



Club Meeting

Long Beach
Meets at THE GRAND
4101 E Willow Street
Long Beach, CA 90815
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

Presidents' Party Reservations are Closed - Contact Madrid for Wait List

NO LUNCH MEETINGS
6.21 - 6.28 - 7.5

Next Lunch Meeting
July 12



President's Last Message of the 106th Year!

By Alfredo Velasco, RCLB President #106, 2022-2023

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I was told by Past Presidents that this Rotary year could be my best and they were right! It all began three years ago when my amazing wife Laura consented to my acceptance and promptly committed to writing the weekly speaker songs. My sponsor, Craig Dougherty, supported the call to be President. With support of YMCA colleagues and buoyed by Madrid's exceptional behind the scenes' leadership and with much humility and pride, I embraced the awesome responsibility.

After a smooth transfer of leadership and with the momentum generated from previous Presidents, Mollie, Matt and Dennis who heroically kept us united, we were positioned to enhance Rotary participation this year, increase new member introductions, augment number of guests, and foster a palpable trust from Club members to embrace new initiatives. In the third week, Club members spontaneously and loudly joined me by exclaiming... "and so much more," overwhelming me with their thoughtfulness and support.

Before sharing highlights from this year, we must take a moment to evoke those we lost. The passing of Gainer Pillsbury, Tom Scott, Anthony Davis, Vic McCarty, and Terry Geiling deeply affected us. Each will be remembered in their own special Rotary way!

Standout moments to be proud of and remember include the celebration of our historic 5,000th Club meeting. Raising \$130K in one day, reaching a historic total of \$1M for Reading by 9. We gained an outstanding 34 new members. instituted a caption contest that engaged members, along with a Rotary Bear program that helped capture Rotarian adventures, and increased recognition of outstanding performance through the Rotarian of the Month program. Vice Presidents secured fascinating speakers including Carnival Cruise Executive Chris Chiames, Constitutionalist Craig Smith, UCLA Football broadcaster Matt Stevens, and Hollywood Chamber of Commerce CEO Leron Gubler... who were all uplifted by personalized songs enthusiastically sung by Club members. We even had a memorable off-site "kicking adventure" at SoFi

Stadium and thanks to the Demotion Committee, a touching final meeting that I will never forget.

As we transition to our 107th year, I'm eager to see Michele Dobson and the motivated 107th Rotary Board take the baton and continue the tradition of elevating our Club. My Presidential experience and the Long Beach Rotary Family will always hold a special place in my heart. Ultimately, it was Rotarians, being Rotarians whom I deeply care about that made my year... and SO MUCH MORE!

Cup of Kindness Award 2023

By President Alfredo Velasco



DANA BUCHANAN Cup of Kindness 2023

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

Long Beach is an extraordinary place with exceptional, distinct, parochial individuals who guide our City advancing the quality of life in Long Beach.

The Cup of Kindness is awarded annually to a "citizen(s) of our community who has made notable contributions to others without thought of reward, personal gain, or recognition."

The **Cup of Kindness** acknowledges these remarkable individuals, and today we have the privilege of adding **Dana Buchanan's** name to this esteemed, quintessential Long Beach award. Dana's unassuming yet influential leadership has transcended numerous areas, extending beyond Rotary or Primal Alchemy, the business she co-owns with her husband Paul.

While it would be impossible to encompass all her accomplishments in a brief span, here are a few notable examples. Dana, a CSULB graduate and a member of the Leadership Long Beach 2010 class, has actively participated in the Women's Business Council of the Chamber of Commerce; served as a Girl Scout Troop leader; chaired the "Meet the Masters" program at Fremont Elementary; served on the Board of the Center for Spiritual Living; played a role in promoting healthy eating initiatives for LBUSD alongside Nancy Foster; been a dedicated supporter of Farm-to-Table; served as a Board Member for CCEJ, Belmont Shore Business Association, and CVB; contributed as a member of the Long Beach Alliance and Steel Magnolias; served the KLBP radio station's Advisory Board; and a Commissioner of the Citizen's Police Complaint Commission, among numerous other engagements.

I present the **Cup of Kindness** to **Dana Buchanan**.

A Message from Madrid

By Madrid Zimmerman, RCLB Executive Director



"A Short Break"

Lucky you! You do not have to worry about making reservations for any more meetings in June. We're taking a short fiscal year-end break so no lunch meetings on June 21, June 28, or July 5.

*(Of course, many of you will see each other at the June 21 evening event of the Presidents' Party at Rancho Los Cerritos - **Reservations are Closed, Contact Me for Wait List**)*

I want to thank so many of you for dutifully responding each week to reserve a seat/food for our weekly meetings. I realize you were wondering when would these endless mass emails from Madrid cease?

I know you will appreciate the next two weeks of solitude, and some of you will realize that by establishing this weekly habit, we have achieved a sort of mind meld...and starting in July you will anticipate my request for weekly reservations and make reservations without my prompting.

(Maybe you wish to respond now for President Michele's 1st meeting of the year, July 12, for lunch or coffee/cookie? Or, RSVP for all 3 July meetings in one email - July 12, July 19 and July 26!)

Just think of it: a possible 50% reduction of the number of emails you would receive from me each week ??

If you've read this far, I truly am most grateful for all that you do for Rotary, our Long Beach community, and allowing me to participate in your efforts.

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This year, the Membership Committee outdid themselves. Along with everyone's help, 32 new members were introduced to the RCLB with 4 more in the approval process.

Congratulations to our most recent Blue Badge recipients
Dawn McIntosh, Roger Civalleri, Lori Dwight and Jens Rosmus!

Upcoming Events - Click Title for More Info, Meeting RSVP and Mark Your June/July Calendar!

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
***Presidents' Party Reservations are
Closed - Contact Madrid for Wait List***

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 - DARK

Enjoy your **Fourth of July!**

July 8th, 8:00-9:00 AM
Centennial Park Clean-up
Rotary Centennial Park
Monthly clean-up

July 11th, 5:00-7:00 PM
5 O'Clock Somewhere
Long Beach Beer Lab - 518 W. Willow
Join us for our monthly mixer

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: Wat'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 26th, 12:00-1:30 PM
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: John Morris
Subject: Big Bang on the Bay

July 27th, 2:00-3:00 PM
**Ro Toastados - A Rotary Toastmaster
Alliance Club**

Birthdays These Next Few Weeks - Click Name to Send a Greeting



[Jan Hower](#)
June 21st



[Owen Kirschner](#)
June 22nd



[Ahmet Atahan](#)
June 25th



[John E. Romundstad](#)
June 27th



[Suman Naresh](#)
June 28th



[Jack E. Hinsche](#)
June 30th



[Jeffrey G. Wimbish](#)
July 3rd



[Robert D. Bond](#)
July 3rd



[Dennis C. Smith](#)
July 5th



[John W. H. Hinrichs](#)
July 10th

Club Leadership 2022-2023 - Click Name to Send a Message of Thanks and Appreciation



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President



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Rotary Foundation Chair



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