



This Week's Program

Club Meeting

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

If you are unable to attend in person but can join us via Zoom, please email madrid@rotarylongbeach.org before 9:00am Wednesday for the link



Wednesday, July 7
Presidential Panel
"Looking Back, Moving Forward"

12:00pm - Lunch
12:30 - 1:30pm - Program

TURNING THE PAGE

This week's program will be a fast and frank review of the year past and how the RCLB reacted to the COVID-19 virus. We will review what we learned and how we grew beyond the many restrictions so we could start meeting in person again. Vice President **Robyn Gordon-Peterson** and Past Presidents **Mollie Bennet Beck** and **Matt Kinley** will lead us through a discussion how we made it back and the appreciation we've gained for our Club.

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By Dennis C. Smith



On June 6, 2012, at an offsite meeting at The Reef, Dana Buchanan introduced me to the Rotary Club of Long Beach. For those looking to assign blame you can add Brian Russell as co-sponsor. It was the second to last meeting of Club President Blake Christian (#95) term. The next meeting was Blake's demotion, and I was wondering what was going on.

My third meeting was the first for President Greg Haeseler (#96). I was searching for my badge and there was a balloon tied to it: I didn't know what it was for until I sat down and someone at my table told me it was so the Sergeant at Arms could spot me. The week before Sergeant at Arms Phil Steuber had called to see if I wanted to be recognized for my birthday for the small sum of \$150, not knowing any better, I said sure. When it came time for him to ask the members to guess which of the three events on the screen about me was false, he didn't know where I was because I had let go of the balloon and it was bobbing around on the ceiling.

And so it began.

Since then, the first week of July marks two annual events: my next year circling the sun beginning on July 5th, and the first meeting for the new president of the Rotary Club of Long Beach.

After a few years I saw my participation in the first meeting of each Rotary year as not only a chance to make a contribution to the Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation, but also to break-in a new Sergeant at Arms. Giving him or her the opportunity to get some experience with the microphone (*will they let go of it?*), and deal with a wisecrack, just in case they run across any later in the year.

The first Wednesday of July this year Sergeant at Arms Greg Burnight will not have to decide whether or not to let go of the mic, I will have one all to myself after I ring the bell to start our 105th year. Of course, since he will have a mic of his own it could get interesting.

Our Club has many great traditions, one of my favorites being our birthday recognitions, as we get to know more about other members, their families, hobbies and travels.

It is my hope that all of our members participate in birthday recognitions. Some may not desire to be quizzed and japed by the Sergeant at Arms, others (*Slavitt*) are more than comfortable sharing about themselves. Either way, please participate by making a contribution to our Charitable Foundation so we can continue to provide meaningful support to our community.

I look forward to seeing you this Wednesday as we ring in a new year for our great club!

Dennis

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

July 7th
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Panel: Turning the Page...
RSVP by June 30

July 10th
Centennial Park Monthly Clean-up

July 14th
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: City Prosecutor Doug Haubert and Sylvester 'Duke' Givens
RSVP by July 7

July 15th
Business Breakfast Roundtable
Speaker: Mollie Beck
Subject: Doing Business at Rotary
RSVP by July 12
Space limited - via Zoom

July 20th
RCLB Board Meeting

July 21st
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Jennifer Allen, Long Beach Day Nursery Executive Director
RSVP by July 14

July 23rd
Club Monthly Golf Outing

July 28th
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Dr. Mike Muoz, LBCC Interim Superintendent-President
RSVP by July 21

Birthdays This Week - Click Name to Send a Greeting

[Paul Patrick Scholz](#)
July 10th

[Robert R. Johnson](#)
July 10th

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

[Andy C. McFarland](#)
July 12th



[David Gayl](#)
July 13th



[Lance R. Kenyon](#)
July 13th



[Timothy Aldrete](#)
July 13th



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Club Leadership - Click Name to Send a Message

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