



# ROTARY MEANS FELLOWSHIP – ARTS - BUSINESS - SERVICE FABS

## This Week's Program

Wednesday, July 12

**"The Queen Mary:  
Why We Will Never Give Up"**

**Eric Lopez, Director of Public Works  
City of Long Beach**

**12:00 Noon - LUNCH -- 12:20-1:30 p.m. - PROGRAM**

Lunch \$38 (Cash/Check) - \$40 (Credit Card)  
Minimum Cost inc. Coffee/Cookies \$20 (Cash/Check) - \$21 (Credit Card)



City Manager Tom Modica appointed **Eric Lopez** as Director of Public Works in 2020. Mr. Lopez has served the City since 2006 and has led several key projects and initiatives. As Director, he oversees the Department's 500-plus employees focused on maintaining and enhancing the City's infrastructure and environment.

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## Passing the Baton...

## Birthdays



**John W. H.  
Hinrichs**  
July 10th



**Andy C.  
McFarland**  
July 12th



**Lance R.  
Kenyon**  
July 13th



**Timothy Aldrete**  
July 13th



**Meredith Shaw**  
July 16th



**Willetta Jo  
McCulloh, CID**  
July 18th



**Brian Camp  
Russell**  
July 18th



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## Rotary Means Business

By Michele A. Dobson, RCLB President



As many of you know from your voicemails, I have been calling our longstanding, 20 or more year as Long Beach Rotarians to get some institutional memory about our Club to be sure we maintain the integrity of who we are while we are planning for future growth. Keep an ear out this year for a series of recognitions of our 20 or more year Rotary membership; and in the Spring, we will celebrate our longstanding Rotarians at a cocktail social. I know I speak on behalf of all Past Presidents when I say that your longevity in the Club is why the Rotary Club of Long Beach has thrived for 107 years. If you are curious, 61 members or roughly 25% of our Club have been Rotarians for more than 20 years.

This year, we are looking forward to honoring the Past Presidents of our Club with badges that acknowledge their presidency. Each Rotary President has made the Club stronger, and we want to recognize the commitment of running a business while serving the Club as President.

Our focus this year will be on four pillars, *Fellowship, Arts, Business and Service or FABS*. We want to dedicate time to get to know each other better and develop deeper friendships within the Club. As many Rotarians are patrons of the Arts, we are going to celebrate the Arts this year during our meetings. We have a new committee dedicated to bringing Arts and Culture to us each month. We are going to spend time getting to know more about each other's businesses so that we can patronize each other. If you need a car, real estate, investments, vacations, insurance, banking; see a fellow Rotarian. Finally, we will continue serving the community through our work with literacy, feeding and scholastically supporting students, and mentoring students through Camp Enterprise. In addition, we are adding a Habitat for Humanity Build and an opportunity for Rotarians to build and provide bikes to underserved Long Beach Unified School District children.

Thank you for getting your membership renewals in and we will see you on Wednesday!

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## A Reminder from Madrid

By Madrid Zimmerman, RCLB Executive Director



### Happy New Year, Rotarians!

#### DUES

Your Membership Dues for FY July 2023 – June 2024 are now due.  
\$790 if paid by check or \$817.65 if paid by credit card

#### MEAL OPTIONS

Meal Plan option is available at \$990 (if paid by check) or \$1,102.65 (if paid by credit card)

or

**Individual Lunch** is \$38 (if paid by cash/check) or \$40 (if paid by credit card)

#### MINIMUM COST TO ATTEND THE PROGRAM

Includes coffee and cookies: \$20 (if paid by cash/check) or \$21 (if paid by credit card)

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## RoToastados - Come Join Us!

By John M. Graham III



Do you remember Alfredo's meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> 2023? What! Forgot already?

At that meeting an announcement was made about an effort to launch a Rotary Toastmasters Alliance Club for District 5320.

With Alfredo's blessing, within 6 months this Club is being chartered as a *Distinguished Toastmasters Club*, one of only a few clubs of its type worldwide. The idea for the Alliance may have started with Rotary and Toastmasters International but Long Beach carried (kicked) the ball.

Please join us at the **Belmont Brewing Company at 1:30pm, Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup>**, for this Ceremony. **RSVP to Henry Fung at [igg\\_igg@yahoo.com](mailto:igg_igg@yahoo.com)** by the end of the day July 12<sup>th</sup> - Thank you all for your support!



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## Come Meet Rotarians - Volunteer for Club Services!

By Stephen B. Shaw, Club Service Director

**Club Services** has a few areas that could use your help!

#### Song:

We would enjoy a few more people to lead the songs each week. We will be singing Beatles, Motown, Patriotic and songs that match our topic for the meeting. We are looking for 1 - 4 persons to work as a team lining up the people who are going to sing each week.

#### Set Up / Break Down:

We could use more people to help set up and break down the sound and visual equipment each week. If you are only able to help before or after the meeting, that's fine. Let me know - [steve.shaw47@aol.com](mailto:steve.shaw47@aol.com)

Other Committees and Chairs under Club Service are:

**Greeters** John Romundstad

**Ticket Sales** Meredith Shaw

**Inspiration** David Clark and Jeff Levine

**Pledge** Jens Rosmus



If you would like to help with one of these activities, please contact the specific Chairperson(s).

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# Join us at the RMH!

By Dorian Bolick, RMH Committee Chair



Preparing a dinner for the residents of **Ronald McDonald House** is an incredibly rewarding way to contribute to our community.

Join an intimate team of fellow Rotarians **Sunday, July 30th from 3:00 - 6:00pm** in helping make dinner and some great conversation along the way.

Please contact Dorian Bolick at [dorianbolick@aol.com](mailto:dorianbolick@aol.com) if interested.  
**Culinary skills not required!**

## Events - Mark Your Calendar

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:** The Queen Mary: Why We Will Never Give Up

July 13th, 1:30-3:00 PM  
**Ro Toastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club**  
Charter Ceremony at Belmont Brewing Company

July 18th, 4:00-5:15 PM  
**RCLB Board of Directors Meeting**  
Monthly Club Board of Directors meeting

July 19th, 12:00-1:30 PM  
**Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Lorrie Fair  
**Subject:** Global Travels with a Champion Female Soccer Player  
**LBRSE BIXBY AWARD**

July 20th, 8:00-9:00 AM  
**Business Breakfast Roundtable : in person**  
Topic TBA  
For LB Rotarians only

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**

July 30th, 3:00-6:00 PM  
**Ronald McDonald House Sunday Meal Preparation**  
Volunteers prepare Sunday dinner for RMH families

August 2nd, 12:00-1:30 PM  
**Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Blair Kent - Memorial Medical Center  
Also - **District Governor Roy Jefferson**

August 9th, 12:00-1:30 PM  
**Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Duke Givens - Care Closet

August 10th, 2:00-3:00 PM  
**Ro Toastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club**

## Club Leaders



**Michele A. Dobson**  
President



**Gail B. Schwandner**  
Assistant to the President



**Jean Bixby Smith**  
Assistant to the President



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Vice President



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Vice President



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Vice President



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Sergeant-at-Arms



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**Shelley Hanks**  
Sergeant-at-Arms



**Debbie Thorpe**  
Sergeant-at-Arms



**Denise Dahlhausen**  
CCO-Club Comm. Offcr



**Rayne Sherman**  
Career Service Director



**Robyn Gordon-Peterson**  
Community Service Director



**Stephen B. Shaw**  
Club Service Director



**Lisa Finn**  
Fellowship Service Director



**Matthew L. Kinley**  
International Service Director



**Sarah Soriano**  
Membership Service Director



**Conor Kenneth Weir**  
Youth Service Director



**Alfredo Velasco**  
iPast President



**Steve M. Hockett**  
President-Elect



**Kelly Ruggirello**  
President-Nominee



**Madrid Zimmerman**  
Executive Director  
Executive Secretary



**Donald E. Cochran**  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



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