



**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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# Wednesday, March 1

### Long Beach Airport: Calm, Cool, Connected

**Cynthia Guidry** Director, Long Beach Airport (LGB)

> 12:00 Noon - LUNCH 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. - Program





# long beach airport

where the going is easy\*

**Cynthia Guidry** is the Director of the Long Beach Airport (LGB). Nicely nestled in Southern California as an award-winning airport with a unique open-air concourse, LGB is served by a handful of commercial carriers and is also one of the busiest general aviation airports in the country. LGB prides itself on providing fresh, new facilities and amenities, bringing the ease of travel to its customers. Ms. Guidry and her team will lead the next phase of improvements, adding to the respected legacy of LGB.

Ms. Guidry is a Professional Engineer licensed from the State of California and has 30 years of planning, engineering, and professional experience working for the City of Los Angeles, 18 years with Los Angeles World Airports, with several years as Deputy Executive Director of Planning and Development Group.

She also serves on the Board of Directors for the California Transportation Foundation (CTF), and the Los Angeles Chapter of Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS), and member of the Airport Minority Advisory Council (AMAC) Airport Leadership Collective. Ms. Guidry holds an MBA from Pepperdine University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of California at Irvine (UCI).

## Making a Difference - Ronald McDonald House

By Dorian Bolick, RMH Committee Chair



On Sunday January 29th, three Rotarians and one supportive spouse gathered to prepare a great dinner for the residents at **The Ronald McDonald House**. The Rotary Club of Long Beach has an amazing reputation for creating meals that are exemplary and Sunday's meal was certainly that. While other clubs simply drop off pizzas or pasta, Long Beach Rotary strives to create 30 individual, real meals that are worthy of a true Sunday family dinner.

Lisa Hopkins made biscuits and a brown sugar/chocolate chip dessert. Jesse Rivera made mouthwatering mashed potatoes and gravy. Michael Mendelsohn (*the supportive spouse of Dorian Bolick*) steamed the vegetables and assembled 30 individual salads thanks to Jens Rosmus dropping off the makings. Leslie Wiberg (a big thank you to her for being team leader) coordinated roasted chickens and ensured that the roasted chickens were cut perfectly, so much so that Martha Stewart would be jealous as to how professional they looked!

Pam, the House Supervisor, dove into her dinner before we left and could not thank Rotary enough for the thoughtful, delicious dinners. She is always grateful to our Club for the time put into making a balanced, comfort meal. As Leslie left, several of the family members went out of their way to thank us.

Participating with the dinners is a fantastic way to connect with fellow Rotarians and to really feel the difference that we make

in other peoples' lives. Very often, residents will come into the kitchen to see what the hubbub is all about and to connect with the Rotary volunteers. We get a chance to find out why they are there and to offer not only a wonderful meal but words of encouragement and support. If you wish to participate, please note that Rotarians need to have the initial Covid vaccine and at least 1 booster per the House rules. Being near families that are spending all day around the most vulnerable patients--neonatal, burn victims, cancer patients, etc.-- it is important that we protect the families as much as possible. Another way to participate is to donate funds and/or food. Three course meals for 30 people are not cheap and the participating Rotarians typically bear the cost. As you can imagine, this is quite expensive so any amount is always very much appreciated.

In March we will be kicking off an exciting new program where students from local High School Interact Clubs will be coming to the House to prepare the meals under the guidance of Rotary Club members. The students are 'hungry' (*excuse the pun*) for opportunities to do something meaningful in the community and this will be a great chance for them to do so. Our goal is to raise enough money so the students do not have any expenses and are able to give their time unencumbered with costs. If you wish to donate funds, you may do so by contacting Madrid and letting her know that your gift is earmarked for Ronald McDonald House. If you would like to donate food, please contact Dorian Bolick and he will gladly give you a shopping list closer to the date.

Many thanks to all who have participated and I hope you all have/had as good of a time as I!

### Write a Caption!



WHAT - Submit a caption for this photo 'Adriana Lanting'

WHEN - by EOD Thursday, March 2

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

Top Winners will be announced at the March 8 lunch meeting

### Welcome New Rotarian...

By Steve M. Hockett



Our Club is blessed to welcome Greg Magnuson as a new member.

He grew up in Oxnard and attended Ventura Community College prior to earning a Bachelors degree at Pepperdine and a Masters at Loyola Marymount University. After working his way up at Rockwell, he saw consolidation of the aerospace industry which made him rethink his career so he could stay in Long Beach.

He met his wife Deborah on an arranged blind date and they have been married for 26 years.

Greg is a "retired" public school administrator, but continues to use his expertise to serve as interim school district superintendents and consultant. He received numerous awards of excellence throughout his career, most notably 10 years in Buena Park as the Superintendent of Schools.

He spearheaded several literacy and STEM projects in the Long Beach and Orange County areas.

I met Greg at the Long Beach Yacht Club where he currently serves as Port Captain and is scheduled to be Commodore in 2027! Deb and Greg are also members at Virginia CC.

Please join co-sponsor Craig Cross and me in welcoming Greg Magnuson!

### **Camp Corner**

By Daniel Eufracio Tapia, Camp Enterprise Committee Chair

Friends, Rotarians, countrymen, countrywomen, *et al*, lend me your ears. Welcome to the first installment of Camp Corner, a small, periodic update on the state of affairs with Long Beach Rotary's most beloved project.

This week I would love to update you on this year's changes to student safety. Due to changes initiated by AB 130 (beginning January 2022) organizations working with students must have a contract with the school district. What has been a loose handshake deal with LB Rotary due to our long partnership with LBUSD now has to be codified on paper. This contract stipulates that



we are all (1) instructed on appropriate behavior around students (our Youth Protection

Training, or YPT); (2) have been Live Scan fingerprinted: and (3) a LBUSD representative will probably join us at Camp Enterprise.

We indicated to LBUSD that we would be delighted to ensure the parents and teachers of their students' safety. This contract indicates the security and trust between the LBUSD and the Rotary Club of Long Beach.

If you would like to learn more about Camp Enterprise or would like to see how you can help, please email me at <u>danieleufraciotapia@gmail.com</u>. We still have need for help at Camp Enterprise as well as at The Grand!



## **Rotary Visit to the Navajo Nation**

By Freda Hinsche Otto, International Service Director



For information, contact: Freda Hinsche Otto International Services Chair fhinscheotto@icloud.com

### Rotary Visit to the Navajo Nation May 4-7, 2023

The International Services Committee is organizing a people-to-people good will visit to current and potential Rotary service projects in the Navajo Nation. Highlights of the trip will include a visit to St. Anne's Mission in Klagetoh, Arizona; a tour of DigDeep facilities in Thoreau, New Mexico; an overnight stay in Window Rock (AZ), the Capital of the Navajo Nation reservation and an overnight stay in historic Canyon de Chelly. Rotary members will be responsible for the cost of travel, lodging and meal expenses.



### **Rotarians In the Community**

**Rotary Reads Day - John Muir Academy** 



Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation - Presenting \$292,750 in Scholarships to CSULB



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

February 28th 5 O'Clock Somewhere Monthly mixer on a different date Legends (Belmont Shore)

March 9th Roto5320 Toastmasters

March 16th Roto5320 Toastmasters

March 23rd Board Assembly for FY 2023-24 Speaker: FY 2023-24 Board

March 1st Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Cynthia Guidry Subject: Long Beach Airport

March 11th Centennial Park Clean-up

March 21st **Rotary Connections** Speaker: For membership prospects

March 28th **RCLB Board of Directors Meeting** Speaker: Re-scheduled from March 21 Subject: Joint Board Meeting March 2nd Roto5320 Toastmasters Rotary Toastmasters - build your leadership and speaking skills

March 14th 5 O'Clock Somewhere Speaker: Hosted by Aaron Blackburn Subject: Invitation by EVITE

March 22nd Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Barry Jordan Subject: NY Giants neurologist & Olympic USA Boxing team physician

March 29th Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Peter Kareiva Subject: NO lunch; OFFSITE DINNER at the Aquarium of the Pacific

March 8th Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Club Talent Show, Part 2

March 15th Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: John Shadden

March 23rd Roto5320 Toastmasters

March 30th Roto5320 Toastmasters

#### Birthdays This Week - Click Name to Send a Greeting



Douglas P. Haubert March 3rd

#### Club Leadership - Click Name to Send a Message



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