



ROTARY MEANS FELLOWSHIP – ARTS - BUSINESS - SERVICE FABS

THIS WEEK

- * **Wednesday, September 27**
- * **REGISTRATION IS CLOSED**
- * **ROTARY ROOTS**
- * **Hosted by Rotarians**
- * **12:00 NOON - 1:30pm at Rotarian Places of Business**
- * *Details for those who registered have been sent separately via email from Madrid*
- * *Contact Janey Roeder (Co-chair Rotary Roots) for Possible Wait List*
- * **Reminder - NO Meeting at The Grand This Week**

Birthdays



Jill Baker
September
25th



Melissa Erin
Evans
September
25th



Julie Ewart
Meenan
September
29th



John G.
Beeler
September
30th



Mark A.
Garlington
October 1st



Dana A.
Buchanan
October 1st



Lisa Hopkins
October 2nd



John Keisler
October 3rd

Club Leaders



Michele A.
Dobson
President

City National Bank Gilbert Maldonado Wenseslao	Kensington Investment Counsel Jeff Wimbish	Long Beach Post Melissa Evans
Long Beach Unified School District Dr. Jill Baker	Museum of Latin American Art Solimar Salas	VA LB Healthcare System & Fisher House Southern CA Linda Rahn & Braden Phillips

Update from President #107

By Michele A. Dobson, RCLB President



So you clicked and opened your RotaryGram, thank you for that. #107 here to bring you up to speed on how we are progressing this year. You have now had the opportunity to hear from Youth Services, Membership and Rotary Means Arts and as you can tell, we have a busy club. In case you missed it, the Achy Breaky Line Dancers raised \$775, which was matched raising the total to the Charitable Foundation to \$1,550. I can now cross Line Dancing at a Rotary Meeting off my Bucket List.

I was invited to visit LA5 and they send their well wishes to us here in Long Beach. We also visited The Betty (*The Greek Orthodox Church*) as a possible Wednesday meeting site. A few things on that, we were not plugged into The Betty's sound mixer and speaker system so we will be inviting anyone that is interested to return with us to check the acoustics with their sound mixer, their speakers and their microphones. The Logistics

Committee will let you know the feedback on The Betty and there is an email survey in your inboxes at this moment for each of you to provide us with feedback regarding what you want in a venue and what are your priorities.

We are excited to visit our member businesses again through Rotary Roots on September 27th and hope you have made your reservation to visit a member business location or non-profit. Reservations are closed – reach out to the Rotary Office to inquire about any cancellations!

Please get your calendars out and mark them for a couple more offsites. We will be traveling uptown and meeting at:

- **Growing Experience Urban Farm**, 750 Via Carmelitos, Long Beach, CA 90805, (562) 984-2917, on **Wednesday, October 4, 2023**, when Congressman Robert Garcia is featured as our Speaker.
NOTE: RSVP deadline is this Friday, September 29
- Please bring your family and staff to our **Holiday Event** as we will be returning to the Queen Mary for our Annual Holiday Luncheon on **Wednesday, December 13, 2023**. For the Holiday Party, we are seeking Bar, Entertainment and Centerpiece Sponsors so please see Vice President Deb Kahookele if you would like to be a Sponsor. There will be an appearance by Bad Santa and a White Elephant Gift Exchange so you do not want to miss this Holiday Event.

Please get your traveling shoes on as we expose the City to the Rotary Club of Long Beach (RCLB) and we will see you back at the Grand on October 11th for our regular Wednesday meeting.

#107

September - Service Club Month

By Michele A. Dobson, RCLB President



Thank you to the Mayor and Long Beach City Council for recognizing our City's Service Clubs today... September has been declared Service Club Month.

Thank you for recognizing:
Rotary International - Kiwanis Club - Lions Club International - Soroptimist International - Assistance League - Century Club - Knights of Columbus - Altrusa International, Inc. - Children's Benefit League - and Service Fraternities and Sororities

How fortunate are we as a City that we have all of these Clubs dedicated to providing service to the Long Beach community through charitable work, scholarships, physical and mental health support and providing for the basic needs of our community.



Gail B. Schwandner
Assistant to the President



Jean Bixby Smith
Assistant to the President



Marcelle H. Epley
Vice President



Joseph Wayne Hower PE.
DEE
Vice President



Debra Kahookele
Vice President



Sumer A. Temple
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Secretary Treasurer



Theresa Cornwell
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Shel-lee Davis
Sergeant-at-Arms



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Rotary
Foundation
Chair

Rotary Centennial Sports Trophy 2023

By Timothy W. Richmond

Congratulations to this year's **Rotary Centennial Sports Trophy** recipient, **Long Beach Poly** for the 25th time!



(l-r) RCLB President Michele Dobson, Track Coach/Girls Athletic Director Crystal Irving, Athletic Director Rob Shock, Captain of Girls Flat Flag Football Team reigning Moore League most valuable player in softball headed to ASU on scholarship Tiare Ho, Nike elite athlete holds national record and 600m as well as the school record for 800m and rating state champion in the 400m being recruited by many big-time college Xai Ricks, Assistant Principal of Athletes Michael Crowder Jones and Rotarian Tim Richmond

During the City of Long Beach's Centennial Year (1988), and in partnership with the Long Beach Press Telegram, the RCLB, under the leadership of President #71 Craig Dougherty, created the **Rotary Centennial Sports Trophy**. This award is presented by the **Rotary Club of Long Beach** to the local high school (*all Moore League schools and St. Anthony HS*) with the best all-around male and female sports program. This award is based on points earned in league and CIF competitions. The purpose is to challenge local youth to perpetuate the high level of athletic excellence, the legacy established by the young athletes during Long Beach's first 100 years. The inaugural award was presented at the Long Beach Centennial Celebration at Veterans Stadium to Woodrow Wilson High School, this year's runner-up.

Congratulations Long Beach Poly!

TROPHY RECIPIENTS

1988

Wilson High School

1989

Lakewood High School

1990

St. Anthony High School

1991 & 1992

Wilson High School

1993

2015

Poly High School
St. Anthony High School

2016 - 2017 - 2018

St. Anthony High School

2019

Poly High School

2020

No Award Presented

Millikan High School
1994-2014
Poly High School (21 years !)



2021 - 2022 - 2023
Poly High School

Thank You Rotarians

By Frank Newell and Leslie Wiberg, Co-Chairs, Rotary Literacy Committee

On behalf of the **Literacy Committee** we send a **BIG THANK YOU** to the over 100 Rotarians and guests who donated to our **Reading by 9** Program on Wednesday, September 20th! We are still finalizing our count but believe with the help of our \$45,000 in matching funds, we will exceed our all-time fundraising record last year (celebrating our Club's 5,000th meeting) and reach or exceed \$130,000! What a way to celebrate the 25th year of **Reading by 9**!

We want to especially thank those who provided matching funds, our own Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation, Larry and Helen Hoag Foundation, and Ignite Cultural Solutions, all of whom provided \$10,000. Our donations ranged from \$5,000 to \$50 and we are grateful to all donors. In the future we will be contacting donors who donated \$2,500 or more regarding their opportunity to be a named sponsor of one of our Teacher Literacy or Nonprofit Grants.

Our goal is to come as close as possible to 100% Rotarian participation. For those of you who were not at the meeting and/or have not made a donation to **Reading by 9**, we would appreciate your consideration in joining the over 100 members who have made a donation to date. [A pledge form is attached](#) for your convenience if you would like to make a donation. Throughout the year our 20 person **Literacy Committee** will work hard to donate books to students and support schools, teachers, libraries and literacy programs that advance the Program's goal of having children reading at grade level by age 9. We will keep you informed and report back to the Club in Spring, 2024 of how your generous donations have been utilized. Again, thank you for your continuing generosity and support of **Reading by 9**.

Calendar Events

September 27th, 12:00-1:30 PM
ROTARY ROOTS Lunch Program - Fall 2023
Rotary Roots - individual member hosts

September 28th, 2:00-3:00 PM
Ro Toastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club

October 4th, 12:00-1:30 PM
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Congressman Robert Garcia
Subject: "Updates on Work in Congress" OFFSITE: The Growing Experience Urban Farm

October 11th, 12:00-1:30 PM
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Meredith Tekin
Subject: Long Beach an Autism Certified City?

October 11th, 5:30-8:00 PM
Rotary Sunset Cruise

October 12th, 2:00-3:00 PM
Ro Toastados - A Rotary




October 14th, 8:00-9:00 AM
Centennial Park Clean-up

October 17th, 4:00-5:15 PM
RCLB Board of Directors

October 18th, 12:00-1:30 PM
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Noel Hacegaba - Port of Long Beach

October 25th, 12:00-1:30 PM
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Anissa Davis - City of LB Health Officer
Subject: The Communicable Disease of Polio"
Special Member Talk with Mary Zendejas

October 26th, 2:00-3:00 PM
[Ro Toastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club](#)

	<p>Rotary Club of Long Beach meets every Wednesday @ 12 Noon THE GRAND 4101 E. Willow Street Long Beach, CA 90815</p> <p><i>LB Skyline Photo Credit</i> <i>Long Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau</i></p> <p>September 27, 2023 - Vol. 107, Issue 12</p>	<p>Club Office 400 Oceangate, Suite 470 Long Beach, CA 90802 562-436-8181 Rotary@RotaryLongBeach.org</p> <p>Visit Long Beach Rotary District 5320 Rotary International</p>	<p>Visit our Social Media Pages</p> <div></div>
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