



Future Locations - May/June 2021



The Rotary Club of Long Beach is Now Meeting in Person!

Due to New Meeting Restrictions, Reservations will need to be made one week ahead in the immediate future

Please note deadlines below and [RSVP to Madrid](#) for each Meeting

Grand Event Center - Palm Terrace (outdoors)

- **Reservations are required** for EVERYONE ATTENDING one week prior so the correct number of tables will be set up to follow health guidelines.
- **Masks are required** when not seated at the table.
- Entrance and exit areas are to be kept clear of mingling

Wednesday, May 12 - Reservations are Closed

Wednesday, May 19 - Reservation Deadline Wednesday, May 12
 Wednesday, May 26 - Reservation Deadline Wednesday, May 19
 Wednesday, June 2 - Reservation Deadline Wednesday, May 26
 Wednesday, June 9 - Reservation Deadline Wednesday, June 2
 Wednesday, June 16 - Reservation Deadline Wednesday, June 9

[Click here for the waiver](#) which must be signed in advance or upon arrival

President 104's Post #43

Matt Kinley



A WALK IN THE PARK

See you Wednesday at Noon

It's perfect for this week, except it uses the wrong day. Chicago's 1972 song **Saturday in the Park** (<https://vimeo.com/415770767>) extols the virtues of Central Park, especially the interaction of people - people dancing, people laughing. A place where troubles can be left behind, a real celebration. You know, before Covid-19 caused wet blankets to be thrown left and right? (CDC: The likelihood of transmission increases with laughing etc.)

One verse about the park that seems apt:

People talking, really smiling
 A man playing guitar
 And singing for us all
 Will you help him change the world
 Can you dig it (yes, I can)
 And I've been waiting such a long time
 For today

I can dig it! **I've been waiting for such a long time for today.** We have ALL been waiting for the day we can

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go out and visit with friends and family. For RCLB, we first value our friendships and the opportunity to be together.

Meeting to **help change the world.** RCLB does its part to **literally** change the world **literally** every day.

Literally is a funny word, known as an autoantonym. It means **in effect** as in our virtual experience over the past few months. We visited with friends **online**, we held our meetings **online**, we did our part to change the world, from the safety of our computer screens.

BUT! **Literally** also means **actually** or **truly** or **right here in front of your face.** To me, this is the real celebration. We can **LITERALLY** meet our friends in the park **AND** we can renew our real friendships. We can even revisit our **VERY REAL** plot to change the world. And it's as easy as a walk in the park. If you don't have your reservation, call Madrid right now and see if she can get you in.

IN THE NEWS

Zambia - THIS Week @ Rotary

Rotary Club of Long Beach - Join the Safari! - **TOMORROW, Tuesday, May 11 - 5:00-6:00pm**

Adriana Lanting will be your safari leader with safari guide and **Copperbelt project coordinator Jim Moore** for this adventure in **Zambia and beyond.** This meeting will focus on the work in which we are taking part and give us the most recent updates on how we can continue to participate. Grab a drink of choice and join us for a new kind of safari!

RSVP by **NOON TODAY** to madrid@rotarylongbeach.org for **ZOOM** access



Welcome...

By Nelson C. Kerr



caryn desai has an interesting signature plate on her emails **in** her name is in all lower case letters. Designed by one of her artist friends for a poster for a show caryn was directing many years ago, she has been using it ever since.

Distinguished Rotarians Judy Ross and Freda Hinsche Otto sponsored caryn into the Rotary Club of Long Beach because of her commitment to serving the Long Beach Community as well as having a wealth of local experience and qualifications. Freda stated on caryn's new member application, **I** am a huge fan of caryn desai, who is an incredible business manager, a talented professional producer, a huge asset to the Long Beach community and a caring and generous individual. **That** says it all. As the Artistic Director/Producer for the International City Theatre (ICT), caryn has been working and serving in that role for 30+ years.

Growing up in Camden, New Jersey (**it's** cold there), caryn was the middle child out of six children (all girls!) She did not have a privileged upbringing, often not having proper clothing for cold winters and long walks to school. However, from these humble beginnings, a spirit of determination and resourcefulness was forged. Though the family could not afford art school, caryn found a way to attend by working for the art school at age 15, and she has not stopped working since. After high school, she moved away from home with her older sister, and later married and moved to California.

With two young children, caryn attended LBCC and CSULB -- and graduated from both with a 4.0 GPA! With an AA and BA in Acting and Directing, she entered the Masters of Fine Arts program at UCI (one of only two candidates accepted) where she changed her focus from acting to directing. With her MFA, caryn became the General Manager for the Long Beach Theatre Company which was started on the LBCC campus, and she taught at LBCC for more than 25 years.









At ICT, caryn's career has been exceptional. Her productions have been nominated for and won many awards. She is a member of the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society and has a certificate from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London, among many other fellowships and certificates. Highly recognized by notable organizations including the L.A. Drama Critics Circle and the African American History and Culture Foundation, caryn has also been recognized locally by the Rosie the Riveter Foundation and has received Distinguished Alumna awards from both LBCC and CSULB, as well as being named **Enterprising Woman of the Year.**

On the personal side, caryn resides with her husband, Sashin, who is an avid photographer. She loves to travel, cook healthy food and rarely misses her workouts (yoga, pilates, barre, etc). One thing that makes caryn happy is seeing her friends and family in good health. She also loves to see an audience when they are moved or touched by a performance. She sees theater as an important art form that helps us to see and understand our shared humanity through the art of storytelling.











When you see **caryn**, please reach out to her and give her a warm Rotary welcome.

Lisa Finn (with Russell and Julian) Update

Lisa is doing well and appreciates the many messages of support and of encouragement from Rotarians. While she doesn't have the energy to respond/thank everyone, please keep those well wishes, thoughts and prayers coming! Lisa and her daughter, Madeleine are also grateful for the

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-  Michele A. Dobson
President-designate
-  Madrid Zimmerman
Club Executive Director
Club Executive Secretary
-  Dan Ouweleen
Assistant Governor

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

-  Gregory L. Owen
May 12th
-  Pamela Young Lee
May 14th
-  Laurence W. Jackson III
May 14th
-  Sathya Chey
May 14th
-  Michele A. Dobson
May 15th
-  Brad A. Willingham
May 15th
-  Gloria Cordero
May 16th
-  Stephanie James
May 17th
-  W. Kurt Wood
May 17th
-  Gregory R. Gill CCJIM, SIOR
May 18th

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May**
- 11th - **Malaria Partners (International Service)**
Speaker: Adriana Lanting
Subject: Malaria Partners - Focus on Africa
- 12th - **Weekly RCLB Meeting**
Speaker: First Meeting Gathering
Subject: In-person lunch meeting in the great outdoors. RSVP required
- 18th - **RCLB Board of Directors**
Speaker: Via Zoom
- 19th - **Weekly RCLB Meeting**
Speaker: In-person at The Grand Event Center
Subject: RSVP by May 12 required.
- 20th - **Breakfast Business Roundtable**
Speaker: TBA - Via Zoom
Subject: Space limited, RSVP required

transportation help and food support that so many members have provided.

Lisa asked us to share the good news that the first round of chemo was very effective at eliminating the leukemia cells. She will return to City of Hope for another round of intensive chemo May 10-15 to eradicate any remaining pre-leukemia cells. After additional treatments at home, she will be tested again ♦ and if results are clear, she could begin the bone marrow transplant procedure as early as July.

What can Rotarians do to support Lisa and daughter Madeleine?

- 1.) MOST IMPORTANT -**Lisa will need a bone marrow donor.** She has a rare blood type, A negative, and there is no match in the current international data base! **Please help find a match for Lisa.** If you aren't in the ideal donor category (**18-44 years old**), please spread the word with friends and neighbors with A negative blood type to get tested. You ♦ or someone you know ♦ could be the ONE! See **Be the Match** <https://bethematch.org/> for more info and to register for the test, which is quick (**mouth swab**) and easy.
- 2.) **MealTrain** - your generosity in providing meals for Lisa and Madeleine is very much appreciated. The May schedule has been filled, and the June calendar will be open soon at <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/4qe7w6>. In addition, GrubHub gift cards are always welcome.
- 3.) Also, **Lisa loves to read.** She is a James Clavell fan (**already has all his books**) but this gives an idea of what she likes to read.



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Who Ya Gonna Call?



We are highlighting RCLB members and their Rotary classifications to remind us that our 275 members serve in many diverse professions/businesses.

This week is our **FINAL Who Ya Gonna Call?** - the completion of **17 weeks featuring all RCLB Members.**

Today we are putting the spotlight on our **Honorary Members** and we are giving a special shout out to all **New Members who joined us in 2020 and 2021.**

Some members who are no longer active with their businesses remain **Experienced Resources** -- see their Member Profile in [DACdb.com](https://dacdb.com) for their contact info.

HONORARY

Don Knabe	Experienced Resource	https://dacdb.com
William H. Marmion Ph.D	Experienced Resource	https://dacdb.com
Valerie J. Owen	Experienced Resource	https://dacdb.com
Donna M. Reckseen	Experienced Resource	https://dacdb.com
Meredith Shaw	Experienced Resource	https://dacdb.com
Karen M. Wyrick	Experienced Resource	https://dacdb.com

NEW MEMBERS in 2020 and 2021

Jill Baker	LBUSD Superintendent	https://www.lbschools.net/Departments/Superintendent/
James F. Bunnell	Total Network Solutions	https://www.totalnetsol.com
Jane Caddell	Caddell Group	www.janecaddell.com
Veronica Garcia Davalos	American Red Cross	https://www.redcross.org/local/california/os-angeles/about-us/locations/long-beach.html
caryn desai	International City Theatre	https://ictlongbeach.org
David Gayl	Experienced Resource	https://dacdb.com
Rini Ghosh	AKG Electronics	RINIGHO@gmail.com
Jesse Heisler	ETHUS Sales and Marketing	https://dacdb.com
Jan Hower	LB Camarata Singers	https://longbeachcameratasingers.org
Mary Zerafa Loos	Publisher, Neighborhood Magazines	https://dacdb.com
John Mathews	The Justice Collaborative	https://thejusticecollaborative.com/john-mathews
Jeanne Perales	JP Consulting	https://www.foster2forever.com
Michael Peters	Waddell & Reed Financial Advisors	https://michaelpeters.wradvisors.com
Michael Joseph Rivard	Experienced Resource	https://dacdb.com
Jesse Rivera	Borrow Smart Mortgage, Inc.	https://jesserivera.com
Andrew Scammon	Home Equity Retirement Officer	www.effectiveiretirement.com
Sarah Soriano	Young Horizons	http://www.younghorizons.org/
Christopher Yco	Tricycle Learning Company	https://tricyclelearning.com/contact/
Nancy Zwiers	Experienced Resource	https://dacdb.com

26th - **Weekly RCLB Meeting**
Speaker: In-person meeting at The Grand Event Center
Subject: RSVP required by May 19
28th - **Club Monthly Golf Outing**
30th - **Ronald McDonald House Meal Prep**

June

2nd - **Weekly RCLB Meeting**
Speaker: In-person meeting at The Grand Event Center
Subject: RSVP required by May 26
8th - **International Committee Focus - tentative date**
9th - **Weekly RCLB Meeting**
Speaker: In-person meeting at The Grand Event Center
Subject: RSVP required by June 2
10th - **5 O'Clock Somewhere**
Speaker: The RCLB Virtual Mixer
Subject: Happy Hour with Friends! In-person gathering
12th - **Centennial Park Clean-Up**
15th - **RCLB Board of Directors**
16th - **Weekly RCLB Meeting**
Speaker: Fellow Rotarians
Subject: President Matt's DEMOTION! In-person at The Grand Event Center RSVP required by June 9
23rd - **DARK - No Weekly RCLB Meeting**
23rd - **Presidents' Party**
Speaker: In-person evening event instead of lunch meeting
Subject: RSVP by June 16 MOLAA
25th - **Club Monthly Golf Outing**
30th - **DARK - No Weekly RCLB Meeting**

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meets every Wednesday

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