



This Week's Program

Wednesday, November 11 - Join Us via ZOOM

**SPECIAL OPERATIONS and
TRANSITION to GREAT POWER COMPETITION**

Commander Nick Hill
Naval Special Warfare Command

12:15 p.m. - Dial In to ZOOM
Dial In Details Will Be Sent

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. - Program Via ZOOM



Commander Hill is the Director of Operations for Naval Special Warfare Group THREE, headquartered at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

A native of Long Beach, California, Commander Nicholas Hill enlisted in the Navy in 1998. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy where he was captain of the water polo team and was commissioned an Ensign in May 2003. He completed Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training with Class 248.

Commander Hill has planned and executed Special Operations in the AFRICOM, CENTCOM, and INDOPACOM Areas of Responsibility. His tours in the Navy include Assistant Platoon Commander at SEAL Team THREE, and Platoon Commander at SEAL Team SEVEN in San Diego, CA; Flag Aide to Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command in San Diego, California; a second tour as Platoon Commander at SEAL Team SEVEN, the Defense Language Institute in Washington D.C (where he studied the French language), and Operations Officer at Naval Special Warfare Unit TEN in Stuttgart, Germany. He also served as SEAL Delivery Vehicle Task Unit Commander and Executive Officer at SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team ONE in Pearl City, Hawaii. His most recent assignment was in Yokosuka, Japan where he served as Special Operations Advisor to Commander, U.S. SEVENTH Fleet.

Commander Hill holds a Bachelor of Science in Oceanography from the United States Naval Academy and a Master's Degree in International Policy from Stanford University. His decorations include the Silver Star Medal (two awards), the Bronze Star Medal with valor (two awards), the Bronze Star Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon (two awards), and various unit and campaign awards.

Commander Hill lives Kailua, Hawaii with his wife Lisa, and two children Larsen (aged 5) and Carter (aged 4). AND, he is the son of Past President #76 Russ and Avalon Hill !

President 104's Post #20

Matt Kinley



NEWBIES WELCOME

Seeing the vintage cars that Rayne showcased in September reminded me that the RCLB is like a classic car that has thrived throughout decades of change. Others admire its style, and we take pride in our Club's operation and history.

And just as a vintage car's smooth ride requires regular maintenance, new members are a critical component of maintaining our Club. New members help us achieve optimum performance by revitalizing and reenergizing our classic organization with new ideas and fresh energy.

As a reminder of our recent newbies, I'm listing the names of those who have joined us since July 1, 2020 the Class of 104.

Let's make sure to reach out and include them in Rotary projects and fellowship. And let's keep our high-performance, classic Club rolling by adding more names to this list!

Jim Bunnell * Jane Caddell * Rini Ghosh * Jesse Heisler
Jeanne Perales * Andrew Scammon * Sarah Soriano * Christopher Yco

In the News

Rotary Meetings - What's Up!

LAST Week @ Rotary

THIS Week @ Rotary

CLUB LEADERSHIP



Matthew L. Kinley
President



Olivia Maiser
Assistant to the President



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Vice President



Sathya Chey
Vice President



Braden James Phillips
Vice President



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Vice President



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Sergeant at Arms



Bond Nichols
Sergeant at Arms



Rayne Sherman, FHDA, CID, CSI
Sergeant at Arms



Diane Wood
Sergeant at Arms



Laura Doyle
CCO-Club Comm. Offer



Henry C. Fung
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

Birthdays - Gail Schwandner
Recognition - Laura Nelson, Arts Council
LBRFSF Bixby Leadership Award - Taryn Williams
Program - HOMELESS YOUTH CENTER
Football w/Andy McFarland

Birthdays
Tribute to RCLB Veterans
Program - Commander Nick Hill, Naval Special Warfare Command
5 O'clock Somewhere
Centennial Park Clean-Up
Football Pool w/Andy McFarland

Long Beach Quarterly Economic Forum



Thursday, November 19, 2020
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Virtual Presentation
[REGISTER HERE](#)

Congratulations... Mark Bixby Leadership Award

By Jane J. Netherton



ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION AWARDS BIXBY LEADERSHIP AWARD

It's hard to believe it has been almost ten years since the passing of Mark Bixby. For those of you who did not have the privilege to meet him, let me take a moment to share a few highlights of this remarkable human being.

Mark was "Long Beach." Yes, he is a member of the Bixby Family and the nephew of our own Jean Bixby Smith. Not only did he grow up in Long Beach, but he was the youngest Rotary Club of Long Beach President, and I had the honor of serving on his board. His adventurous spirit drove his desire to spearhead several community projects, such as the establishment of Rotary Centennial Park as well as the bicycle and pedestrian lane on the newly built replacement of the Gerald Desmond Bridge.

When his life was tragically cut short, the **Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation** established the Mark Bixby Leadership Award to pay tribute to his dedication to improving and giving back to his community. This one-time \$3,000 award is presented annually to a current Rotary Scholarship recipient who demonstrates similar attributes that Mark embodied.

This year, I am honored to present the **2020 Mark Bixby Leadership Award** to **Taryn Williams**. This year's selection was by far one of the most difficult tasks the committee and I took on. On paper, each of the applicants were worthy of the award. But after the interviews, the committee unanimously selected Taryn. She is not your typical scholarship recipient. Although she is a Long Beach native, Taryn overcame the challenges of a turbulent youth. A little older and a lot wiser, she attended LBCC and completed an associate degree in Business Administration and Economics. Taryn will graduate from CSULB this winter, double majoring in Business Administration and Management, Operations and Supply Chain Management. As I mentioned before, she is not our average college student. She is married and raising a set of twins. She will begin her Ph.D. in Management this spring to pursue her goal of working with, advocating for and re-integrating those who were formerly incarcerated back into the educational system while providing them with a wide range of support and safe spaces to connect and fortify their new journey.

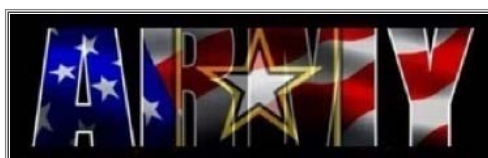
Taryn is an amazing woman, whose past has empowered her to serve her community in an impactful way. She represents "Service Above Self" in a tangible way. And to say she embodies Mark is an understatement. As Brett Bixby, Mark's brother and fellow committee member, said, "Taryn's energy, self-motivation, clarity and drive align her with unique characteristics that Mark embodied. Her story is one of transcendence and is an example of how love, self-respect and a sturdy aim to help others can lift anyone toward a better path and an impactful life of service."

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 members who have served.




STEVE KEESAL - Specialist - Served 3.5 years - C Co., 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regt. (Airborne), United States Army Special Operations Command -




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



Solimar Salas
 November 12th



Kenneth G. Noble
 November 14th



Jim Better
 November 14th



Lisa Ramelow
 November 14th



Matthew L. Kinley
 November 14th



Cheri L. Bazley
 November 15th



William V. Ridgeway Jr.
 November 16th

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November**
- 11th - **Weekly RCLB Meeting**
Speaker: Commander Nick Hill, Naval Special Warfare Command
Subject: SPECIAL OPERATIONS and TRANSITION TO GREAT POWER COMPETITION
 - 12th - **5 O'Clock Somewhere**
Speaker: The Rotary Club of Long Beach Virtual Mixer
Subject: Happy Hour with Friends!
 - 14th - **Centennial Park Clean-Up**
 - 17th - **RCLB Board of Directors**
 - 18th - **Weekly RCLB Meeting**
Speaker: Dan Wanstreet
Subject: SUSTAINABLE INVESTING
 - 19th - **Business Breakfast Roundtable**
Speaker: Kris Gragon
Subject: Optimizing Google My Business Page
 - 25th - **NO WEEKLY RCLB MEETING - Thanksgiving Holiday**
 - 29th - **Ronald McDonald House Sunday Meal Prep**

December

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)

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 from Gainer: 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

STEVE KUYKENDALL - Captain - 1966-1973 - US & Vietnam (2 tours) - Air Medal, Navy Comendation w/ V, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, National Defense Service Medal

PHIL STEUBER - Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry Officer, Marine Corps Tactics and Operations Group - 1998-Present (22+ 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/5.5 years Active Reserve - US Ports inc Long Beach, CA, Pittsburgh, PA, Roanok, 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.

2nd - [Weekly RCLB Meeting](#)
9th - [Weekly RCLB Meeting](#)
Speaker: Dennis Smith, President #105
Subject: 2021-2022 ROTARY BOARD REVEAL
12th - [Centennial Park Clean-Up](#)
15th - [RCLB Board of Directors](#)
16th - [Weekly RCLB Meeting](#)
23rd - [NO WEEKLY RCLB MEETING - Holiday](#)
30th - [NO WEEKLY RCLB MEETING - Holiday](#)

Our Rotary Family...

RCLB Past President #71 Craig Dougherty has called our attention to a milestone event that will occur on November 12th, when **Margaret Merrick Russell** celebrates her **108th birthday!**

While she has not been a Rotarian herself, Margaret is part of the Rotary family by being daughter, wife, sister, and aunt to 3 generations of RCLB members ♦ T.F. Merrick (father); Dick Russell (husband); Jack Merrick (brother); Harry Merrick (brother); Dick Van Der Laan (husband of her niece, Mary); and Tom Merrick (nephew).

Current RCLB member **Tom Merrick** has been a Rotarian for 44 years, and his uncle Harry was a Rotarian for almost 50 years.

Margaret was born before WWI in 1912 in Canada and came to Long Beach as a teenager with her family. She later became active in the community with the Junior League of Long Beach and Meals on Wheels.

We raise a toast to **Margaret Merrick Russell** and wish her a very happy birthday!

Rotarian **Whitney Leathers** reminds us to consider adoption when planning to add a new pet to the family and to not overlook the older ones. Her own family recently had to say a sad goodbye to Mia, an adopted very good doggo who joined them 12 years ago when Mia was 5 or 6 years old.

RCLB Past President #83 Frank Newell and wife **Margie** welcomed grandson **Owen Cooke Brantley**, born October 15, 2020. Frank tells us, "He is the son of our daughter Stephanie Newell and her husband Brian Brantley. Owen has an older brother Aiden Alexander Brantley who is 2 1/2 years old. Owen will soon have a cousin as our other daughter Michelle Newell, who is married to Steve Papazian, is due in mid-November with another boy. Margie and I are hoping this also goes well and when it is done we will transition from having two daughters to three grandsons. Even with COVID it promises to be a busy holiday season."

Rotary Club of Long Beach
meets every Wednesday

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

