



**This Week's Program**

**Wednesday, August 12 - Join Us via ZOOM**

**MEET THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT  
VIRTUAL RETURN TO SCHOOL**  
**Jill Baker, Ed. D, Superintendent of Schools  
Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD)**

**12:15 p.m. - Dial In to ZOOM**  
*Dial In Details Will Be Sent*  
**12:30 - 1:30 p.m. - Program Via ZOOM**



Dr. Jill Baker was unanimously selected by the Board of Education as superintendent of the Long Beach Unified School District effective August 1, 2020. The school district is California's fourth largest, with about 70,000 students.

Prior to her appointment as superintendent, Dr. Baker worked for 28 years at LBUSD as a successful teacher, principal and central office administrator. Her leadership contributed to increased student achievement, the development of multiple districtwide initiatives and systems, and a culture of continuous improvement.

A Long Beach resident, Dr. Baker has been recognized by several community-based organizations for her encouraging leadership and her advocacy for high expectations and support for students in need. She has worked closely with community groups such as Californians for Justice and the California Conference for Equality and Justice to include student voices in the development of programs and policies that focus on excellence, equity and inclusion.

[Read More](#)

**President 104's Post #7**

**Matt Kinley**



**THERE MAY BE CAKE...**

For me, cake is an enticement. Invite me almost anywhere, throw in some cake, and I'm likely to be there. My favorite lately has been red velvet. Especially the one at Bake-N-Broil.

So, I can't promise anything, but there may be cake at next week's meeting. Not that cake is needed to get everyone there, because it's going to be a Rotary meeting to remember. *A barn burner with the possibility of cake.*

**RCLB & LBUSD**

We will be reaffirming RCLB's longstanding support for Long Beach schools. Rotarians will give us quick summaries before we hear from our new superintendent of schools. Space does not allow for a complete listing, but some of the highlights include: Reading by Nine (*since 1999!*); the Rotary Reads program; Teaching Ethics to Kids; Camp Enterprise; Interact Clubs; and the Service Above Self Award.

One new program is **Student Career Opportunities, Prospects, and Exploration (SCOPE)** where Rotarians speak on chosen careers/professions to high school students.

**AND**. The Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation (*LBRSF*) has for 60+ years funded over 5,000 scholarships which exceeds \$5 million!

**THERE'S MORE:** We are presenting a short segment on how COVID-19 has impacted moms. We will hear from a former Rotaractor, Maria Jose Prados, PhD, who is an Economist at the University of Southern California and a researcher on an important project on the subject (*read it here: COVID-19 has hit women hard, especially working mothers*). We all will benefit from this presentation, whether you are a Rotarian mother or have a wife, daughter, granddaughter, niece, or friend who is a mom in this COVID-19 world.

And, you never know. There may be cake at the meeting.

**Pawfect Partners**

RCLB Past President and Past District Governor **Greg Owen** and his

**CLUB LEADERSHIP**



**Matthew L. Kinley**  
President



**Olivia Maier**  
Assistant to the President



**Ahmet Atahan**  
Vice President



**Sathya Chey**  
Vice President



**Braden James Phillips**  
Vice President



**David Sommers**  
Vice President



**Paul Patrick Scholz**  
Secretary  
Treasurer



**Rhannon Evans Acree**  
Sergeant at Arms



**Bond Nichols**  
Sergeant at Arms



**Rayne Sherman, FHDA, CID, CSI**  
Sergeant at Arms



**Diane Wood**  
Sergeant at Arms



**Laura Doyle**  
CCO-Club Comm. Offer



**Henry C. Fung**  
Career Service Director



**Richard Gibson**  
Club Service Director



**Sandra Simon**  
Club Service Director



**Daniel Bruce Lipton**  
Community Service Director



**Brett Lewis**  
Fellowship Service Director

**Lydia Vincenty-Lowell**  
Fellowship Service Director



wife, Honorary RCLB member, **Val**, have introduced new puppy **Mollie** to the wonderful world of Rotary.

Taking a lead from her new pack leaders, End Polio Now Society Mascot Mollie is willing to forego just \$10 a month for doggie treats until polio is eradicated.

Click on [End Polio Now](#) and join the effort to eradicate Polio, and Mollie will be happy to shake your hand when she meets you.



## Welcome...



**Christopher Yco** is new to the Rotary Club of Long Beach, but as a past President of the Lomita-Torrance Airport Club and Rotary District 5280 Interact Chair he was inducted into our Club as an already well-established Rotarian.

In 2008, Christopher established Tricycle Learning Company, a college preparatory organization focusing on tutoring high school students to successfully take SAT tests. While this describes his profession, it also describes his passion and purpose. To teach and mentor young people is his calling -- and true vocation.

When considering RCLB Avenues of Service, Christopher had no doubt where he wanted to participate, **♦**I really wanted to be part of Youth Services**♦**, he said. **♦**I feel a very synergistic relationship with the Interact and Rotaract committees.**♦**

Christopher has a deep passion for helping students from all economic levels reach their goals. His community involvement has included work with the LBCC Upward Bound program, YMCA, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and other youth groups, volunteering his time for tutoring and counseling.

Born in Long Beach, Christopher grew up in the Torrance area, attending Bishop Montgomery High School before going to UC San Diego. After first setting down his business roots in the South Bay, he recently spent a few years in Pittsburgh to be closer to family. Christopher and his wife Pinky have been back in Long Beach, taking up residence downtown, since January of this year.

Christopher is an archery enthusiast and practices the martial art, Muay Thai. He and Pinky are expecting their first child in October.

## Did You Know...



### W. Odie Wright

1962 - 1976 LBUSD Superintendent  
1962 - 1963 RCLB President #46

1913	Born Megargel, TX
1922	Family moved to LB
1928	Shrine Auditorium, <i>1000 LB pupils/residents cheered</i> 14-year old LB Poly HS orator Odie Wright, Pacific-Southwest Championship, 5 <sup>th</sup> National Oratorical Contest
1934	UC Berkeley Sr. Class President, BA in Speech/Debate <i>Helped form LB Cal Alumni Club - Never missed a Cal-Stanford game</i>
1938	Poly High English/Speech Teacher
1941	Master <b>♦</b> s in Education from USC
WWII	Army Air Corps, served at Pentagon
1946	Dean at LBCC
1952	First Poly alum to become its Principal
1955	Deputy Superintendent, LBUSD
1962	Superintendent, LBUSD
1971	Chair, Large US Cities Superintendents of Schools

### LBUSD Superintendent

Superintendent Wright was a calm, solid leader, a wise guide in achieving consensus. He believed in getting people together, talking things over and getting everyone to get along.

He became known in the district for his inspiring pep talks delivered to teachers at the start of each new school year. **♦***We must not assume that some of our pupils can't learn. Neither should we assume that every new -- or old -- teaching technique works well with all children,*" he said in 1968. **♦***We must be patient, but not so patient that we accept poor performance from our pupils -- or ourselves.*"

### Rotary Club of Long Beach (RCLB)

LB Rotarians providing student loans began in 1929. The Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation (LBRSF) was incorporated in 1934 to continue the student loan program. **Under RCLB President Wright's leadership, the Club's longstanding student loan program was converted to a scholarship program for LBCC and CSULB students.** In 1964, the first Annual Report noted awarding six scholarships and an investment portfolio of approximately \$54,000. The Foundation continues to grow and last year awarded 178 scholarships (\$322,550), has an investment portfolio of \$9.7M, and an income-generating real estate investment of \$4.9M.

1930 As a 17-year old Poly HS grad, winner of the LB Press-Telegram Finals, Oratorical Contest on 'The Constitution of the US',



Freda Hinsche-Otto  
International Service Director



Mark Guillen  
Membership Service Director



Lisa Finn  
Youth Service Director



Mollie Beck  
Past President



Dennis C. Smith  
President-elect



Alfredo Velasco  
President-nominee



Madrid Zimmerman  
Club Executive Director  
Club Executive Secretary

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Michael C. Jensen  
August 13th



Jan Patton  
August 15th



Anthony H. Davies  
August 16th

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### August

12th - Weekly RCLB Meeting  
**Speaker:** Dr. Jill Baker, LBUSD Superintendent  
**Subject:** Meet the new Superintendent - Virtual Return to School  
13th - 5 O'Clock Somewhere  
18th - RCLB Board of Directors  
19th - Weekly RCLB Meeting  
**Speaker:** Dr. Ginny Baxter, Owner, Ginny's Getaways  
**Subject:** Women's Suffrage Movement 100th Anniversary  
26th - Weekly RCLB Meeting  
**Speaker:** Simon Haxton, Portuguese Bend Co-Owner/Master Distiller

## Our Rotary Family...

Condolences to **'Mike' Garrison's** family - he will be missed.

**Leland Michael Garrison, MD,** Ophthalmology  
4.27.1937 - 7.29.2020  
RCLB Rotarian - 1974-2011

Warm and healthy wishes are being sent to **Dr. Gainer Pillsbury**. (RCLB Rotarian since 1964)

Hugs to Past President and Past District Governor, **Greg Owen**, (RCLB Rotarian since 1978) during his recovery from knee surgery!

Rotary Club of Long Beach  
meets every Wednesday

Club Office  
400 OceanGate, Suite 470  
Long Beach, CA 90802  
562-436-8181  
[Rotary@RotaryLongBeach.org](mailto:Rotary@RotaryLongBeach.org)

Visit  
Long Beach Rotary  
District 5320  
Rotary International  
E-Club of the West

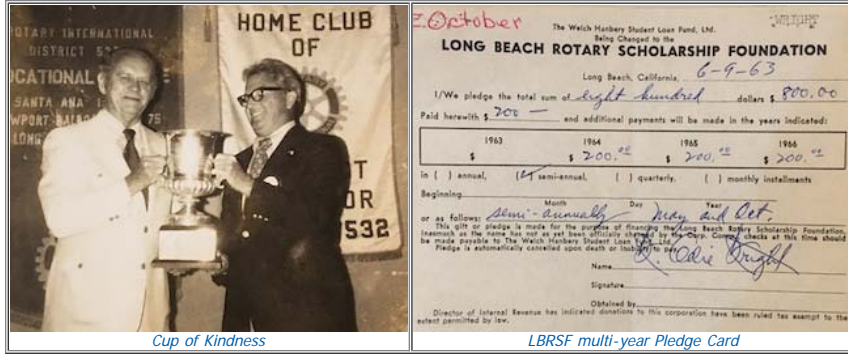
	he spoke at the RCLB Independence Day program at Hotel Virginia
1949	Joined RCLB
	Became RCLB President #46
1962	Established 'Cup of Kindness Award' to be presented annually to "citizen(s) of our community who have made notable contributions to others without thought of reward, personal gain, or recognition"
1963	Converted Welch Hanbery Student Loan Fund to LBRSF scholarship program for LBCC and CSULB students
1976	Recipient of 'Cup of Kindness Award'
1990	Became RCLB Honorary Member

Visit our Social Media Pages



LB Skyline Photo Credit  
Long Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau

August 12, 2020  
Vol. 104, Issue 7



Cup of Kindness

LBRSF multi-year Pledge Card

*Postscript:*

He was a quiet man, not especially demonstrative, whose consuming passion, beyond education, was growing prize-winning orchids. He had a hothouse and greenhouse in which he spent hours each weekend, planting, pruning and breeding beautiful orchids that he then shared with friends and family.

He was a Rotarian for 46 years until his death in 1995.