and commander of the Doc Squad, a division of the LB Police Department Medical Corps. He also served as a Visiting Professor at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem and was an active member of Temple Israel in Long Beach.



He was an avid skier, tennis player, fly fisherman, boater and intrepid traveler. He founded Alban Vineyards in San Luis Obispo, winning awards for its fine wines.

Sy lovingly practiced medicine until the age of 94 when failing eyesight and diminished hearing led to his retirement. He leaves his wife of 67 years, 4 children and 4 grandchildren, all of whom expressed the extraordinary impact he had in their lives.

Sy Alban will be remembered as a kind, gentle and compassionate man who was the personification of a life well lived.



## Rotary and Politics

By Dennis C. Smith

One of the strengths of Rotary is that we are an organization comprised of diverse members with differing political views yet united in valuing community service. It is incumbent upon all of us to foster such diversity while keeping club unity. As a result, Rotary does not endorse political issues or candidates and does not allow members to use Rotary's name in support of political candidates or political issues.

It's also true, that from our Club's founding, we have had members who are actively engaged in politics -- elected officials, candidates for office and individuals who promote or assist candidates in their campaigns.

As in many past election years, Rotary members are candidates for local offices and many members will publicly support Rotarian and non-Rotarian candidates.

It is very important for every Rotarian to remember that the Rotary Club of Long Beach, per Rotary International policy, does not endorse any candidate for political office. As well, a Rotarian cannot list their affiliation with Rotary as part of their personal endorsement.

With elections on the horizon, it is important to leave politics at the door when it comes to Rotary. Active participation in local, state and federal governance is encouraged; however, whenever a member backs a candidate, please remember it must be *personal* endorsement without including a reference to Rotary.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions about this policy.

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

January 26th  
**Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting**  
 Speaker: Ron Sylvester  
 Subject: VIP Access to the Emmys Red Carpet

January 27th  
**Rotary Revealed Information Meeting**

February 2nd  
**Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting**  
 Speaker: Regular lunch meeting - NO Evening Dinner  
 Focus  
 Subject: LB Rotary Charitable Foundation - Discussion on its Direction

February 9th  
**Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting**  
 Speaker: TBA  
 Subject: TBA

February 10th  
**5 O'Clock Somewhere Mixer**  
 Possibly POSTPONED - TBD

February 12th  
**Centennial Park Monthly Clean-up**  
 Possibly POSTPONED - TBD

February 15th  
**RLB Board Meeting**

February 16th  
**Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting**  
 Speaker: Dr. Subbarao Mylavarapu  
 Subject: Technological Advances and Heart Health

## Birthdays This Week - Click Name to Send a Greeting



**Dan D'Sa**  
January 26th



**Wes Harding**  
January 26th



**Judith A. Vander Lans**  
January 28th



**James M. Morris**  
January 28th

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January 31st

**Club Leadership - Click Name to Send a Message**



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