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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

<p>Wednesday, March 16</p> <p>A Conversation With Mario Cordero</p> <p>Mario Cordero, Executive Director Port of Long Beach</p> <p>12:00 Noon - LUNCH 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. - Program</p>	
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Mario Cordero, an international maritime industry leader, Long Beach resident and attorney, is Executive Director of the Port of Long Beach, California, named to the post by the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners in May 2017.

Beginning in 2003, Mr. Cordero served as a member, vice president and president of the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners for eight years, before resigning to accept President Barack Obama's appointment to the Federal Maritime Commission in 2011. He served on the FMC until May 2017 and was FMC Chairman from April 2013 to January 2017.

As Executive Director, Mr. Cordero reports to the Board and leads the Port's Harbor Department staff of more than 500 with a budget of \$622 million for the 2022 fiscal year.

Mr. Cordero has practiced law for more than 30 years, specializing in workers' compensation cases. He holds a law degree from the University of Santa Clara, and a Bachelor of Science in political science from California State University, Long Beach. He taught Political Science at Long Beach City College, served on the City of Long Beach Community Development Commission, and was Vice Chair of the Long Beach Ethics Task Force. Mr. Cordero was elected to a two-year term as Chairman of the Board for the American Association of Port Authorities in 2020 following a term as Vice Chairman, and he sits on the L.A. County Economic Resiliency Task Force for post-COVID-19 recovery as chair of the Commodities and Goods Movement sector working group. In 2021 he was appointed by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco to serve on the bank's Los Angeles branch board of directors, and for the third consecutive year is included in the Los Angeles Business Journal's "LA500" list of the city's most influential civic leaders.

President 105's Post #35

By Dennis C. Smith



Perhaps the silveriest of the silver linings from the pandemic is the widespread use of Zoom to bring people together. While many of us have Zoom-fatigue (Zoomtigue?), there are times when instead of being fatigued, a Zoom meeting energizes and inspires.

Example One:

Such was the case last Monday when several Long Beach Rotarians participated in a Rotary meeting which extended 5,300 miles and eight time zones away in Bridgend, Wales. Last year, Rhiannon Acree introduced our President #102, Matt Kinley, to William Williams, President of the Bridgend Club and Matt was invited to participate in their meeting focused on international projects. Continuing the tradition, I and other Long Beach Rotarians were invited to attend this year's Bridgend's meeting on international projects. [Read More](#)

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Kelly Ruggirello Lucera, Maestro Eckart Preu and Issy Farris



Michael O'Toole



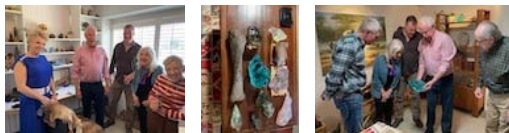


Mary Sophia and Mike Mendelsohn

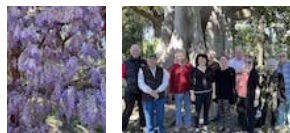


Rich Dempsey

ANTIQUITIES



Pam Young Lee and Docent Patrick



Phil Sblendorio



Glen Patrick and Bethan Cairns



After a year and a half of online Rotary Roots programs, we are finally back in person!

Over the past 7 years, the Rotary Roots program has featured 88 sites to visit. Some Rotarians have hosted more than once. This season's hosts went **above and beyond** to give visiting Rotarians a warm welcome. [Read More](#)

Feeding the Future - Save the Date – Saturday March 26

By Diane L Donaldson

Calling on all Rotarians to help college students right here in Long Beach who are food insecure. We've been making a difference for three years and students continue to need our support.

Please join us for our Third Annual Grab and Go event on Saturday, March 26th at the LBCC campus. We are looking for volunteers to help fill bags with food and hygiene items, which will be delivered to the Long Beach City College Viking Vault food pantries and to the ASI Beach Pantry at CSULB for distribution to their most needy students.

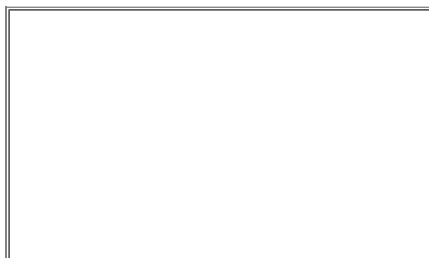
Let us know if you are available to fill bags during one of two shifts:

- 10 am to 12 noon
- 12 noon to 2 pm

Or, come early at 8 am to assist in stocking the assembly tables.

Invite family and friends (*who are vaccinated*) to join in the fun and rewarding experience!

Please RSVP to DianeLDonaldson@gmail.com or 562.243.7682.





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

March 15th
[RCLB Board Meeting](#)

March 16th
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Mario Cordero
Subject: The Port of Long Beach

March 17th
[Business Breakfast Roundtable](#)
Speaker: Sumer Temple - "Giving Back to Your Community"
Subject: For LB Rotarians only

March 23rd
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Blair Cohn
Subject: Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association

March 26th
[Feeding the Future - Grab and Go](#)
Speaker: Assemble at LBCC for both LBCC/CSULB
Subject: Assemble bags of food, hygiene and parenting items for students at LBCC and CSULB

April 7th
[Rotary Revealed Information Meeting](#)
Speaker: For Prospects and Sponsors only
Subject: Rotary Club of Long Beach Informational Meeting

March 30th
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Cliff Meidl & Malcolm Lesavoy
Subject: Camp Enterprise Kick-off In-person meeting only

April 6th
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Kristine Hammond
Subject: Zafaria Business District

Birthdays This Week - Click Name to Send a Greeting



[John J. Gilligan](#)
March 19th



[Joen Garnica](#)
March 19th



[Christopher Wacker](#)
March 19th



[Linda Rahn](#)
March 19th

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