

# Rotary



## Club of Long Beach



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### 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](mailto:madrid@rotarylongbeach.org) before 9:00am Wednesday for the link.

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## This Week's Program

Wednesday, August 11

**Taking You from Medicare Hell to Medicare Heaven**  
Christina Martel, Martel Insurance Alliance

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

Even if on the Meal Plan, please RSVP in advance!

Due to recent health and safety changes for indoor meetings:  
Masks are required for everyone, whenever you are not at your table, eating.



**Christina Martel** is a native New Yorker. She relocated to Southern California in 2003. Christina worked in high technology in management positions for several years. After all the layoffs in 2002 she left the corporate world and, with her son's encouragement, established the Martel Insurance Alliance in 2005.

After earning her California Life and Health insurance license, she began by offering Health Insurance for individuals, families, and small businesses. She loved the health insurance business. She also enjoyed dealing with seniors and added Medicare, Medicare Advantage and Medigap plans to her portfolio early in 2010. Christina found her true passion when she began to focus on helping seniors. Now 90% of her business is geared toward making Medicare simple for them.

She is devoted to educating her clients about the plans available to them. Many have come to her from other brokers without a clue as to what they have. Clarifying plan benefits, answering all questions, and being available are keys to her success. A confused client is an unhappy client.

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## President 105's Post #6

By Dennis C. Smith



Ask any Rotarian, from Long Beach to Tulsa to Quebec to Brussels to Tripoli, to almost any city in the world, what is the best thing about Rotary. Whether they have been in the club for two years or twenty, they will most likely reply, the relationships you build.

In Long Beach, our primary avenue for building relationships is our weekly lunch meetings. The time before and after the meeting when we meet and greet, chit and chat. Our secondary avenue for building relationships are events and projects.

We have a few opportunities for you to get together with other Rotarians in the next few weeks, to have fun, have fun with a purpose and build relationships.

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## Welcome... New Member

By Alfredo Velasco



**Rotary Sunshine** - Instinctively, we are drawn to light. Campfires, sunlight, stars in the night sky or individuals whose personality and persona shine brightly.

Well, our newest member is such an illuminating person! On behalf of co-sponsor Michele Dobson, it is my privilege and pleasure to introduce to you **Rev. Dr. Phyllis Hayes-Reams**.

As her title indicates, Phyllis is an ordained minister, a physician, happens to be a Rotarian (*past President of the Rotary Club of Signal Hill*), a leader in our Long Beach community and as I mentioned during the introduction at our meeting, a little piece of sunshine for those who know her.

Phyllis was born and raised in Long Beach, graduating from Poly High. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Human Biology from Stanford University; and Medical Doctorate and Education Program from the UCLA School of Medicine. She is a Delta Sigma Theta Sorority alumna and received her Master of Arts in Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary.

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August 11th  
**Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Christina Martel, Martel Insurance Alliance  
**Subject:** Taking You from Medicare Hell to Medicare Heaven

RSVP TODAY

August 18th  
**Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Randy Shrewsbury, Institute for Criminal Justice Training Reform  
**Subject:** Reimagining Police Training for the 21st Century

RSVP by August 11

August 12th  
**5 O'Clock Somewhere Mixer**  
**Location:** Panxa Cocina - 3937 E. Broadway Cash Bar. Hosted hors d'oeuvres

August 22nd  
**Rotary Day of Service at Bolsa Chica Conservancy**  
**Event:** Day of Service with 4 other District clubs  
 16 more volunteers needed to help

August 14th  
**Centennial Park Monthly Clean-up**

August 25th  
**Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Shellee Howard, College Ready Founder/CEO  
**Subject:** How to Send Your Student to College Without Losing Your Mind or Your Money

RSVP by August 18

August 17th  
**RCLB Board Meeting**

September 1st  
**Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Rona Barrett, Hollywood Journalistic Legend  
**Subject:** Small Town Girl to Hollywood Powerhouse To Most Important Calling of Her Life

RSVP by August 25

**Birthdays This Week - Click Name to Send a Greeting**



[Donald N. Serafino](#)  
August 11th



[Michael C. Jensen](#)  
August 13th



[Ian Patton](#)  
August 15th



[Anthony H. Davies](#)  
August 16th

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