



This Week's Program

Wednesday, August 19 - Join Us via ZOOM

**100th ANNIVERSARY
WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT**

**Dr. Virginia "Ginny" L. Baxter
Ginny's Getaways**

12:15 p.m. - Dial In to ZOOM
Dial In Details Will Be Sent

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. - Program Via ZOOM



It was 100 years ago on August 20, 1920, that Tennessee became the last of thirty-six state approvals needed for the Nineteenth Amendment to be ratified, guaranteeing suffrage across the United States. California had already become the sixth state where women gained voting equality nine years earlier in 1911, but it was this milestone date, 100 years ago, that the Nineteenth Amendment became binding.

Fellow Rotarian Dr. Virginia "Ginny" L. Baxter will speak on the history and importance of this anniversary.

Ginny started her career at Long Beach City College (LBCC) in 1970 by teaching U.S. History after graduating from Occidental with a BA and MA in History. She was appointed as LBCC's Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Women's Advisor in 1975. In 1983, she was asked to take over the reins of the LBCC Foundation. At that time there were assets of \$500,000, with \$50,000 being raised annually. She increased the assets to over \$16 million, and for the past 25 years, helped raise more than \$35 million for the Foundation.

In 1988 she earned a Doctorate in Educational Management at the University of LaVerne. She retired from the Long Beach Community College District in 2011 to work solely for the Long Beach City College Foundation.

In April, 2014 she was elected to the LBCCD District 5 Trustees position succeeding longtime Trustee, Dr. Tom Clark. This area encompasses the eastside of Long Beach and south side of Lakewood.

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President 104's Post #8

Matt Kinley



A FRIEND

I met her several years ago, Iâ€™m not sure when. She has always breathed kindness and love of people. She is also extremely effective: at running a major foundation in town, in holding elected office, in running a charity-based travel business. I imagine she was a fantastic college history teacher, but I didnâ€™t know her then. She is always a delight to be around, even when she was pushing people out of her way with her temporary walker last year.

We get to test her skills as a history teacher this week as Rotarian Ginny Baxter speaks about women achieving the right to vote in the United States. We all know suffrage took too long and that women still had a long way to go. We all make snap judgments about people and their times, but we need to have more empathy. We think we know what it was like to be alive in the 1920s, but how much do we really know? The more we know about our history and the people who drove it, the more we appreciate the journey that our country has been on. Thank you, Ginny!

That brings me back to how I met Ginny, or for that matter Whit, Freda, or Rayne. We meet Rotarians along the way, they are all kind and caring and effective. We work together on a project, or go to camp or the Navajo Nation together, and we learn from one another. We see that Rotarians are unique people and that they are truly kind and giving. We also see that they are human, we become more empathetic, and respectful of our fellow Rotarians and their personal journeys. I tend to like people more, the more I get to know them. In a very real way, this is how democracy should work: civility, respect

and empathy for our fellow citizens, and caring for how the whole thing turns out, trying to include as many people as we possibly can in our journey.

Rotarians, friends, democracy, civility, empathy, voting, history: all cut from the same cloth. Iâ€™m very proud to know my friend Ginny and all she does for this community, just like all of my other Rotary friends. I hope you all get to know as many Rotarians as you can as we work to improve our community and the world.

President Matt reminds us of the opportunity to attend the Long Beach Economic Forum virtually by ZOOM on Thursday, August 20th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. This information-packed event used to be presented annually at the LB Convention Center and is now quarterly. In the present economic situation, information shared at the Forum is more valuable than ever. For more information and registration for this free event [click here](#)

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

	Laura Nelson August 19th
	Walter W. Larkins August 20th
	Steve M. Hockett August 20th
	Elizabeth Helene Lucas August 21st
	Shan Steinmark August 22nd
	Carolyn Caldwell August 23rd
	Joshua Rand August 25th
	Janet L. McCarthy August 25th
	Richard C. Dempsey August 25th

Welcome...



While most of us are sawing logs at midnight on Mondays, Rotarian **Jesse Heisler** is at home in Huntington Beach. Working. On the phone.

For his colleagues on that regular phone meeting, it is 8:00 Tuesday morning. Such is the schedule of a hedge fund sales and marketing executive whose home office, Ethus Ltd., is 5,500 miles away in London. Jesse is also a sales associate and registered representative for Global Alliance Securities, based closer to home in Orange County.

Jesse spent his early years through high school living in Lake Arrowhead, a community that is a popular mountain getaway for many of us and is home for a fortunate few who live in the pines year-round. Since then he has lived in Las Vegas where he graduated from UNLV with a degree in business, and now Huntington Beach is home for him and his partner, Lorena.

Two questions asked of Jesse since joining Rotary recently are, "Why Rotary?" and, "Why the Rotary Club of Long Beach?" His answers are quick and sincere "he was searching for a place where he would find fellowship and service opportunities. His home is so close to Long Beach that a recommendation to explore the RCLB was a natural, and he has indeed found what he was looking for.

Jesse says, "Since joining RCLB, I've met a lot of great people and I have found the perfect Rotarian-buddy in Past President Greg Haeseler." The two share a love of golf, professional financial interests, and an avocation of religious studies. They play golf rounds together regularly so competitors beware when you see a Heisler-Haeseler team at the Rotary Annual Golf Tourney!

Jesse received his Masters of Arts in Christian Leadership at Grand Canyon University and is currently working on his Masters of Divinity at Fuller Theological Seminary.

Jesse is taking full advantage of his new Rotarian status to explore service opportunities, and he welcomes any and all who reach out to include him in service projects. With his special interest in golf, he hopes someday to teach kids the game as he previously has done with an organization called "First Tee", teaching low-income youth golf and its values and lessons.

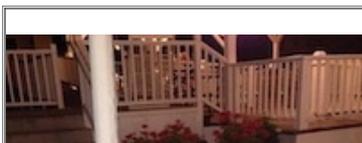
Welcome to the Rotary Club of Long Beach, Jesse!

UPCOMING EVENTS

August
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 Distler
September
2nd - Weekly RCLB Meeting
9th - Weekly RCLB Meeting
10th - 5 O'Clock Somewhere
12th - Centennial Park Clean-Up
15th - RCLB Board of Directors
16th - Weekly RCLB Meeting

In the News

Bob and Nancy Latimer - 65th Wedding Anniversary by R. Whitney Latimer II, RCLB President #85



Robert Whitney Latimer (aka the Chairman) met **Nancy Ann Green** (aka the Boss) while stationed in Long Beach with the Navy. Bob was born in Memphis and is a Washington and Lee University grad (we can still say that right?) Bob decided that the California coast with a Long Beach Poly and UCLA grad seemed like a pretty good deal. So they married in 1955, have two sons Whit and Mark, and settled in Long Beach in Bixby Knolls. Bob

Our Rotary Family...

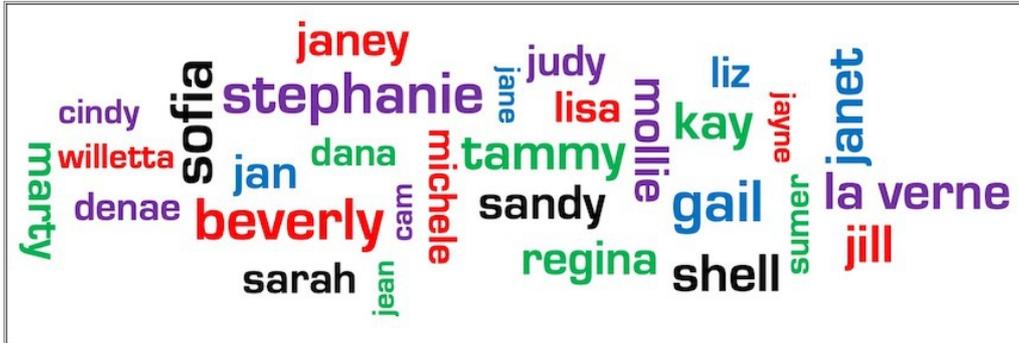
Condolences to Rotarian and Mayor **Robert Garcia** and his family for the loss of his stepfather, **Greg O'Donnell**, due to complications from COVID-19. Greg passed away one day following the memorial service for Mayor Garcia's mother, **Gaby O'Donnell**. They enjoyed 27 years of marriage together.

Warm wishes to **Sunny Chang** who continues to recuperate from injuries caused by a fall several months ago.



have two sons with one married and served in Long Beach in many ways. Bob started an accounting practice out of his garage (*Latimer and Massoni*) and Nancy was an elementary school teacher. Both civic minded, (*too many to list*) they have left their broad paintbrush on the Long Beach Community over the years. Now 88 and 89 they still live in Bixby Knolls in the house Nancy grew up in. They have 5 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild (*with another on the way*). They are both still sharp as tacks and enjoy rose-gazing in their backyard and their daily 5 o'clock cocktail hour (*not just once a month on Thursdays!*) Bob is a Past President of Huntington Park Rotary and is the **longest standing Rotarian in our club with 63 years of service** (*Huntington Park and Long Beach combined*). Happy 65th wedding anniversary Bob and Nancy. True role models.

Did You Know ...



Rotary International made the groundbreaking announcement recently that Jennifer E. Jones will become its first woman president in its 115-year history. This announcement caused us to reflect on the story of women in our own Rotary Club of Long Beach.

Of the 103 women who are currently Active members of the RCLB, 30 have been Rotarians over 10 years and some for 33 years! Among those, six have been Presidents of the RCLB and one was President of another club and served as an Assistant District Governor before joining the RCLB.

The Women of Rotary

The book, *A Century of Service: The Story of Rotary International*, details the various ways women were involved in the organization's history since the early 1900s -- except as members. Click on this link, [Women in Rotary](#), for an overview of events leading to court rulings outlawing gender discrimination in what had been traditionally all-male private clubs.

Following a historical decision by the United States Supreme Court on May 4, 1987, the RCLB moved quickly to implement a compliance plan and to integrate women into their membership ranks. The next day, on May 5th, RCLB leadership made phone calls inviting women to join as members. In September, included in the RotaryGram list of proposed members were the names of 4 women.

Trailblazers

Between October 1987 and December 1988 six women became RCLB members: Jean Bixby Smith, Jane Netherton, Jayne Lastusky, Cam Doherty Killingsworth, Stephanie James, and Beverly O'Neill. Each considered it an honor to be asked to join the Club, known for its tradition of service to Long Beach. They all still are Active members of the RCLB.

Donna Reckseen joined in 1990 and served as an Active member for 26 years. Today, as an Honorary member, she continues to give her time promoting and recognizing new Paul Harris Fellows. Honorary member Karen Wyrick served as the RCLB Executive Director for 33 years (1979-2012).

Transitions

The RCLB President #70 Bud Nance and incoming President #71 Craig Dougherty led the RCLB through the initial transition time, skillfully handling what is now recognized as the science and psychology of "change management".

The RCLB had been an all-male domain for 70 years, and not everyone was comfortable allowing women at first. John Wavell, a RCLB member for 58 years who recently passed away, was famously quoted in a newspaper article saying he was considering leaving Rotary if women became members. In a 2017 interview with the Long Beach Business Journal, Jean Bixby Smith said, "I will say that despite the feelings and I was warned that I might not get a very warm reception from some I absolutely never felt it."

As with all social change, acceptance was gradual, and eventually the women members were accepted by everyone. John Wavell did not resign, and on the occasion of the RCLB's Centennial, he addressed the issue. Before raising a glass of champagne in a toast to the Club's 100th year he said, "I was totally wrong in my assumption that women would be bad for Rotary -- they turned out to be wonderful! And without the women in our Club, we probably wouldn't even have our Club anymore." [Hear John Wavell's message here](#)

Growing into the Future

Today, the RCLB is not the Club of 1917 when it was founded or 1987 when women first joined - nor will the future Club be the same as it is today. The RCLB is a dynamic organization with leadership that embraces diversity of its members, understanding that it strengthens the Club as a whole. Each member brings a unique perspective, talent, and contribution -- all working together in the spirit of the Four-Way Test and Service Above Self.

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 Dr. of Optometry * Elementary School Principal * Superior Court Judge * Non-Profit Regional VP *
 Financial Advisor * Attorney * Own/Design Gift Products/Cards * Owner/Pres Signs/Graphics *
 Founder/CEO * Furniture Sales * Co-Own/Design Dir Arch/Int Design * Catering Proprietor * Ad Agency Pres *
 Bank CEO * Owner/Attorney * Storage Office Manager * AV Production Owner * RE/Land Dev Dir/Pres

Years in Rotary (P) President

33 Jean Bixby Smith	29 Sandy Simon (P)	23 Katherine (Kay) Cofield (P)	17 Jan Maize	11 Michele Dobson
33 Jane Netherton (P)	27 Gail Schwandner (P)	21 Janet McCarthy	15 Judy Vander Lans	11 Dana Buchanan
33 Jayne Lastusky (P)	25 Sofia Riley	21 Shell Grossman	15 Lisa Hopkins	11 Tammy Newland-Shishido
33 Cam Doherty Killingsworth (P)	24 LaVerne Davis	18 Mollie Bennet Beck (P)	14 Marty Kumer	10 Cindy Allen
32 Stephanie James	24 Jill Rosenberg	18 Janey Roeder	11 Sarah Naccarato	10 Willetta McCulloh
32 Beverly O'Neill	23 Elizabeth "Liz" Lucas	18 Regina Rushing Maguire	11 Denae Oatey	10 Sumer Temple

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