



**Liz Lucas**

*"I am thankful for all of the blessings I receive each day, as I expressed yesterday in my daily journal."*

**Matt Kinley**

*◆◆ I'm grateful for the love of family and friends, a great vocation, and my extended family at Rotary. ◆◆*

**Mark Kachigan**

*"I am grateful for my first grandson!"*

**Randy Gordon**

*"I'm very blessed to have retired and left the Chamber in the very capable hands of Jeremy Harris!"*

**Lynne Wainfan**

*"I'm grateful that Matt could lead us through this shutdown, finding ways to be of service and have fellowship with our fellow Rotarians."*

**Wayne Slavitt**

*"I am grateful for the opportunity and ability to be grateful."*

**Cam Doherty Killingsworth**

*"Family, Friends and the Footpaths left by my parents, grandparents and ancestors which I am now able to share with the next generations ◆ invaluable!"*

**Dave Woody**

*"I'm so thankful myself or my family have not contacted the pestilence COVID-19."*

**Sandy Simon**

*"Even though this has been a hard year and I haven't been able to see my family I am grateful for being able to zoom with them and our friends.*

*I am also very grateful that my grandson recovered from the coronavirus very quickly and that no one else in the family has got it and are all well.*

*I am hoping we soon have a vaccine."*

**John Graham**

*"The thing I am most thankful for is finding a lost niece through DNA on Ancestry.com."*

**Freda Hinsche Otto**

*"Though sheltering at home really sucks, I am grateful for the opportunity to slow down, get sleep, catch up on deferred house projects*

and FaceTime my family. We live in a beautiful place and the sun shines nearly every day. That counts for a lot in my book."

**Henry Fung**

"I am thankful for the good health the family and friends have enjoyed this challenging year; and our Rotary's support for one another and opportunity to serve the community."

**Dana Buchanan**

"It's been a heck of a year, to put it lightly I would have to say that the thing I am grateful for is my creative mind and my ability to innovate and adapt with tenacity."

**Doug Haubert**

"I am eternally grateful to God for the family he has given me, as well as the job (City Prosecutor) entrusted to me with the responsibility to do His will."

**Michele Dobson**

"I feel blessed that before viruses, before the Pandemics, before stay-at-home orders, our family got to know that we are seen, we are valued and we are loved by our community and that is everything." Michele Dobson and Meara and Dante Dobson-Wilson

**Bob Bond**

"I'm very grateful for our democratic system that enables each of us to cast our votes for the future political direction of our countries, states, counties and cities, which is so important for our future and our children's future."

**Charles Parkin**

"I am grateful 2020 is almost over! Seriously, I am grateful for family and friends who have made it possible to endure these difficult times, I am grateful for the safety and health of my family and for all of those working so hard to protect us. Cheers!"

**George Bell**

"Grateful for good health and the support of Family, Friends and Business Associates."

**Rex Richardson**

"This Thanksgiving, I am grateful for the compassion of our Long Beach community and the opportunity to spend more time with family. The circumstances of 2020 have provided many opportunities to serve those in need. It has also provided for more shared family activities, such as daily walks around the neighborhood with my wife, Nina, and daughters, Mila, and Alina."

**Olivia Maiser**

"I am grateful for the perspective my grand-littles give me".

**Greg Haeseler**

"I am grateful for the late Leroy Doty inviting me and then sponsoring me to join the legendary Rotary Club of Long Beach where I have developed personal and professional skills and where I have connected with myriads of like-minded people and made multiple lifetime friends. Because of the Rotary Club of Long Beach, Long Beach has become a community to me."

**Mary Sophiea**

"I am grateful for all the first responders that have put their selves on the line for us."

**Terry Geiling**

"Trying not to be Pollyannaish, but we should all be somewhat grateful for some of the ancillary aspects of COVID-19. It has caused all of us individuals, families and businesses to be more creative in getting things accomplished, When the all clear siren sounds, we will be able to take many of those creative ideas and end up being more productive, more effective and more efficient."

**Greg Owen**

"I'm so thankful to have been born in America to a giving and supporting family; growing up in Long Beach; joining Rotary at a fairly young age; was asked to be in the best Rotary club in the World; having a loving wife of 50 years; an incredible family and their families; you can get through life without but then who'd want to? I'm thankful for everything we all have, life is special. Thank God we have what we have to be thankful for, pretty incredible."

**Dennis Smith**

"I am grateful for all the people who have been and are in my life that have made for a very enjoyable experience. Thank you everybody for letting me share in yours."

**James Ahumada**

Though it's been a difficult year for many of us, I am filled with hope. As we've spent these past nine months navigating through this pandemic, our community has been there to support one another. Especially those from our most vulnerable communities. I am thankful for my neighbors, the loved ones I'm surrounded by, and the service of so many of our residents.

**Steve Hockett**

"I am thankful for all of my good friends in Rotary that join me in service to the Long Beach Community! AND for the DODGERS!"

**Paul Scholz**

"I'm grateful for the love of my family and many friends. I'm grateful to live in the USA and this wonderful community where so much is possible for anyone. I'm grateful for the many who are willing to help those in need. I'm grateful that I am on the giving side of that equation and not one needing help. And my dog. I'm grateful for my dog, Hektor. 🐶"

**Mollie Beck**

"I am grateful for... the spirit of love, remembrance and goodwill this season affords. The opportunity to take a quiet moment to count my blessings, blessings that always include gratitude for my Rotary friends."

**Braden Phillips**

"This Thanksgiving I am grateful for several things: First, my family - we are all relatively happy, healthy (no COVID), and together. Second - my friends, who have adapted to masks, social distancing, zooming, and occasional in-person meetings to keep our friendships alive. Lastly, our country - Our forebears have given us a place where we can foster and voice divergent opinions; support and vote for elected officials of our choosing; and, our democratic republic perseveres. There is no place better on the planet, and I'm grateful I live here."

**Dee Wood**

"Matt called and asked if I would be one of his Sergeants-at-Arms this year. Surprisingly, what I repeatedly found was an unexpected warmth, willingness to participate and generosity from LB Rotarians. I met new friends and am enjoying my job. You just don't find people of this caliber everywhere = gratitude."

**Mayor Robert Garcia**

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**Long Beach Ronald McDonald House**

"We are grateful to the RCLB for your partnership in donating meals for the families staying with us. So far this year, you have helped us provide over 225 meals for the families we serve despite the often challenging circumstances we have faced in 2020!"

**Russ Hill**



**Events**

November 25th  
[NO WEEKLY RCLB MEETING - Thanksgiving Holiday](#)

November 29th  
[Ronald McDonald House Sunday Meal Prep](#)

December 1st  
[Navajo Water Project & DigDeep UPDATE](#)  
Speaker: George McGraw, DigDeep Founder/CEO

December 2nd  
[Weekly RCLB Meeting](#)  
Speaker: Dr. Peter Kareiva, President and CEO  
Subject: AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC

December 3rd  
[Rotary Revealed](#)

December 5th  
[RCLB Holiday Car Rally !](#)

December 9th  
[Weekly RCLB Meeting](#)  
Speaker: Dennis Smith, President #105  
Subject: 2021-2022 ROTARY BOARD REVEAL

December 11th  
[RCLB Golf Outing](#)

December 12th  
[Centennial Park Clean-Up](#)

December 15th  
[RCLB Board of Directors](#)

December 16th  
[Weekly RCLB Meeting](#)  
Speaker: Festive Participants  
Subject: HOLIDAY EVENT !

December 23rd  
[NO WEEKLY RCLB MEETING - Holiday](#)

December 30th

**Birthdays**



[Nelinia Varenas](#)  
November 25th



[Stephen B. Shaw](#)  
November 25th



[Juan Huijar](#)  
November 26th



[Dena L. Oatey](#)  
December 1st