



Rotary



Club of Long Beach



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

This Week's Program

Club Meeting

Long Beach
Meets at Holiday Inn Long Beach Airport
Shoreline Ballroom
2640 N. Lakewood Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90815
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

If you are unable to attend in person but can join us via Zoom, please email madrid@rotarylongbeach.org before 9:00am Wednesday for the link.

RSVP as soon as you can for **ANY** future RCLB Meetings, **ALL** November meetings, etc. please, **we must order ahead for seating/room set up** thank you!



William McDowell (2nd L), a representative of the Montford Point Marines, receives the Congressional Medal from U.S. Speaker of the House Rep. John Boehner (R-OH)(L) as House Minority Leader Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)(3rd L) and Senate Majority Leader Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV)(4thL) look on during a presentation ceremony at the Emancipation Hall of the Capitol Visitor's Center June 27, 2012 on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. The Montford Point Marines was recognized for being the nation's first African-American Marines who received basic training at Montford Point Camp, New River, N.C. from 1942 to 1949, and their services to the country.

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Wednesday, November 10

Desire to Serve
William 'Jack' McDowell
1st Sgt., USMC (ret.)

12:00pm - Lunch
12:30 - 1:30pm - Program

Even if on the Meal Plan, please RSVP in advance!

**Due to recent health and safety changes for indoor meetings:
Masks are required for everyone, whenever you are not at your table, eating.**

William ♦Jack♦ McDowell of Brooklyn, New York enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1945. He completed recruit training at racially segregated Montford Point Camp, N.C. Upon graduation he was designated ♦Rifleman♦ and served on Okinawa until the end of World War II followed by occupancy operations in Japan and Northern China. In 1946, he became a Weapons Marksmanship Instructor, Camp Lejeune, N.C. As a Corporal in 1948 he was with the first group of African American Marines to racially integrate the U.S. Marine Corps. As a Sergeant during the Korean War, he made the amphibious landing at Inchon, and engaged in street battles against North Korean Army forces in Seoul, South Korea. During the winter of 1950, he participated in the epic battles in the Chosin Reservoir regions of North Korea against Chinese Communist Forces and was wounded in January 1951.

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President 105's Post #19

By Dennis C. Smith



A FORWARD-LOOKING CLUB

This headline describes the Rotary Club of Long Beach this past week. While several articles about the Club appeared in the local media this past week, none had a similar headline.

During a 5-day period, from Saturday October 30th to Wednesday November 3rd, over 180 Long Beach Rotarians gave of their time, talent, and resources to enhance the future of our community and Club.

On Saturday, over 70 volunteered at Long Beach City College and Cal State Long Beach in our annual Feeding the Future food drive to help students facing food insecurity. Over 5,000 pounds of food were collected at each college in addition to the hundreds of dollars in gift cards. In the coming months, local college students will be able to worry less about their next meal and focus more on their studies.

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Welcome...

By Elizabeth Helene Lucas





Warmest welcome to our new member **Michael Joseph Neils!** Michael is a talented, dynamic and highly motivated life long learner. His education includes a B.A. from Pacific Lutheran University and a Masters of Divinity from The Lutheran School of Theology (*both magna cum laude*), a Master of Sacred Theology and most recently an MBA. He is currently enrolled in a Coaching Qualification Certificate program.

Michael is an ordained Lutheran minister and since 2006 he has worked in the world of philanthropy. He has held positions with St. John's Health Center, Santa Monica, Good Samaritan Hospital. L.A., Little Company of Mary, Torrance and San Pedro, and he is currently President of the St. Mary Medical Center Foundation in Long Beach.

Michael enjoys public speaking, music, singing, theater and golf and he has a great sense of humor.

His wife, Mary is an adjunct faculty member at Pepperdine and also Ducere Global Business School. They are the parents of their young daughter, Faith Anne and they have two family dogs, Gracie and Emma.

Congratulations Michael!

Reading by 9 2021

By **Frank R. Newell**

Thanks to all the Rotarians and guests last Wednesday for your generosity in supporting the Reading by 9 program. With matching funds the donations are in now excess of **\$78,000** which is the all-time record in our 23 year history. We are still tabulating and accepting donations so the final number may be even greater. As of now we have received pledges from almost 120 of you which is also more than anytime since the inception of the program. From the podium the energy and support in the room during the 15 minute fundraising was spirited and overwhelming.

For those of you who were not at the meeting if you would like to add to our donations please contact Madrid or return this [pledge form](#) to the office. Rest assured that your donation at any level is greatly appreciated and will be put to good use by the Literacy Committee. Speaking of the Literacy Committee a special thanks to all of you who contributed to the success of our efforts. In the next few months the Literacy Committee will work diligently to provide books to kids and fund literacy programs that support the objective of having kids reading at grade level by age 9.

Again THANKS for your continuing support of Reading by 9 !!



Did You Know...

... about our Rotarian Veterans



With sincere appreciation to all who responded to our request for your military background. We recognize there may be some who were unable to respond. It's not too late -- please, before Wednesday send your service facts to Madrid so we can honor all member who have served.



CRAIG DOUGHERTY - Army Reserve and Arizona National Guard - 6 years

STEVE KEESAL - Specialist - Served 3.5 years - C Co., 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regt. (Airborne), United States Army Special Operations Command - Afghanistan 2002 Iraq 2003 - Combat Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, Ranger Taab; MOS 11B1V (Airborne and Ranger Qualified Infantry); Ecuadorian Jungle School Graduate

WALTER LARKINS - United States Military Academy (West Point) - Captain - 4 years - Unit, 3rd Armored Division, 2nd battalion, 3rd field artillery regiment - Europe, Butzbach, Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany) - Duty Positions: Special Weapons Officer, Firing Battery Executive Officer, Battalion Intelligence Officer, Fire Support Team Chief, Fire Support Officer - Medals/Badges: Airborne Parachutist Badge, Army commendation medal, Army achievement medal, Army service medal, Overseas service medal, Superior cadet citation, Army expert qualification badge (Rifle, Pistol), Top secret security clearance MOS (Military occupational specialty), Field Artillery, 155mm self-propelled howitzer, special weapons

B. RAMER SPURR - Chief Warrant 4, Served 23 years most everywhere

KURT WOOD - Spec 4 - 6 years - San Pedro

DAVE WOODY - PFC - 3 years - Korea, New Jersey, Oklahoma - Good Conduct Medal



TERRY GEILING - Lieutenant Commander - 15 years - LB Naval Station & Pearl Harbor Naval Base - USS Bluegill SS242 and USS Remora SS487 (submarines)

DR. WILL GRELLA - LCDR/US Navy, Major/Army Reserve (Current) - Navy (10 years) - Army Reserve (current) - Pendle, Yuma, Bangladesh

BOB LATIMER - Lieutenant Junior Grade (LTJG) - 1953-1955 -
All the Pacific theater, Japan, Hong Kong, Korea, Philippines, Guam

PAT MADDEN - STG-3 (Sonar Technician 3rd Class Petty Officer) - 1967-1968 Active Duty -
USS Leonard F Mason (DD 852) - Western Pacific (inc the Philippines and VietNam & USS Wiltsie (DD 716)

BRADEN PHILLIPS - Captain - 31 years - All Over the World - 3 Legion of Merit medals, 3 Meritorious Service medals,
1 Navy Achievement medal, 2 Combat Action ribbons, 1 Armed Forces Expeditionary medal and medals related to the Vietnam and Gulf wars -
Certifications including Naval Aviator (Pilot), Naval Surface Warfare Officer, Financial Management Sub-specialist

GAINER PILLSBURY - Lieutenant (ready for promotion to LCdr. when retired) - 1958-1960 Active, Fallon, NV -
1960-1964 Active Reserves during residency at Stanford
*NOTE: My father, Stirling Pillsbury who was a member of the RCLB,
voluntarily joined the Air Force as a physician in 1943 and stayed until the war ended in 1946.
Our family lived in Miami Beach, FL where he was stationed during those times.*

RAYNE SHERMAN - Aviation Boatswain Mate 3 (ABH-3) - 8 years (2 Active Duty, 6 Reserve) - USS Hornet (CVS-12 Home Port-Long Beach;
(1) Tour WestPac (Vietnam Campaign); Recovery Ship-Apollo 11 and 12 - National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/one Bronze Star,
Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal w/Device, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea), Letter of Commendation (Admiral D.C. Davis) for Apollo 11 and
Recovery Ship planning and execution, Golden Dragon-Member of the "Silent Occult Mysteries of the Far East"-Oct 21, 1968 @ Latitude 35.50N,
Shellback-Member of the "Solemn Mysteries of the Ancient Order of the Deep"-Feb 23, 1969 @ Longitude 105.20E

DAN TAPIA - Electronics Technician/Reactor Operator, LA class submarines - 1998-2004 - South Pacific -
SSN723 Oklahoma City (submarine)



ANDREW BARBER - Sergeant - 6 years/Reserves - Mainly 29 Palms, CA

JOHN HINRICHS - Corporal - 1956 -1958 - Camp Pendleton & 29 Palms

LAWRENCE W. JACKSON III - Sergeant, 3rd Marine Air Wing - 1970-1977 (Active 2 years, Reserves 5 years) -
Camp Pendleton, MCAS El Toro, MCAS Cherry Point, MCAS Iwakuni Japan during Vietnam war

PHIL STEUBER - Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry Officer, Marine Corps Tactics and Operations Group -
1998-Present (23+ years) - Served on every continent except Africa



JOHN G. 'JAY' BEELER - Airman (E3/Minuteman ICBM Missile Electronics Analyst) - 1962-1965 -
Montana and North Dakota

DON SERAFANO - Captain, Medical Corps - 2 years - Davis Monthan AFB, Tucson, AZ



BOB LUSKIN - US Coast Guard, E-2, Second Class Gunners Mate - 1965-1971 (1 active, 5 reserve) -
Groten, CT and Long Beach Terminal Island

FRANK NEWELL - US Coast Guard, Petty Officer - Active (6 mts) - Reserve (5.5 yrs) -
Alameda, San Diego & Terminal Island

LEON SHOAG - 6 months Active (1961-1962)/5.5 years Active Reserve/2 years Inactive Reserve -
US Ports inc Long Beach, CA, Pittsburgh, PA, Roanoke, VA, Alamos, CA

BOB STEUBER - US Coast Guard, 2nd Class - Reserves (6 yrs) - Concord, Alameda and Long Beach, CA

While we honor those in our Club, we are grateful for family members and friends who have served and are serving.
We are indebted for their sacrifice, bravery and the example they set for us all.

**Happy Veterans Day to our soldiers, both past and present.
We owe you our thanks, but more than that, we owe you our freedom.**

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

November 10th
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: William "Jack" McDonnell, 1st Sgt., USMC (ret.)
Subject: "Desire to Serve"

November 17th
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Jane Close Conoley, Ph.D., CSULB President
Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Day!

November 11th
[5 O'Clock Somewhere Mixer](#)
Speaker: Wine on 2nd - 5640 E. 2nd Street
Subject: Monthly mixer on 2nd Thursday/month Cash Bar

November 18th
[Business Breakfast Roundtable](#)
Speaker: Eric Speier
Subject: Increasing Revenue through Thoughtful Website Design. The Importance of Communicating Your Story.

November 13th
[Centennial Park Monthly Clean-up](#)

November 20th
[Fly Fishing Adventure - Weekend Clinic](#)
Speaker: Michael Peters - LB Rotarian and Founder
Long Branch Fly Fishing
Subject: Clinic #3 at Owen River (Bishop) 2-day event

November 16th
[RCLB Board Meeting](#)

November 24th
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: DARK for Thanksgiving Holiday
Subject: No Lunch Meeting

Birthdays This Week - Click Name to Send A Greeting



[Rayne Sherman, FIIDA, CID, CSI](#)
November 10th



[Solimar Salas](#)
November 12th



[Judy Ross](#)
November 12th



[Kenneth G. Noble](#)
November 14th



[Matthew L. Kinley](#)
November 14th



[Lisa Ramelow](#)
November 14th



[Jim Better](#)
November 14th



[Cheri L. Bazley](#)
November 15th



[William V. Ridgeway Jr.](#)
November 16th

October Rotary-versaries - Click name to send congrats on # of years in Rotary



[Laurence W. Jackson III](#)
41 Years



[Gina Rushing Maguire](#)
19 Years



[Lance R. Kenyon](#)
11 Years



[Suman Naresh](#)
9 Years



[Cheri L. Bazley](#)
9 Years



[Stacey Baltus](#)
9 Years



[Judy Seal](#)
8 Years



[Nelinia 'Nel' Varenas](#)
6 Years



[Marjorie Fleming](#)
5 Years



[Mary Ellen Mitchell](#)
5 Years



[Linda Treffry](#)
4 Years



[Stephanie Dowds](#)
4 Years



[Wes Harding](#)
3 Years



[Debra Kahookole](#)
3 Years



[Machel Thompson](#)
3 Years



[Jason Campbell](#)
2 Years



[Danita Humphrey](#)
2 Years

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