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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



Wednesday, June 14

**The DEMOTION of the RCLB President #106
Alfredo Velasco**

Cup of Kindness Recipient Will Be Announced

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

While King Charles III's reign is just beginning, our Club President's is near ending.

If you've forgotten what Rotary was like BAV (*Before Alfredo Velasco*), come reminisce and rejoice over the Year of #106.

President's Award 2023

By Alfredo Velasco, RCLB President



**WAYNE SLAVITT
President's Award 2023**

Presented by

*Alfredo Velasco
Rotary Club of Long Beach President #106 - 2022-2023*

The special **President's Award** is presented by the current Club President to a Rotarian in good standing who has performed outstanding service to the Rotary Club of Long Beach during the current year.

We are thrilled to present this year's President's Award to none other than the one and only **Wayne Slavitt**! Since joining the Rotary Club of Long Beach in 2011, Wayne has been a force to be reckoned with. He held the position of Vice President (2012-2013) and then took on the role of Sergeant-at-Arms (2014-2015). He currently serves as the Rotary (International) Foundation Chair for the RCLB.

But Wayne's contributions to our Club go far beyond his official titles. He has graced us with his quick wit and entertaining facilitation in several ways including what is now known as Rotary Connections. And before this year began, in a moment of pure Rotary service and selflessness, Wayne bravely agreed to manage our first ever, annual caption contest. Week after week, he diligently collected, evaluated, and sanitized caption entries for our safe Rotary consumption and entertainment.

But wait, there's more! Wayne's dedication to making FUN happen, knows no bounds. He also led, organized, and helped recruit for not one, but TWO Rotary talent shows during the year. His many talents and efforts have truly made this a memorable year and worthy of the **2023 President's Award**!

Update on the LBRCF

By Dennis C. Smith, Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation President

President Alfredo has started every meeting this year listing many of the programs and projects that our members are engaged in, as well as stating that we "improve the human condition locally and globally."



Fundamentally to all of our efforts to improve our communities locally and globally is financial support, which is most often provided through our Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation (LBRCF). This is *your* charitable foundation as a member of the Rotary Club of Long Beach.

Last year under the leadership of Matt Kinley a substantive change was made to the LBRCF when he oversaw a change in the By-laws to increase the number of Directors on the Board, with the additional Board members being nominated by members of our Club. This change shifted the composition of the Board from being those solely appointed by the incoming President-Elect, to several Directors who have been self-nominated, or nominated by other Club members.

Following the input from members attending the Evening Dinner Focus meetings in November, for which the topic of discussion centered on the LBRCF, another significant change was made in our Charitable Foundation.

Members overwhelming stated they wanted the LBRCF to support projects and programs of the Rotary Club of Long Beach. This is a pivot from past years when significant amount of LBRCF funds would be used to fund grants to local organizations for their projects and programs.

With this change in the focus on funding from the LBRCF, the Club will be able to expand the engagement of our members with projects through our Community Service, Youth Services, International, and other Avenues of Service. Incoming President Michele Dobson has instructed incoming Club Board members of the change in the Charitable Foundation's funding focus so they can prepare budgets for projects and programs.

This year the LBRCF allocated funds for Reading by Nine, Feeding the Future, Camp Enterprise, and Centennial Park. Next year there are already approvals for new projects and areas of engagement for Long Beach Rotarians.

This year's Charitable Foundation Board of Directors deserve gratitude and appreciation for their efforts and time to work through policies and procedures to ensure a sustainable future for the Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation. As President of the Charitable Foundation, it was my privilege to serve with Directors Alfredo Velasco, Michele Dobson, Rich Gibson, Steve Hockett, Matt Kinley, Dana Buchanan, Greg Burnight, Juan Huizar, Danita Humphrey, Freda Hinsche Otto, Julie Meenan, John Romundstad, and Leslie Wiberg.

Thank you for everyone who made contributions to the Charitable Foundation this year and thank you in advance for your continued support and contributions to improve the human condition locally and globally.

Welcome New Rotarian...

By Tina Barry, Co-Sponsor and Co-Sponsor Judy Ross



It's my pleasure to introduce our newest Rotarian, **Jenny Stout**. Jenny first became aware of Rotary by her late father who was an active Rotarian in San Luis Obispo. She fondly remembers the commitment and friendships he experienced from his involvement with Rotary, and actively (and lucky for us!) sought out the Rotary Club nearest to her Long Beach home, RCLB!!

Jenny works in publishing and editing for DragonFly Editorial, assisting clients ranging from smaller nonprofits to larger multinational corporations from her home office. She edits and writes material for blog posts, newsletters, grant proposals, technical reports, medical documentation, and more. She also has her own Shores Editorial Services which provides services such as proofing to substantive developmental editing of technical material in various formats.

Jenny brings many wonderful skills and talents to our Rotary Club and looks forward to her participation in the Club. She is particularly interested in our community projects and in much of what our Club has to offer including meeting more Rotarians. Please introduce yourself to Jenny and you will be glad you did. Welcome Jenny to our Club!!

Welcome New Rotarian...

Paul Kaminski, Co-Sponsor, written by Co-Sponsor Sumer Temple





Twenty-six years ago, **Natalie Hale** founded Media Partners Worldwide (MPW), a women-owned media company that specializes in radio, TV and digital media, with a focus on Direct Response Clients (i.e., financial, real estate seminars, mortgage, debt relief).

MPW has also worked with known brand accounts such as Lumber Liquidators, Airbourne, Vizio TV and Lindora Medical Centers.

MPW started in the garage and grew into a 25-million-dollar company with 20 employees within 8 years. While sales, negotiation and client relationships have been Natalie's forte, through the many years, she has gained knowledge in on all aspects of running a company.

MPW is proud to be a WBENC CERTIFIED business. Natalie is also the owner of California Holiday and Retreat in Vegas, managing commercial properties and Airbnb rentals.

Before starting MPW, Natalie worked for 6 years in sales selling advertising at KFVB News. She led the New Business Development and received the Presidential Award for Excellence.

Natalie attended U.C.L.A., receiving her B.A. in Communication Studies. Her hobbies and passions include fitness, integrative health, self-awareness, investing in real estate and stocks, volunteering in the community, fundraising for the homeless, animal rescue/care and mentoring. Natalie is also a former competitive Ice Skater. She also enjoys spending time with her 17-year-old daughter, Haley.

Welcome to Long Beach Rotary, Natalie!

Presidents' Party



Presidents' Party for #106 and #107

At year's end we celebrate
the presidential year of

Alfredo Velasco

and welcome #107

Michele Dobson

Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 (No lunch meeting that day)

Time: 5:30pm

Place: Rancho Los Cerritos
4600 N. Virginia Rd., 90807

Cost: \$92 per person. Cash bar.

RSVP to Madrid by June 15, 2023

Catering by Primal Alchemy





International Yachting Fellowship

By Stephen B. Shaw, Boating Committee Chair

Hi LB Rotarians and Guests.

The Rotary District 5320 is part of International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians (IYFR).

They have chartered the American Pride, a 3 Masted Schooner on August 5th.

We will be boarding the boat at Pine Avenue Pier, departing at 11:00 AM and returning around 3:00 PM.

The cost is \$75 per person which includes lunch and soft drinks.


The boat holds around 85 people so sign up if you are interested ASAP because this event is open to the entire District and Guests.

See below for more details about where to send your check and adult beverages.

Deck Hand Steve

The Newport Harbor Fleet of the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians and the Boating Committee of the Rotary Club of Long Beach invite you to join us for a sail aboard the Los Angeles Maritime Institute's schooner

AMERICAN PRIDE



Date: Saturday, August 5th
Location: Pine Avenue Pier, Long Beach
Boarding: 10:30 am
Departure: 11:00 am
Expected Return: 3:00 pm
Cost including lunch with water and soft drinks: \$75 per person by check payable to Newport Harbor Fleet, IYFR and mailed to: Roger McGonegal, 2714 Hilltop Drive, Newport Beach, CA, 92660.
Parking: \$15.00 in the parking structure on the waterside of Shoreline Drive between Chestnut Place and Aquarium Way. Then a ten minute walk to Pine Avenue Pier.
Participants are welcome to bring wine, but safety regulations will not permit consumers of alcoholic beverages to go aloft (e.g. climb masts).
Depending upon weather conditions, we may sail beyond the breakwater and out into the Catalina channel. Jackets, sunglasses, sunblock and hats are recommended. Please wear soft soled shoes. Ladies, no high heels please. FYI, American Pride is not ADA compliant.

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

June 14th, 12:00
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
The Demotion of President #106 Alfredo Velasco
Roasting and Toasting #106.
[Cup of Kindness Award Presentation](#)

June 21st, 12:00-1:30 PM
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
NO Lunch Meeting - DARK

June 21st, 5:30-7:30 PM
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Presidents' Party in the evening
Celebrate the year of #106 and the upcoming year for #107

June 22nd, 2:00-3:00 PM
[Ro Toastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club](#)

June 28th, 12:00-1:30 PM
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
NO Lunch Meeting - DARK

July 5th, 12:00-1:30 PM
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
No Lunch Meeting
Happy Fourth of July holiday
Enjoy your **Fourth** of July

July 8th, 8:00-9:00 AM
[Centennial Park Clean-up](#)
Rotary Centennial Park
Monthly clean-up

July 12th, 12:00-1:30 PM
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Eric Lopez - Director of LB Public Works Dept.
Subject: Our Public Works Projects: What's in Store for the Future?

July 13th, 2:00-3:00 PM
[Ro Toastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club](#)

July 19th, 12:00-1:30 PM
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Lorrie Fair
Subject: Global Travels with a Champion Female Soccer Player

July 27th, 2:00-3:00 PM
[Ro Toastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club](#)

Birthdays This Week - Click Name to Send a Greeting



[Richard W. Jordan](#)
June 16th



[Marie O'Kelly-Green](#)
June 16th



[Katherine \(Kay\) Cofield](#)
June 17th



[Rini Ghosh](#)
June 18th



[Ronald D. Rand](#)
June 18th



[Daniel Bruce Lipton](#)
June 20th

Club Leadership - Click Name to Send a Message



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President



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Sergeant-at-Arms



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Fellowship Service Director



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International Service Director



[Judy Ross](#)
Membership Service Director



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Youth Service Director



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President-elect



[Steve M. Hockett](#)
President-nominee



[Madrid Zimmerman](#)
Club Executive Director
Club Executive Secretary



[Wayne C. Slavitt](#)
Rotary Foundation Chair

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