



ROTARY MEANS FELLOWSHIP – ARTS - BUSINESS - SERVICE FABS

This Week's Program

Wednesday, August 23

**Developments and Opportunities
in the City of Long Beach**

**Rex Richardson, Mayor
City of Long Beach**

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



Rex Richardson is the 29th Mayor of Long Beach. He is a husband, father of two, and a trailblazer as the first Black mayor in the City's history.

Mayor Richardson is a regional leader, having served as the President of the Southern California Association of Governments—the largest metropolitan planning organization in America.

Since taking office, Mayor Richardson has led with his Opportunity Beach Agenda—the first 100-day plan ever presented by a Mayor of Long Beach. He is tackling major issues like homelessness, building an economy where everyone thrives, creating safe and healthy communities, investing in youth, and supporting a sustainable and resilient City.

Mayor Rex Richardson's vision is to advance the leadership of Long Beach as the second-largest city in the region, home to the country's second-largest seaport, one of the fastest-growing space tech clusters in the country, and dozens of diverse neighborhoods and communities.

Mayor Richardson believes that everyone deserves a seat at the table.

Birthdays



[Carolyn Caldwell](#)
August 23rd



[Michael Neils](#)
August 23rd



[Richard C. Dempsey](#)
August 25th



[Christy Westphal](#)
August 26th



[Brandon Howard](#)
August 28th



[Kevin M. Tiber](#)
August 29th

Channeling the Energy of Youth

By Conor Kenneth Weir, Youth Service Director

Reading By 9, Bikes for Kids, Camp Enterprise, Scholarships to LBCC and CSULB - many of our strongest programs are the focus in Youth Services (YS). By educating and developing our youth, we build a stronger city, community and country, but something is missing... Of those thousands of books we give away, how many students never hear of Rotary again? Why do we struggle to fill Camp Enterprise to



capacity? What happens to the Camp alumni after they come down the hill? Too often we miss the opportunity to fully engage with these students – to develop their passion for service, to track their progress, and to eventually bring them into the Rotary family.

Fortunately, we have all the pieces to complete this puzzle!! We have a strong team of LB Rotarians eager to work with youth, Dan Tapia has established excellent relations with LBUSD, and our District is a national leader in building youth Rotary Clubs. Your YS Team is putting those pieces together to create strong Interact (high-school) and Rotaract (college & community) clubs that build young community leaders and act as conduits to all that Rotary has to offer.

Our over-arching goal over the next two years is to have an Interact Club at each of the 11 high-schools in LBUSD, Rotaract Programs at the 2 colleges, and a community Rotaract. We have 10 of our 14 liaisons in place and are looking for four more people to help build clubs and attend one meeting per month. Other roles include planning youth volunteer opportunities, and general hands-on-deck. Please reach out to Conor (conor.weir@accelerateretirement.com) if you are interested in getting involved with this exciting and high-impact project.

Event Calendar

August 22nd, 5:30-7:00 PM
Rotary Connections

Bring a member prospect to meet LB Rotary
Hosted by Deborah Williams

August 23rd, 12:00-1:30 PM
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Mayor Rex Richardson
Subject: Developments and Opportunities in the City of Long Beach

August 24th, 2:00-3:00 PM
Ro Toastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club

August 30th, 12:00-1:30 PM
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Carolyn Caldwell
Subject: St. Mary's 100th Anniversary

September 6th, 12:00-1:30 PM
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Lorrie Fair Allen
Subject: Global Travels with a Champion Female Soccer Player

September 9th, 8:00-10:00 AM
Terry Geiling Memorial Bike Ride

Annual Bike Ride
Start at Beach Bike Trail and end at Belmont Brewing Co.

September 9th, 8:00-10:00 AM
Terry Geiling Memorial Walk and Bike Ride

Ride in memory of Terry Geiling
8:00am Bike ride (begin at LB Bike Path);
8:30am Walkers begin;
9:00am Breakfast at Belmont Brewery

September 12th, 5:00-7:00 PM
5 O'Clock Somewhere

Monthly afterhours mixer
Alder and Sage (366 Cherry Ave.)

September 13th, 12:00-1:30 PM
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: John Robinson & Megan Marron
Subject: OFFSITE at "Greek Church" 5761 E. Colorado
"Filming in Long Beach"

September 14th, 2:00-3:00 PM
Ro Toastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club

September 19th, 4:00-5:15 PM
RCLB Board of Directors Meeting

September 20th, 12:00-2:00 PM
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Karen Scissum Gunn - CSULB Provost
Subject: Plus: Reading by 9 Fundraiser with Frank Newell

Club Leaders



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Assistant to the President



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