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RCLB Youth Service Update

By Brian Camp Russell, Youth Service Director



Good news to report on our Club's Youth Service efforts! Our **Rotaract**, **Interact** and **RYLA** efforts are staging a nice comeback after COVID.

We have our **Rotaract Club of CSULB** doing very well with several dozen members under the guidance of Janey Roeder.

We have thriving Interact Clubs at St. Anthony and Cabrillo High Schools. The St. Anthony Interact is focused on raising funds for a new water well in Mozambique. While the Cabrillo Club is collecting clothes for immigrant high school aged students.

Our **Wilson High Interact** is coming back nicely too. Conor Weir's daughter is the President of Wilson's Interact. They participated in the Belmont Shore Christmas

Parade with us.

We have a Rotaract Club at LBCC forming and just getting off the ground.

We have our sites set on **reviving our Millikan and Lakewood High Interacts**, too, seeing the terrific work Henry Fung and others are doing on those campuses.

We are now working on selecting our **6 sponsored RYLA students from our high schools for Camp this Spring**. Over the years, RYLA is our gateway to youth involvement. Would you like to be a part of the Youth Service team and see what all the excitement is about? We would love to discuss it with you!

Yours in Rotary Service, Brian Russell, Youth Service Director this year & Connor Weir Youth Service Director next year

Write a Caption!



'Theresa Cornwell/Goran Reil'

WHEN - by EOD Thursday, February 2

Send caption to -Wayne Slavitt - <u>wayneslavitt@gmail.com</u>

Top Winners will be announced at the February 8 lunch meeting

Rotary Connections

By Judy Ross, Membership Service Director



Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, January 31, 5-7pm.

Your Membership Committee is hosting a **Rotary Connections** event at our beautiful **Rancho Los Alamitos**!

This is your opportunity to invite a friend, colleague or neighbor, who might be interested in joining Rotary and check us out! You don't have to bring someone to come, but be ready to let potential Rotarians know why you joined and help these guests assess if this is a good fit for them. Look for an Evite coming to your e-mailbox. Hope to see you there!

Welcome New Rotarian...

By Braden James Phillips



On Wednesday, January 18, 2023, **Robert (Rob) Gunsalus** was formally introduced as a new member of the Rotary Club of Long Beach. Rob is the President of the Long Beach Memorial Medical Center and Miller Children's and Women's Hospital Foundations, where he raises philanthropic support and manages over \$300 million in assets. He assumed his position in September 2021.

Rob's professional career includes university development positions with CSU Northridge, Santa Clara, Cal Poly Humboldt, Seattle Pacific, Trinity, and his alma mater, Oklahoma Wesleyan where he was Student Body President as an undergraduate. He also has served as Instructor at Purdue, Humboldt State, Indiana Wesleyan, and Oklahoma Wesleyan Universities; Head Men's Soccer Coach at Purdue and Oklahoma Wesleyan Universities; and Legislative Assistant to US Congressman Dan Ritter.

He holds a PhD in Political Science from Purdue University; an MA in Political Science from North Carolina State University; and a BA in Theology from Oklahoma Wesleyan University.

Please join me, and Co-Sponsor Randy Gordon, in welcoming Rob to our Club.

Welcome New Rotarian...

By Olivia Maiser



I've known **Paul Kaminski** for 40 years, and I'm so happy to welcome him to the Rotary Club of Long Beach. Paul is part of my extended family and I call him my cousin, although the real story is that his wife's great-grandmother and my grandmother were sisters.

Paul is new to our Club, but he is not new to Rotary. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Apple Valley for 5 years when he worked at St. Mary Medical Center in Apple Valley as Vice President of Philanthropy.

After commuting to the high desert from Lakewood for several years, Paul is now close to home as the CEO of the Long Beach City College Foundation. This position is an extension of his work as a nonprofit executive with 20+ years of experience in all aspects of fundraising and philanthropy – and has brought him full circle from his early career as a high school teacher at St. John Bosco. He is once again serving students, this time by providing financial support through the good work of the LBCC Foundation.

When you get to know Paul, you'll find him to be a man of faith, integrity, and humility. Paul's co-sponsor Sumer Temple says, "he listens more than he speaks" and "he inspires others to pursue their long terms goals." All of this and a great sense of humor, too!

Paul is also a do-er. Years ago, while coaching youth soccer, he noticed that Long Beach was losing talented players to Orange County soccer clubs because there wasn't a local club. So, he founded the Beach Soccer Club, which is still going strong today.

But here's the best part – Paul is a rockstar! He's a talented musician, a mobile DJ, and a recording artist who with a partner writes and produces music (The PH Project) you can find on YouTube, Spotify, and iTunes. Over his 30 years as a DJ, he has kept up with changing technology -- from vinyl to cassettes to CD's to now digital. He also plays in a rock and soul band – you can catch The Jam Daddies (whose motto is "aged but not old") gigging at Glory Days Beachside several times a year.

If you are an early morning beach walker, you may run into Paul there on his daily walk. He takes gorgeous sunrise photos and posts them on Facebook. He says it's a great way to start his day and if you "Friend" him on Facebook, you can start your day by enjoying the photos from the comfort of home - as I do!



Paul has been married to the amazing Cari for 38 years, and they live in Lakewood where they raised their 3 children.

Paul's co-sponsor, Sumer Temple, and I are proud to introduce you to my cousin, Rotarian Paul Kaminski.

Join Us on Court for Check Presentation!

By Lance Kenyon, LBRSF CSULB Chair

Friday, February 10th
#3 CSULB vs #2 UCLA Men's Volleyball
Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation - CSULB Check Presentation



Purchase Special Group Rate **Tickets through link <u>www.longbeachstate.com/rotary</u>** and sit with your fellow Rotarians

Event Date: Friday, February 10
Start Time: 7:00pm - arrive early to park!
Location: CSULB Pyramid

Join us on court for the giant scholarship check presentation between sets 2 and 3!



This Tuesday, 18 Rotarians will be spending part of their day at Lakewood High School's Inaugural Career Day. Each Rotarian will be sharing their own path to success and fulfillment in their respective careers/professions. Your Youth Mentoring Committee wishes to thank everyone who responded to the earlier call for speakers. As it turned out, we had more members volunteer for this debut event than Lakewood High School had available venues - a true testimony to the Long Beach Rotary spirit. Going forward, we are excited to coordinate all requests and opportunities for Rotarians to share their valuable information about their chosen careers/professions to our students in Long Beach.

A very special THANK YOU to the Rotarians who represent a broad spectrum of careers and professions and who will be sharing both inspiration and information to the students of Lakewood HS on potential careers/professional opportunities. The Youth Mentoring Committee also appreciates and commends the Rotarians' employers for providing their colleagues the opportunity to share their experiences and information on prospective careers with our future community leaders. Our Rotarians participating in the Lakewood High School Career Day include Leslie Davis, caryn desai, Michele Dobson, Anthony Gale, Richard Gibson, Robyn Gordon-Peterson, William Grella, Greg Haeseler, Douglas Haubert, Phyllis Hayes-Reams, Steve Keesal, Willetta McCulloh, Solimar Salas, Alfredo Velasco, Leslie Wiberg, and Nancy Zwiers. Marnee Brooks and Henry Fung will be present to assist the speakers.



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

Rotary Connections For membership prospects Rancho Los Alamitos

February 11th Centennial Park Clean-up

February 21st

RCLB Board of Directors Meeting

Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting **Evening Dinner Focus**

(No lunch meeting) Reservations Closed - There is a WAIT LIST

February 14th 5 O'Clock Somewhere

February 21st

Rotarians Appreciate Wine (RAW) Speaker: Hosted by Mark Guillen Subject: Blind Wine Tasting and Dinner February 8th

Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Leron Gubler

Subject: Hollywood Walk of Stars

February 15th

Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Rene Roberts **Subject:** 2020 Paralympic Rower

February 10th

Rotary Scholarship Foundation: CSULB vs. UCLA Men's Volleyball LB Rotary Scholarship Foundation

Check presentation and CSULB Men's Volleyball game

February 16th

Business Breakfast Roundtable

Speaker: TBA: in-person Invitation by EVITE for LB Rotarians only

Birthdays This Week - Click Name to Send a Greeting



Randy Lindros February 1st



Henry C. Fung February 5th



William Albert Grella Jr. February 2nd



Marcelle H. Epley February 6th



Albert F. Parks February 6th

February 4th

Daniel Eufracio Tapia



Diane L Donaldson February 4th

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