



This Week's Program



Wednesday, May 19

StoveTeam International
Shelby Kardas, Executive Director

12:00pm - 1:30pm
Lunch and Program @ The Grand Event Center

Dial In Details Will Be Sent
12:30 - 1:30pm - Program Via ZOOM

StoveTeam International's Executive Director, **Shelby Kardas**, is grateful for the opportunity to share StoveTeam's mission and history. With a background in international business development, fundraising, and non-profit leadership, Shelby is passionate about combating the leading environmental cause of death and disability in the world and bringing improved health and opportunity to families in Latin America.

StoveTeam International was founded by Rotarian, Nancy Hughes, with crucial assistance from her local Rotary club in Eugene, Oregon, and Rotary International. StoveTeam's mission is to facilitate the placement of low-smoke, fuel-efficient, and safe cookstoves to support families and protect the environment. StoveTeam's innovative model for assisting entrepreneurs in Latin America has been awarded the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Partnership for Clean Indoor Air Award for Developing Local Markets for creating local employment while improving health and reducing air pollution. To date, local factories started by StoveTeam have produced more than 78,000 stoves, improving the lives of more than half a million people and preventing nearly one million tons of CO2 from entering the atmosphere.

Learn more at www.stoveteam.org and this video highlights our mission: stoveteam.org/why-stoves

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED - Grand Event Center - Palm Terrace (outdoors)

Reservations are required one week prior for EVERYONE ATTENDING so the correct number of tables/meals will be set up.

Wednesday, May 19 - Reservations are Closed

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

Wednesday, June 23 - PRESIDENTS' PARTY @ MOLAA - Reservation Deadline Wednesday, June 16

Ways to RSVP:

- Click on Meeting Date in Gold Sidebar Calendar in this RotaryGram and RSVP
- Email Madrid - madrid@rotarylongbeach.com
- Call the Rotary Office 562.436.8181

[Click here for the waiver](#) which must be signed in advance or upon arrival. **You only need to sign the waiver once (not at each meeting)** for the duration of our meetings affected by COVID guidelines.

President 104's Post #44

Matt Kinley



TAKE THE TIME

Time is delivered precisely. We are all trained to incessantly watch our digital clocks to precisely measure progress or lack thereof. Unrequested emails arrive with responses expected within hours. Amazon delivers on the same day. Life selections are made with the push of a button. But, for most of human history, time was associated with natural cycles. Longer days meant planting. The equinox used to be quite the shindig, associated as it was with the harvest. Most recently time was measured by the delivery of communication. Postal service could take months. The telegraph was almost immediate. The fax machine introduced us to wide-spread, immediate communication. It's been downhill ever since. No matter what business you are in, you have to move fast. Even funeral homes, whose customers don't typically demand rapid service, deliver virtual funerals. Ashes are delivered to your home by Fed Ex. (Please open immediately!)

Rotary has felt the pain. Rotary used to require attendance at every weekly meeting, with membership termination for four unexcused absences. It sounds onerous, but it contributed to Rotary's success: increased fellowship and increased service. Meetings were social affairs. Lore about the RCLB at the Golden Sails would typically involve long afternoons at the bar (or golfing or sailing). Make-ups at other clubs served to develop relationships all over the world. Bowing to the digital time god, Rotary has all but eliminated attendance requirements. Now, our rule is vaguely we hope to see every Rotarian at some function during the month. While necessary given the pressures we all feel, we lose out if we don't regularly see each other.

Which brings me to the new era of HYBRID MEETINGS, which will give members the opportunity to participate either at the live meeting or by logging on to Zoom. There are real benefits to this. Rotarians who are ill can safely join Rotary from their homes. Rotarians who are traveling or swamped with a project can log in from all over the globe or their office and still participate in our

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meetings. Overall membership participation should rise. When you can't take the time to attend in person, the virtual option is there.

But, I hope you take the time to come to meetings. You have the opportunity to have a meal and create life-long relationships. You learn or inform. Ideas hatch, plans are made. It's like stopping the clock and taking a break from the digital world, even if it's just to recharge your batteries in order to jump back in afterwards. Give the RCLB the gift of your personality and initiative so that the RCLB can continue to thrive. You'll get more out of it than you gave.

IN THE NEWS

RotaryGram Survey

THANK YOU for the 107 responses we received to help us improve the **RotaryGram (RG)**. We appreciate the time taken to answer the questions and share your comments and suggestions. The results will be shared soon!

Rotarians Needed Thursday, May 20!

By Henry C. Fung, Career Service Director

NEEDED: Rotarians with Experience in Design, Fabrication, and/or Manufacturing

Six teams of LBUSD's Sato Academy's seniors are presenting the process they used in developing a product. **Ten judges with a background in design, fabrication, and/or manufacturing are needed** to help evaluate the process utilized by these student teams. A scoring rubric and sample questions will be provided for the judges. This virtual event will take place on **Thursday, May 20th from 5:30-6:30 p.m.** during their Open House. **If you are able to lend a helping hand** for these seniors, please contact **Henry Fung** igg_igg@yahoo.com or call 562-810-9012 **ASAP as the event is this week.** He will put you in touch with the LBUSD Coordinator.

Thanks for investing in the development of our prospective colleagues.









@ Rotary last week... A Sea of Smiles!



Enjoy the many RCLB Rotarian smiles as we met for the first time in person!

Thank you to Salvador Farfón of [Caught In The Moment photography](#) for capturing the happy reunion!



-  Freda Hinsche-Otto
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Club Executive Secretary
-  Dan Ouweleen
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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

-  James C. Richards
May 23rd
-  Linda Trefry
May 23rd

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May**
- 18th - **RCLB Board of Directors**
Via Zoom
 - 19th - **Weekly RCLB Meeting**
Speaker: Shelby Kardas, Executive Director
Subject: StoveTeam International
 - 20th - **Breakfast Business Roundtable**
Speaker: Jim Better
Subject: "Navigating the Elder Care Journey" RSVP required for Zoom instructions
 - 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: Doug Haubert, LB City Prosecutor
In-person meeting - Grand Event Center
RSVP required by May 26
Subject: Homeless Trends and Innovative Solutions
 - 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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