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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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This Week's Program

Wednesday, December 7

Annual RCLB Reveal
2023-2024 Board of Directors AND President #109

Michele Dobson, RCLB President #107
Owner/Attorney, Law Office of Michele A. Dobson

12:00 Noon - LUNCH
12:20 p.m. early start - 1:30 p.m. - PROGRAM



By way of background, during law school, **Michele Dobson** had the pleasure of defraying the cost of her education by serving as a Substitute Teacher in Long Beach Unified School District. In preparation for her legal career, she worked for 11 years as a Law Clerk and Project Attorney in a small civil practice in the 6th District of Long Beach that served low income and disadvantaged citizens.

During law school, she had the opportunity to work with Community Legal Services of Los Angeles, commonly known as Legal Aid. As a Law Clerk for Legal Aid, she had the opportunity to work with clients in the areas of landlord/tenant and family law. During her time with Legal Aid, she also worked at the Domestic Violence Clinic at the Superior Court of California in Norwalk, California.

In the Fall of 1996, Michele served as a Law Clerk for the Honorable David O. Carter, now a Federal Judge, during his tenure as the Master Calendar Judge for the Orange County Superior Court in Santa Ana. Finally, in the Spring 1996, she had the opportunity to work as a Certified Law Clerk for the Orange County District Attorney's Office in the West Orange County Court.

Michele worked in several positions to pay for her education and gain Public Policy and Public Administration experience. The positions included that of a Congressional Intern in the City of Long Beach for the Honorable Steven Horn, Congressman and as a District Office Field Representative for a member of the California State Assembly.

After beginning her career as a Criminal Defense Attorney with the Orange County Public Defenders' Office, Michele joined a corporate boutique law firm in the civil defense area defending Physicians, Acute Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Skilled Nursing Facilities and their Staffs before starting her own law firm in 2005.

Since 2005, Attorney Dobson has served the Long Beach and surrounding communities defending small businesses when they are sued and assisting small business owners with their personal legal matters. As a civil and criminal defense attorney, there are myriad small businesses and non-profits she has the pleasure of serving. Additionally, she volunteers on boards of directors or trustee to multiple non-profits in the City of Long Beach including the Rotary Club of Long Beach, the YMCA Metro Board of Directors, the Tichenor Center, the Long Beach Community Foundation, the Long Beach City College Foundation and the Community Engagement Committee for California State University, Long Beach.

Michele is a native of the Westside of the Great City of Long Beach, California and the proud mother of two children, a college freshman and a high school freshman.

RCLB Commitment to Ronald McDonald House

By Dorian Bolick

As we come to the end of the year it is so wonderful to be back cooking at Ronald McDonald House for the residents. While other groups are happy supplying pizzas or spaghetti, your fellow Rotarians continually step up to the task and cook a real home grown dinner. Our small groups (*since we are limited in size by the House*) work like a well trained restaurant kitchen, slicing and dicing their way to culinary excellence preparing meals for 25 - 30 people!

Since our dinners are on a Sunday evening it has been my goal to give the residents the kind of meal that Sunday family dinners are all about. Our reputation is such that our meals are much looked forward to. Things like roast chicken and meatloaf with all the fixings, along with salads and pies are always on our menu. Even during the period when we were not able to cook at the House, your fellow Rotarians kept the meals coming with delivered food supporting local restaurants including those owned by Rotarians. A big thanks to all the Rotarians who participated throughout the year and to those who have contributed monies

during the shutdown to help us continue our commitment to Ronald McDonald House. A special thanks to Mary Sophiea and Mike Mendelsohn from Baja Sonora for having donated meals as well. If you wish to join in the fun next year, please reach out to me and I will be happy to add your name to the list. We are also happy to take donations, which may be made to the Club, to help offset the cost of the food.



Welcome New Rotarian...

By Gregory Haeseler



Doug Coleman moved to Long Beach a few years ago and resides in a beautiful home on Virginia Country Club Dr. with his college sweetheart, Vicki Dawson. *(They are Razorbacks from the U. of Arkansas)* A former Rotarian from another large club, Rotary Club of Jacksonville, FL, Doug is ready to transfer his talents, time and treasure to our Club to do good in Long Beach.

Doug is the Founder, Chief Idea Wrangler, and Chairman of the group that organized the widely acclaimed [Riverside Arts Market](#). He has served as an officer and Board Member of a number of nonprofits including Jacksonville Sister Cities Assn., North Florida Land Trust, Riverside Avondale Preservation, Ski Tour Operators of America, and Jacksonville Tourist Development Council.

His professional career was in the airline and travel industry as Founder and CEO of Coleman Travel Corporation and Coleman Ski Tours. Now retired, Doug has since sold his companies to Snow Tours in NYC.

Doug continues to have his home in Jacksonville and is still active at TEDxJacksonville and Scenic Jacksonville. He is an artist and a sailor, who, by the way, crossed the Atlantic and sailed on to 16 European countries and Turkey. He is also a skier and is the founder of the Jacksonville Ski Club.

There will be several areas where we see Doug contributing to Rotary. He has expressed a strong interest helping the homeless and joining our efforts to provide food to college students in need. He also can see himself organizing ski trips for Rotarians and becoming involved with the Boating Committee.

Doug is a strong committed leader with a passion for community service. He is resourceful self-starter and knows how to make things happen. Co-sponsor **Gail Schwandner** and I are honored to introduce Doug to our legendary Club.

Welcome New Rotarian...

By Steven M. Keesal and Brian Russell



Randy Lindros has been Vice President and Senior Relationship Manager at Citizens Business Bank for 15 years. In this capacity he became friends with many of our members; being involved in all kinds of business groups and service-oriented gatherings. Randy got to know esteemed Past President Brian Russell at the Long Beach Commercial Real Estate Council. He came to us with the spirit that defines Rotary already deep in his heart.

Randy is passionate about microfinance, a type of banking service provided to unemployed or low-income individuals or groups with the ultimate goal of giving impoverished people an opportunity to become self-sufficient. To this end, Randy served many years advancing microfinance in Kyrgyzstan. He has served on the Olive Crest Board of Trustees for 10 years, as well as the Hope International Micro Finance Board.

He lives in Newport Beach with his wife Melisa. They are currently raising a two-year-old Swiss Shepherd named Yeti. We know the Club is going to enjoy Randy's professional acumen, down-to-earth demeanor and great sense of humor.

Welcome, Brother,
Keesal and Russell

SAVE THE DATES for December - Holiday Events



Wednesday, December 14 - **Rotary Holiday Lunch, The Grand**

Operation Santa Claus

Saturday, December 17 - **Bell Ringing for Salvation Army**

December 14

Reserve your seats now for our Holiday Lunch Program on Wednesday -

Date: Wednesday – December 14, 2022

Time: **12 noon**

Place: The Grand - Catalina Room (4101 E. Willow St.)

Cost: **\$42/person** (this lunch is not included in the Meal Plan)

NO coffee/cookie option

Deadline: **RSVP by December 8**

Main entrée: *Chicken Florentine & Braised Short Ribs*

OR

Vegetarian entree: Roasted Butternut Squash topped with Vegetables & Balsamic Glaze

Special participatory 12 Days of Christmas sing-a-long

Entertainment: **The Heart-N-Soul Band**

Operation Santa Claus

By Tina Barry, Community Service Director

Operation Santa Claus Returns!

Imagine for a moment a child who awakens on a holiday morning, excited to open presents. But there aren't any gifts waiting to be opened.

Now imagine the child's parents ... unable to provide gifts for their child. The heartbreak they feel because there aren't enough resources for presents this year.

Our Rotary Club can make a difference this year for this child and others in their situation. After a 4-year hiatus, our Rotary Club will be able to connect a member with families in need by providing gifts and toys for children during the holiday season.

- There are three organizations we are working with:
 - Long Beach Day Nursery
 - Bethune Homeless Education Program
 - Edison Elementary School
- There are a total of 26 families to provide gifts for and we'll receive details of each child's name, size and the desired toy or gift items.
- We'll have the information by mid-November for you to purchase and wrap the gifts
 - Deadline for delivery of the gifts: **Dec 16-17**

If you're interested, contact Tina Barry at tinabarry@barryconsultinggroup.com

Join Us and Ring the Bell - December 17

By David F. Woody



We have a tradition here at Long Beach Rotary to **Ring the Bell for the Salvation Army** and raise funds for their organization. They take in the indigents & other poor folk, to be able to shower, get fed & have a nice clean bed to sleep in. The funds help the community throughout the year.

See you **Saturday, December 17th** in front of **Chase Bank** on 2nd Street in Belmont Shore Santa will be there!

We will set it up with **one or two hour shifts from 10am to 6pm**. We will have red aprons to wear, the red pot for people to put their \$ in and will have our big Rotary sign up. It is satisfying to know it

really is for a good cause. Bring your folding chairs. See you there!

Contact Steve Shaw - steve.shaw47@aol.com



Global Grant Application Deadline - December 20

By Mollie Beck

Rotary District 5320 awards a \$30,000 Global Grant Scholarship annually to help prepare students for careers in one of Rotary's seven Areas of Focus and to foster international understanding among people of different countries.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 20th.

Rotary's Areas of Focus are:

- 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

District 5320 seeks applicants who can be outstanding Ambassadors of Goodwill.

The following persons are ineligible: a Rotarian; a Rotary employee, or Rotary entity; a spouse, lineal descendant (child or grandchild by blood or adopted or not adopted), a spouse of a lineal descendant, or ancestor (parent or grandparent) of any living person in the foregoing categories.

[Learn more](https://rotary5320.org/scholarships/global-grant-scholars/) about Rotary Global Grant Scholarships at <https://rotary5320.org/scholarships/global-grant-scholars/> and/or contact Joyoti Banerji, John Mathews or Mollie Beck.

Prompting High School Students to Consider Potential Careers

By Henry Fung



Lakewood High School is holding their
Inaugural Career Day on Monday, January 30, 2023.

Would you be interested in sharing information
about your career/profession with the Lakewood students?

They are looking for speakers for the following sessions:

- Keynote Speakers** for 8:45-9:45 am and 9:53-10:53 am sessions
- Classroom Speakers** for 11:07-11:53 am and 12:00 -12:45 pm sessions
- Career Fair Information Booths** for 12:45-1:34 pm

If you are available for any or all their sessions and would be interested in sharing information about your career, please contact either **Henry Fung** <igg_igg@yahoo.com> or **Marnee Brooks** marneebrooks@verizon.net to let them know or for more information.

Thanks for helping to provide career information for our future community leaders!

New Member Proposal

The following is being proposed as a member of the Rotary Club of Long Beach. His name is 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.

Paul Kaminski - CEO/Executive Director, Long Beach City College Foundation

Proposed Classification: Foundations - LB City College Foundation

Proposed by: Olivia Maiser and Sumer Temple

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

December 7th
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: President-elect Dobson's Board

December 10th
[Centennial Park Clean-up](#)

December 13th
[5 O'Clock Somewhere](#)

December 14th
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Holiday Lunch Program

December 17th
Rotary Club of Long Beach Annual
 Ringing the Bell...for the Salvation Army
 2nd Street Chase Bank

December 20th
RCLB Board of Directors Meeting
Speaker: CANCELLED this month

December 21st
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting
DARK for Christmas/Holiday week

December 28th
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting
DARK for New Year's/Holiday week

January 4th
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting
DARK - no meeting

January 10th
5 O'Clock Somewhere

January 11th
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Darick Simpson
Subject: Miller Foundation

January 14th
Centennial Park Clean-up

Birthdays This Week - Click Name to Send a Greeting



[Ronald Grimm](#)
December 7th



[Virginia Baxter](#)
December 8th



[Cassandra Geoghegan](#)
December 10th



[Cloy \(Mike\) J. Walter](#)
December 10th

November Rotary-versaries - Click Name to Send Congrats



[Craig R. Dougherty](#)
47 Years



[Richard W. Jordan](#)
43 Years



[John G. Beeler](#)
40 Years



[Daniel K. Walker](#)
39 Years



[Mark Curtis](#)
37 Years



[Jean Bixby Smith](#)
35 Years



[Jayne Lastusky](#)
35 Years



[Cam Doherty Killingsworth](#)
35 Years



[Kenneth H. Trossen](#)
31 Years



[Robert J. Stemler](#)
28 Years



[Randy W. Gordon](#)
28 Years



[Jim Hankla](#)
17 Years



[Tammy J. Newland-Shisido](#)
13 Years



[George L. Bell](#)
12 Years



[Douglas P. Haubert](#)
11 Years



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



[David Babore](#)
7 Years



[Aaron Anthony Blackburn](#)
7 Years



[Charles Parkin](#)
7 Years



[Robert Garcia](#)
7 Years



[Alison Bruesehoff](#)
5 Years



[Daniel Bruce Lipton](#)
5 Years



[Robb Korinke](#)
3 Years



[Nick Sramek](#)
3 Years



[Michael Neils](#)
1 Year



[Dawn McIntosh](#)
New Member



[John Mulvey](#)
New Member



[Randy Lindros](#)
New Member



[Doug Coleman](#)
New Member

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