



This Week's Program

Wednesday, December 9 - Join Us via ZOOM

ROTARY LEADERSHIP REVEAL

Dennis Smith, President #105
Rotary Club of Long Beach 2021-2022

12:15 p.m. - Dial In to ZOOM
Dial In Details Will Be Sent
 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. - Program Via ZOOM



By the time Dennis arrived in Long Beach at 18 years old just after his freshman year at Pitzer College in Claremont, he had lived in six cities in five states and a foreign country. After receiving his degree in Economics and Political Studies in 1984 he moved to Long Beach full time. His first job was in the original Farmers & Merchants bank on Pine Avenue where he worked in various departments and met Rotarians Phil Sblendorio, John Hinrichs and Dan Walker though the latter two would have no remembrance of the green kid in the note department.

After a few years at Farmers & Merchants, Smith started working in the mortgage industry in 1987. In 1999, he and his partners founded Stratis Financial with offices in Torrance and Huntington Beach. In 2014, he became a registered advisor to broaden the service and assistance he could provide his clients.

Smith comes from a family that has always been involved in community service and followed in his mother's and grandmother's footsteps by becoming active in Long Beach. He has chaired or served as President of several organizations including the local chapter of the California Association of Mortgage Brokers, Long Beach Education Foundation, Community Hospital, and Leadership Long Beach.

In 2012, Smith was introduced to the Rotary Club of Long Beach by his sponsors Dana Buchanan and Brian Russell. Since joining the Club he has served as a Sergeant at Arms, Vice President, and Director of Membership as well as a member of the Club's Foundation Board of Directors.

Of the different roles he plays, his favorite is to be known in many parts of the community as Mr. Leslie Smith and father to Blaire and Jenna. No matter how busy his schedule, he can usually find time for a round of golf, a spell at the barbecue joining fire and meat, or sitting and sipping some whiskey with friends old and new.

President 104's Post #23

Matt Kinley



ROTARY AND TRADITION

*"I wish it need not have happened in my time," said Frodo.
 "So do I," said Gandalf, "and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."*

- J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring*

The RCLB has its customs, some of which have existed for a long time. They bring us the cultural inheritance and richness of a 103+ year history. There's the sacred Rotary Bell to open and close meetings. We call each other by first names, demonstrating the RCLB's century old focus on equality and friendship. We are committed to service and serve our local and international community.

And this week, President-elect Dennis will announce our Club's new Board for the upcoming year, and he will announce President 107 (107!), the Rotarian who will lead us during the 2023-2024 Rotary Year. This changing of the guard is a grand tradition that connects this generation of Rotarians to the successes of prior generations. Just as we are proud of our past, we are also proud of our future.

But clinging to tradition in the face of a changing world can prevent evolution and progress. It took far too long to accept women as Rotarians and to finally name one as President (#82 to be exact, our own Cam Killingsworth). We have more work to do to make sure that we are a diverse club that represents our community. We must exert the greatest efforts in making sure that every Rotarian feels welcomed.

Answer the Call:

The Gift of Time

The circumstances of our time have given us an opportunity to make Rotary a thriving force for years into the future. Even though we have temporarily halted our fundamental custom of meeting in person, I hope every Rotarian will take a

CLUB LEADERSHIP



Matthew L. Kinley
President



Olivia Maizer
Assistant to the President



Ahmet Atahan
Vice President



Sathya Chey
Vice President



Braden James Phillips
Vice President



David Sommers
Vice President



Paul Patrick Scholz
Secretary
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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

few minutes to answer the call to reach out to another Rotarian chosen for you. Please check and respond to the email you will receive this week about the Gift of Time and help your fellow Rotarian celebrate the Holidays.

Help Our Community

Even though we are limited in the ways we can help, I hope every Rotarian will contribute gift cards to help families in need celebrate the Holidays. These gift cards will be given to the Salvation Army and Young Horizons who have identified families to benefit from your donation.

Let's Create Some New Traditions

Even though we live in times when even meeting with our families could cause harm, I hope every Rotarian finds a way this Holiday season to embrace their community, friends, and family in way that reflects the circumstances in which we live but also shows the commitment, love, and joy of a being a Long Beach Rotarian.

In the News

Rotary Meetings - What's Up!

LAST Week @ Rotary	THIS Week @ Rotary
Birthdays - Lydia Vincenty-Lowell, Dave Woody Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions Program - Aquarium of the Pacific Navajo Water Project w/DigDeep Rotary Revealed	Birthdays - Lisa Finn, Ginny Baxter Recognition - Dan Lipton New Member Induction - Mike Rivard, David Gayl Program - Rotary Leadership Reveal ! RCLB Golf Outing

RCLB Volunteers Needed by Janet Nelson, Inspiration Chair

Looking for ways to start the New Year on a positive note?

Volunteer to **lead our weekly meeting** with a few minutes of **inspiration!**
 To sign-up, please contact Janet Nelson @ jnelson@icb.biz or 562.436.9800



Congratulations and Thank You to our New Paul Harris Fellows!

Click on [Paul Harris Fellows](#) for more info!



- PHF** Dale Whitney
- PHF+1** Leslie Wiberg
- PHF+2** Henry Fung
- PHF+4** Don Cochran



Did You Know... RCLB Past Presidents

In anticipation of welcoming the Rotarian who will serve as the 107th President of the Rotary Club of Long Beach, we are reminded of our 100+ year history and the legacy of 104 Presidents (to date) who have guided our extraordinary membership in "Service Above Self".

1	1917-1918	J.J. Mottell*	37	1953-1954	J.H. Davies *	73	1989-1990	Robert E. Fronke*
2	1918-1919	John H. Feers*	38	1954-1955	Hubert J. Prichard*	74	1990-1991	James R. Howe
3	1919-1920	Ed J. Gillette*	39	1955-1956	Lawrence A. Collins, Sr.*	75	1991-1992	Gregory L. Owen (*2011-2012)
4	1920-1921	John R. Williams* (**1922-1923)	40	1956-1957	Vaile G. Young*	76	1992-1993	Russell T. Hill
5	1921-1922	T. R. Merrell*	41	1957-1958	Douglas A. Newcomb*	77	1993-1994	Donald N. Serafano
6	1922-1923	Charles L. Henderson*	42	1958-1959	H. Milton Van Dyke*	78	1994-1995	Robert R. Johnson
7	1923-1924	William P. Graef*	43	1959-1960	LeRoy E. Pitman*	79	1995-1996	Jack E. Hinsche
8	1924-1925	George M. La Shell*	44	1960-1961	C. Lowell Clarke*	80	1996-1997	John P. Gooding
9	1925-1926	James K. Reid*	45	1961-1962	Gus A. Walker*	81	1997-1998	Lawrence W. Jackson
10	1926-1927	Walter B. Hill*	46	1962-1963	W. Odle Wright*	82	1998-1999	Cam Doherty Killingsworth
11	1927-1928	W. H. Wise*	47	1963-1964	Darrell T. Heighbors*	83	1999-2000	Frank Newell
12	1928-1929	Harry Buffum*	48	1964-1965	Norbert W. Dean*	84	2000-2001	Don Wylie
13	1929-1930	Ross E. Hall*	49	1965-1966	Don C. Carner*	85	2001-2002	R. Whitney Latimer
14	1930-1931	Allen C. Walker*	50	1966-1967	Robert L. Irvin*	86	2002-2003	James A. Worsham
15	1931-1932	Charles H. Tucker*	51	1967-1968	Robert Hall*	87	2003-2004	Mark L. Bixby*
16	1932-1933	William P. Nestle	52	1968-1969	Henry H. Clock*	88	2004-2005	Randy Gordon
17	1933-1934	Guy L. Bliss*	53	1969-1970	Raymond Berbower* (**1975-1976)	89	2005-2006	Robert P. Graham*
18	1934-1935	Lawson Overman*	54	1970-1971	Harry D. Aggers*	90	2006-2007	Terry Gelling

Freda Hinsche-Otto
International Service Director

Mark Guillen
Membership Service Director

Lisa Finn
Youth Service Director

Mollie Beck
iPast 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

Cloy (Mike) J. Walter
December 10th

Mark A. Kachigan
December 14th

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December**
- 9th - Weekly RCLB Meeting
Speaker: Dennis Smith, President #105
Subject: 2021-2022 ROTARY BOARD REVEAL
 - 11th - RCLB Golf Outing
 - 15th - RCLB Board of Directors
 - 16th - Weekly RCLB Meeting
Speaker: Festive Participants
Subject: HOLIDAY EVENT !
 - 23rd - NO WEEKLY RCLB MEETING - Holiday
 - 30th - NO WEEKLY RCLB MEETING - Holiday

January

- 6th - Weekly RCLB Meeting
- 13th - Weekly RCLB Meeting
- 14th - 5 O'Clock Somewhere
Speaker: The RCLB Virtual Mixer
Subject: Happy Hour with Friends!
- 19th - RCLB Board of Directors
- 20th - Weekly RCLB Meeting
- 21st - Business Breakfast Roundtable
- 27th - Weekly RCLB Meeting
- 31st - Ronald McDonald House Meal Prep

February

- 3rd - Weekly RCLB Meeting
- 10th - Weekly RCLB Meeting
- 11th - 5 O'Clock Somewhere
Speaker: The RCLB Virtual Mixer
Subject: Happy Hour with Friends!
- 13th - Centennial Park Clean-Up
- 16th - RCLB Board of Directors
- 17th - Weekly RCLB Meeting
- 24th - Weekly RCLB Meeting

March

- 3rd - Weekly RCLB Meeting
- 10th - Weekly RCLB Meeting
- 11th - 5 O'Clock Somewhere
Speaker: The RCLB Virtual Mixer
Subject: Happy Hour with Friends!
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19	1935-1936	Raymond H. Green* (**1937-1938)	55	1971-1972	Roy L. Anderson*	91	2007-2008	Jane Netherton
20	1936-1937	Ralph A. Jensen*	56	1972-1973	H. George Hanawalt*	92	2008-2009	Brad Willingham
21	1937-1938	B. B. Stakemiller*	57	1973-1974	J. Lamont Davis*	93	2009-2010	Gregory R. Gill
22	1938-1939	Earl B. Miller*	58	1974-1975	James A. Willingham	94	2010-2011	Carl Ann Wylie
23	1939-1940	Fred B. Clarke*	59	1975-1976	John R Dalton*	95	2011-2012	Blake Christian
24	1940-1941	Julian R. David*	60	1976-1977	E. William George*	96	2012-2013	Gregory Haeseler
25	1941-1942	Herbert E. Waite*	61	1977-1978	Norbert G. Zink*	97	2013-2014	Katherine Cofield
26	1942-1943	John P. Davis* (**1944-1945)	62	1978-1979	Oscar W. Shadle*	98	2014-2015	Brian Russell
27	1943-1944	Lon E. Peek*	63	1979-1980	Judge F. Anderson*	99	2015-2016	Greg Burnight
28	1944-1945	Phil M. Swaffield*	64	1980-1981	Clyde L. Bronn*	100	2016-2017	Jayne Lastusky
29	1945-1946	George L. Craig, II*	65	1981-1982	George Gehring*	101	2017-2018	Steve Keesal
30	1946-1947	Max W. Becker*	66	1982-1983	Carl J. Calkins*	102	2018-2019	Gail Schwandner
31	1947-1948	John C. Cottrell*	67	1983-1984	Randall L. Stricklin	103	2019-2020	Mollie Bennet Beck
32	1948-1949	Gus H. Leuking*	68	1984-1985	Victor I. McCarty	104	2020-2021	Matt Kinley
33	1949-1950	Henry F. Burmester*	69	1985-1986	Henry J. Meyer*	105	2021-2022	Dennis Smith
34	1950-1951	Glenn E. Thomas*	70	1986-1987	H. I. Nance*	106	2022-2023	Alfredo Velasco
35	1951-1952	Joseph E. Madden*	71	1987-1988	Craig Dougherty	107	2023-2024	
36	1952-1953	J. Donald Locke* (**1954-1955)	72	1988-1989	Bernard L. Jones*	*	Deceased	(**Served as District Governor)

We also honor and thank RCLB members who have served as Presidents of other Rotary Clubs

Robert Latimer	1972-1973	Huntington Park
Randy Gordon	1989-1990	Covina
Sandy Simon	1994-1995	Irwindale
Matt Kinley	1997-1998	Downey
Alfredo Velasco	2012-2013	Escondido
Christopher Yco	2016-2017	Lomita-Torrance Airport

A special shout-out to our 2 sets of Fathers/Sons and 1 Husband/Wife duo who have served as Presidents!

Bob and Whit Latimer
Jim and Brad Willingham
Don and Carl Ann Wylie

Rotary-versaries ~ 10+ Years

NOVEMBER



[Craig R. Dougherty](#)
45 Years



[Richard W. Jordan](#)
41 Years



[John G. Beeler](#)
38 Years



[Daniel K. Walker](#)
37 Years



[Mark Curtis](#)
35 Years



[Cam Doherty Killingsworth](#)
33 Years



[Jane J. Netherton](#)
33 Years



[Jean Bixby Smith](#)
33 Years



[Jayne Lastusky](#)
33 Years



[Kenneth H. Trossen](#)
29 Years



[Robert J. Stember](#)
26 Years



[Randy W. Gordon](#)
26 Years LB + 12 Years



[Jim Hankla](#)
15 Years



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



[George L. Bell](#)
10 Years

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Our Rotary Family...

Congratulations to Rotarian **Robyn Gordon-Peterson** for her recent appointment to the Long Beach City College Personnel Commission. Rotarian and LBCC Board of Trustees member **Ginny Baxter** said, "I think Robyn exemplifies the best in our citizenry with her exceptional background and her commitment to fairness."

Rotarian **Stacey Baltes** wrote recently to let us know why she has missed attending weekly RCLB meetings. She has gone back to school to earn a Registered Dietician License to top off her 25 years of experience in the wellness field. Most of us know Stacey in her public relations role at Anchor Seaport Escrow; however, she is just as involved in Simply Nutrition, her Los Alamitos-based business. Stacey says, "It's one of my greatest passions - helping others live healthier lives".

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