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Club of Long Beach



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**Club Meeting**

Long Beach  
Meets at THE GRAND  
4101 E Willow Street  
Long Beach, CA 90815  
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

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'Mollie Owen'

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**This Week's Program**

**Wednesday, October 12**

**Challenges, Opportunities and Lessons Learned:  
How We Are Teaching, Studying and Working  
in Our Post-Pandemic World**

**Dr. Jane Close Conoley**  
President, California State University, Long Beach

**12:00 Noon - LUNCH -- 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. - Program**



**Jane Close Conoley** serves as the seventh President of California State University, Long Beach. Prior to assuming this role, she was the interim Chancellor of the University of California, Riverside. She has also held leadership positions at the University of California, Santa Barbara; Texas A&M University; and University of Nebraska, Lincoln. Dr. Conoley is the author, co-author or editor of over one hundred thirty books, articles, and book chapters. Her latest book "*Positive Psychology and Family Therapy*" was co-authored with her husband, Dr. Collie W. Conoley.

She serves on numerous community service boards and has received research, teaching and service honors during her career. Both the American Psychological Association and the Association of Psychological Science honored Dr. Conoley with Fellow status. Her research and development efforts in school safety, teacher quality, and student achievement have been supported by over \$50 million dollars in external federal, state, and private funds.

Her primary professional focus is to create pathways of success for California students seeking higher education.

**Connecting Long Beach to the World - The Rotary Foundation**

By Freda Hinsche Otto



As members of the Rotary Club of Long Beach, we pride ourselves on the great work we do in our community, through scholarships, literacy, youth services AND SO MUCH MORE.

But our mission and our commitment to service extends beyond the US borders touching some of the most remote regions of the world.

Through contributions to The Rotary Foundation and through our own initiatives, our Club has made an impact in these projects among others:

- by immunizing children against Polio in Caborca, Mexico;
- by partnering with Water Underground to establish fresh water wells in 9 remote villages in Mozambique;
- by partnering with the Gates Foundation to inoculate against Malaria in Africa;
- by nearly eliminating Polio around the world through Polio Partners;
- by partnering with DigDeep and sister Rotary Clubs to provide water cisterns in remote homes in the Navajo Nation;

When you participate in the World Peace Golf Tournament, when you contribute toward recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow, when you make a special pledge or donation for a designated Long Beach Rotary International project, you are strengthening the ability of The Rotary Foundation to support global grants to Rotary Clubs around the world.

Your contribution multiplies and supports our worldwide mission, and returns to our Club through our own global grants.

You can support The Rotary Foundation and enjoy the fellowship of other Rotary Club members at the District Gala.

## Write a Caption!



**WHAT** - Submit a caption for this photo

**WHEN** - by EOD Thursday October 13

Send caption to -  
Wayne Slavitt - [wayneslavitt@gmail.com](mailto:wayneslavitt@gmail.com)

**Top Winners will be announced at the October 19 lunch meeting**

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## Welcome...

By Gregory Haeseler



When I was a greeter last Spring, I met **Ramel Lloyd** when he attended his first luncheon with our Club. Like so many others in our Club, Ramel wanted to attend a Rotary meeting in Long Beach, found our website, and was invited as a guest by then Membership Director Lisa Hain.

After I invited Ramel to attend a second lunch meeting, Immediate Past President Dennis Smith and I took Ramel out to lunch to become better acquainted. The one thing I really appreciate and enjoy about Rotary is that I get to know so many people and their diverse backgrounds. Ramel is no different.

Born and raised in downstate New York, Ramel became an All-Star basketball player and was Parade Magazine's Third Team All American in 1996 and was on New York State's First team. He went on to play for the Syracuse Orange but later transferred with his coach to Long Beach State. There he became Long Beach State's Fourth All-Time Leading Scorer. In the 2000-01 Season, he was the Big West Conference leading scorer and a three time All Big West player. Following graduation from Long Beach, Ramel played professional basketball from 2001-2010 in various countries' leagues and in the American Basketball Association.

Obviously, Ramel's life has evolved around basketball. But something else developed from these experiences – importantly Ramel learned how sports help to develop and prepare a person to be a player in society. For most young athletes, life's road from high school may not lead to the narrow path resulting in a career in professional sports. The odds are extremely low. Nonetheless, there is a road from high school. And, wherever the road leads, all athletes need to be ready and prepared to lead a productive life. Ramel knows this road having travelled it himself. He also knows that there are many young athletes and their families who need help to navigate this road. That's why he founded his company, conNEXTtions LLC: to help young athletes prepare for what comes after high school sports.

Among his clientele of young athletes, Ramel is also helping his own son, Ramel Jr., who recently graduated from the high school basketball powerhouse, Sierra Canyon, and was one of ESPN's top 100 Recruits in high school basketball. Where did Ramel Jr.'s road go from high school? Unfortunately for UCLA, USC, and Long Beach State fans, Ramel Jr. is now a Cornhusker with the University of Nebraska. Now that Ramel Jr. is in Nebraska, Ramel and his wife Taba, are planning to return from Chatsworth to their home in Lakewood and forgo their long commutes.

Given Ramel's heart and passion for youth, I have no doubt that Ramel will be instrumental in being a positive influence in Rotary, ESPECIALLY in the Avenue of Youth Services.

Please WELCOME our newest 6'6" Rotarian, Ramel Lloyd.

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## Raise Your Hand for Literacy and Reading by 9 Program

By Nelinia 'Nel' Varenas

**Please plan on joining us at the Rotary meeting on OCTOBER 12th and contribute to building our Reading by 9 Program as we *March to a Million!***

Help us raise \$120,000 to reach \$1 Million raised since the inception of the Program in 1999.



Some facts to consider:

- The need to promote literacy among Preschoolers and K-3 Graders is even greater than in past years.
- Students are falling further behind due especially to the pandemic.
- Our Rotary Club supports literacy programs in non-profit organizations.
- We support literacy programs in our public schools.
- Rotary Club of Long Beach provides books at community events.
- Our service targets high-need students and high-need neighborhoods.

**Your donations will be increased with significant matching funds.**

So, please plan to come and raise your hand to support the Reading by 9 Program.



## Global Grant Scholarships

By Joyoti Banerji, Dee Wood, Mollie Beck and John Mathews

District Global Grant Scholarship Committee

Dear Rotarians,

We are delighted to let you know about the District **Global Grant Scholarship Program**. Every year we have the opportunity to offer a \$30,000 grant to sponsor a talented applicant who would like to do graduate studies abroad, in any one of Rotary Areas of Focus.

- Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
- Disease Prevention and Treatment
- Water and Sanitation
- Maternal and Child Health
- Basic Education and Literacy
- Economic and Community Development
- Protecting the Environment

The District recommends the candidate through a sponsoring Rotary Club and, through a rigorous assessment process, is chosen by RI. Our work continues by providing mentorship and guidance through the year.

For the 2022 Academic Year, Taylor Plett was sponsored by us to pursue a Master of Science in Environmental Policy and Governance at Oxford University, UK.

### **Now it is time to seek applicants for 2023!**

We invite you to join the effort and help us seek the best and brightest applicants. What can you do?

1. Identify a deserving candidate to apply for the grant.
2. Help the Committee engage with colleges in our District to identify high achievers i.e. UCI, Chapman, CSULB, CSUF, etc.
3. Join the Committee and strengthen efforts to market the program in our Community

To know more about what you can do, email [jb@joyotibanerji.com](mailto:jb@joyotibanerji.com) or any member of the Global Grants Committee.

Thank you for your efforts and look forward to making a difference in another student's life!

To learn more: <https://rotary5320.org/student-scholarships/global-grant-scholars/>

## New Member Proposal

The following are being proposed as members of the Rotary Club of Long Beach. Their names are hereby submitted to the membership for a 10-day period as required by the Bylaws. Any comments can be addressed to the President or the Executive Director of the Club during this 10-day period.

### **Raymond Cervantez - VP/Branch Manager, F&M Bank**

Proposed Classification: Banking

Proposed by: Olivia Maiser and Leslie Wiberg

### **Doug Coleman - Founder, Coleman Ski Tours**

Proposed Classification: Travel - Ski Tours (Retired)

Proposed by: Gail Schwandner and Greg Haeseler

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

October 12th  
**Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Jane Close Conoley, plus Rby9 Fundraiser  
**Subject:** Challenges, Opportunities and Lessons Learned: How We are Teaching, Studying and Working in Our Post-Pandemic

October 18th  
**RCLB Board of Directors Meeting**

October 19th  
**Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Craig Smith  
**Subject:** Confessions of a Presidential Speech Writer

October 26th  
**Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting**  
The 5,000 Meeting of the Rotary Club of Long Beach

October 27th  
**Rotary Connections**  
For membership prospects  
Connect with Long Beach Rotary

November 2nd  
**Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Feeding the Future Assembling at the Grand  
**Subject:** Come early and stay for lunch: set-up, assembling food/hygiene items for CSULB/LBCC students, clean-up

November 8th  
**5 O'Clock Somewhere**

November 12th  
**Centennial Park Clean-up**

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



[Mark Guillen](#)  
October 14th



[Victor I. McCarty](#)  
October 14th



[Patrick G. O'Grady](#)  
October 15th

**September Rotary-versaries - Click a Name and Send Congrats for Years in Rotary**



[Gregory R. Gill CCIM, SIOR](#)  
35 Years



[Patrick G. O'Grady](#)  
32 Years



[C. Robert Luskin](#)  
27 Years



[Edward W. Arnold](#)  
23 Years



[Michael C. Jensen](#)  
22 Years



[Dana A. Buchanan](#)  
13 Years



[Richard C. Dempsey](#)  
13 Years



[Anthony J. Gales](#)  
11 Years



[Dirk Thomaere](#)  
5 Years



[Pamela Young Lee](#)  
5 Years



[Christopher Wacker](#)  
4 Years



[Gaia Valentino](#)  
4 Years



[Tina Barry](#)  
3 Years



[Jan Patton](#)  
3 Years



[Leslie Davis PsyD., LMFT, RN](#)  
3 Years



[Jeanne Perales](#)  
2 Years



[Desmond D'Sa](#)  
1 Year



[Dan D'Sa](#)  
1 Year



[Debbie Thorpe](#)  
New Member



[Jeff Levine](#)  
New Member



[Gerald M. Bloeser](#)  
50 Years - Welcome back!

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