




This Week's Program

Wednesday, August 5 - Join Us via ZOOM

LONG BEACH (LGB) AIRPORT - THE FUTURE
Cynthia Guidry
Director, Long Beach Airport (LGB)

5:45 p.m. - Dial In to ZOOM
Dial In Details Will Be Sent
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Program Via ZOOM



Just over one year ago, Cynthia Guidry was appointed Director of the Long Beach Airport (LGB) in June 2019. Ms. Guidry brings 26 years of local government experience in various leadership positions including 14 years in airport management.

For five years before joining Long Beach, Ms. Guidry served as the Deputy Executive Director for the City of Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), the governing body for LAX and Van Nuys Airports. There, she oversaw more than 400 employees in the LAWA Planning and Development Group. She also has managed employees in the LAWA Planning, Environmental, Engineering and Facility Management Divisions. Previously, she held positions as Chief of Planning and Civil Engineer at LAWA and she began her engineering career in the Department of Public Works for City of Los Angeles.

Ms. Guidry holds a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of California, Irvine, and an MBA from Pepperdine University, and she is a licensed Professional Engineer.

Long Beach Airport (LGB) has been serving the Long Beach area since 1923 and is an important transportation and business hub for Los Angeles and Orange Counties. The Department has more than 105 full-time employees with a budget of more than \$49 million. LGB is in the design phase of one of the largest projects in Airport history, phase II Terminal Area Improvement Program.

President 104's Post #6

Matt Kinley



ROTARY TRANSITIONS

◆ *A bend in the road is not the end of the road* ◆ *Unless you fail to make the turn.* ◆ *Helen Keller*

Transitions are coming at this week's meeting. In a year of transitions, many of us are getting comfortable with almost daily changes to our lives. If you're one of those who likes the status quo, psychologists suggest that one way to cope is to turn to your social network for help. That works well! Your friends from Rotary will help guide you and show you that you can navigate change!

New Sergeant at Arms and Vice President

We have all become excited to see the insightful and kind *Dee Wood* as July's Sergeant at Arms. She did a fabulous job and will be missed. August's SAA is *Rhiannon Acree*, another beautiful soul who will be great at the job.

Sathya Chey was July's Vice President and brought us John Bishop, CEO of Memorial; Tom Modica, our new City Manager; Will Pomerantz of Virgin Orbit; and, our time coach, Dr. Regina Lark. These were timely and important speakers. We really appreciate all of *Sathya's* work!

The VP for August is *David Sommers*, and he has a great month lined up:

- For our 8/5 evening meeting, Cynthia Guidry, Long Beach Airport Director.
- On 8/12, Jill Baker, the new Superintendent of the Long Beach Unified School District.
- On 8/19, our very own Ginny Baxter in a must-see program commemorating women's suffrage.
- On 8/26, we will hear from Simon Haxton, Portuguese Bend's Master Distiller.

A second great month of programs you won't want to miss!

New Venue!

Our August 5th evening meeting will be hosted on a new set from a new location. More information to follow, but tune in for our evening meeting on Wednesday!

It's Back!

In this week's meeting, we will honor Rotarians who have celebrated a birthday as well as meet a couple of our new Rotarians who were inducted into the Club last week.

We will also take a few minutes so Rotarians can become reacquainted. **BREAKOUT ROOMS ARE BACK!** Breakout rooms are smaller groups of Rotarians so you can get some face time with some real cool people.

CLUB LEADERSHIP



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Fellowship Service Director

Evening Meetings

This will be the second of our monthly evening meetings. These are meant to allow Rotarians who are not available during the day and vampires an opportunity to participate in the meeting. It's a chance to be a little more casual with a glass of adult beverage. Our plan is for these evening formats to continue long after COVID has caused such disruption in our lives. This is also a great opportunity to bring your Rotarian partner.

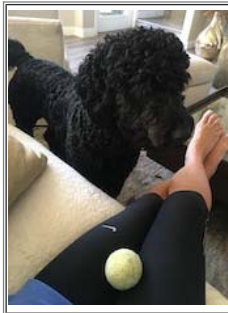
Someone said the darkness causes the stars to shine. It's an opportunity for all you Rotarian stars to really shine: come participate, bring your partner or family member. Let us know about guests so we can introduce them.

Keep in Touch!

Sharp-eyed readers of the RotaryGram will notice the new feature added last week, the "Our Rotary Family..." box. This section is intended to help keep members updated while we are meeting virtually. Please send items for future editions to Madrid, and I encourage you to reach out to those members with your congrats, get well wishes, or sympathy as appropriate.

Please also, let me or anyone on the Board (*just click on their name to the right*) if you have any suggestions, ideas or constructive criticisms for the club. (*Complaints go to Madrid!*) This is your club and we want to hear from you.

Pawfect Partners



Reggie, Surfer Dude/Dog

Vali DeVries (RCLB Member since 2013) had just completed a remodel of her house. Vali was in her post-dog period, looking forward to not cleaning dog hair.

Then Vali's daughter brought home Reggie.

Reggie is half retriever half poodle, who loves to play. Apparently Reggie likes to bark too. Little did Vali know she'd fall in love with Reggie. She says she looks forward to her daughter leaving so she can have more time with him. It's no surprise that Vali describes him as a surfer dog with a very laid back personality.

Did You Know... Youth Exchange



Rotary 

- A Rotary Student Exchange Program for High School Students
- Short-Term and Long-Term Exchanges Available
- Stay a few days - or weeks!
- Empowering = Make lifelong friends & connections with Rotary Host Families.
- Room & Board Provided by Rotary Host Family
- Info: Rotary [Youth Exchange Handbook](#)

At last week's meeting Sergeant at Arms **Dee Wood** described the lifelong benefits her family gained by participating in the Rotary Youth Exchange, first by hosting an Italian student in their home followed by their daughter, Kinsey, being hosted in Northeast Italy.

Keep this program in mind for children or grandchildren 15-19 years old in your family. For information about the program, download the [Youth Exchange Handbook](#) or contact **RCLB Youth Exchange Chair Dee Wood**, dwood9119@gmail.com

Read the stories of three RCLB families who participated in this program: The **Wood Family**, former RCLB Executive Director **Karen Wyrick's Family** and Past President 74 **Jim Howe's Family**.

THE DEE and KURT WOOD FAMILY

Thirteen years ago through Rotary, we had the most remarkable Exchange experience! Our high school age daughter, Kinsey, exchanged with same age Claudia from Rovigo, Italy.

Claudia came to live with us for 3 weeks, and Kinsey later followed and did the same in Claudia's home. This all took place during their summer vacations from school when they were 17 years old.

What blossomed is a beautiful lifetime friendship! Claudia has been back to visit and stay with us many times, and we have visited & enjoyed the ongoing friendship with all of Claudia's beautiful, generous, loving family. Both girls proceeded to accomplish much in their college years, and are now successful professionals giving back.

Two years ago, Claudia flew over to be a Bridesmaid in Kinsey's wedding and our family then went to Italy to witness the marriage of Claudia and Andrea in Rovigo. Kinsey was, of course, honored to be a Bridesmaid for her dear friend, Claudia!

The Rotary Youth Exchange is more than just a visit to a new place, Rotary offers the deepest and most enriching life-experiences possible.

Rotary Youth Exchange Recipients: Claudia Pitteo - Sponsored by the Rovigo, Italy Rotary Club and Kinsey Wood, Huntington Beach, CA -- Sponsored by the Long Beach Rotary Club



Freda Hinsche-Otto
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President - nominee



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Club Executive Director
Club Executive Secretary



Terry L. Gelling
August 5th



Gaja Valentino
August 6th



Mary Sophiea
August 7th



Tina Barry
August 10th



Donald N. Serafano
August 11th

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

- 5th - **Weekly RCLB Meeting**
Speaker: Cynthia Guidry, Long Beach Airport Director
Subject: LB (LGB) Airport - The Future
- 8th - **Centennial Park Clean-Up**
- 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 Rotarian and Mayor **Robert Garcia** and his family for the loss of his mother, **Gaby O'Donnell** and sending wishes for a full recovery to his stepfather, Greg O'Donnell.

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THE KAREN WYRICK FAMILY

After sending both of my sons to Japan through the summer Rotary Youth Exchange program when they were 16 (*2 years apart*), I am a big promoter of this great program. They each spent one month with a Japanese family and then a student from there spent the following month with our family.

It was a fantastic experience for all of us and a very maturing and personal growth for both of them. It was a great opportunity for my sons to see how a family from around the globe lived their daily lives, spent their summer vacation, what their grocery stores and shops are like, how you can get almost anything out of a vending machine, and of course, visit their many beautiful Buddhist and Shinto temples, Japan's two major religions.

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