



This Week's Program



Wednesday, January 12 - Join Us via ZOOM
A Conversation with Naomi Rainey-Pierson

Naomi Rainey-Pierson
President, NAACP Long Beach

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

Naomi Rainey-Pierson is an award-winning educator, philanthropist, entrepreneur and civil rights activist who has had a positive impact on the lives of thousands of community members, including many at-risk children.

Ms. Rainey-Pierson has been actively involved with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) since the age of 14. A past vice president of the California State Conference NAACP, she has served as president of the NAACP's Long Beach Branch since 2000. Under her leadership, the branch received the national Thalheimer Award, the NAACP's top honor for outstanding achievements by branches and units.

From 1975 to 2003, Ms. Rainey-Pierson was an educator and administrator in the Long Beach Unified and Compton Unified school districts, rising to principal on special assignment at Long Beach Polytechnic High School. In 2009, she was appointed by former Governor Schwarzenegger to the California Advisory Commission on Special Education.

Ms. Rainey-Pierson has served on many volunteer boards and commissions, including those of Long Beach City College Foundation, St. Mary's Medical Center, MemorialCare Todd Cancer Institute and Long Beach Cancer League. She has received a number of special honors in recognition of her efforts, including Cancer League Hero of Long Beach, Soroptimist International Woman of the Year Education, California Conference for Equality and Justice Humanitarian Award and City of Long Beach Martin Luther King, Jr. Peacemaker Award.

A proud alumna of California State University, Long Beach, Ms. Rainey-Pierson holds a bachelor's degree in theatre arts, two master's degrees in education and several teaching credentials. In 1987, the CSULB College of Education presented her with its Distinguished Alumna Award, and in 2010, she was the recipient of the CSULB President's Distinguished Service Award. In 2012, in recognition of her service to and support of the university including as a past member of the CSULB Alumni Association and as a donor to the Rainey-Pierson Scholarship CSULB named Residence Hall C in Hillside College The Naomi Rainey House.

In recognition of her extraordinary achievements as an educator, activist and advocate which have allowed her to serve as an example of CSULB's aspirations for its diverse student body the Board of Trustees of the California State University and California State University, Long Beach are proud to confer upon Ms. Naomi Rainey-Pierson the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

President 105's Post #26

By Dennis C. Smith



Sixty-three percent of those reading this would like to go into space if they had the opportunity, I am part of the thirty-seven percent. During his presentation at our meeting on Wednesday, Mark Seidel of Relativity Space provided us with the statistic of how many people in surveys would go into space if they had the opportunity. While I may not be willing to step into a rocket from Long Beach into space, I am willing to step into Johnny Rockets.

What is going into space are rockets from companies based in Long Beach--or as our city is becoming known--Space Beach. Relativity Space, SpaceX, Rocket Lab, SpinLaunch and Virgin Orbit are all located in Long Beach, for the most part in or near the former Boeing complex. These companies have brought great opportunities for our community, from the wide breadth of professionals in different fields they employ, but also the attraction of tangential businesses that supply and support rocketry and satellite companies.

In the long term, this transition from Long Beach being an aeronautical town, mostly centered on aviation, to an aerospace town provides tremendous opportunities for our young people. The College Promise that establishes a path for a college education for every student in Long Beach, enables a child the opportunity to go from high school to Long Beach City College, and/or Long Beach State, and get a degree in one of many disciplines that are needed by Space Beach companies. Interaction between these companies and our schools will encourage students to pursue degrees in STEM, finance or other fields.

Why does this matter to the Rotary Club of Long Beach? Many of these future rocketeers, manufacturers, finance analysts, and marketing professionals that will find employment in these companies will have benefited from our Reading by 9 program, Camp Enterprise, scholarships and other areas of support we provide our local schools.

As our economy, locally and nationally, evolves, it is important that our club evolve as well to continue to find ways we can support the young people in our community so they are prepared to actively, and successfully, participate in it. Your continued support of the Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation ensures our continued support of our community and its future.

We are Long Beach Rotary,

Dennis

Volunteers Needed for Reid High School's Virtual Mock Interviews on January 26

By Henry C. Fung

Long Beach Unified School District is looking for volunteers to provide opportunities for virtual mock interviews with its Reid High School students as they prepare for prospective employment interviews. There will be two virtual mock interview sessions.

One will be on **Thursday, January 26** at **9:00-10:30 am** and the second will follow at **10:30-12:00N**.

If you are available to help with one or both time periods, please contact **Kehau Fujikami** at 562-997-8160 or kfujikami@lbschools.net to let her know which mock interview session(s) you are able to volunteer to help students prepare for prospective employment opportunities.

Business Breakfast Roundtable - January 20 - RSVP

VIA ZOOM: Thursday, January 20, 2022
8:30am to 9:30am
"Long Beach Is Under Construction!"
 Join us for a review of all the exciting real estate development projects that are underway in our city
PRESENTER: Linda Treffry,
 Coldwell Banker Commercial BLAIR WESTMAC
Join us for our 4th VBBR
Virtual Business Breakfast Roundtable of the 105th Rotary year!
 Reservations Required • Attendance is Limited to 30 Members
 RSVP to Madrid at the Long Beach Rotary Office: madrid@rotarylongbeach.org
Zoom Meeting # & Password will be supplied with RSVP
 Contact Rayne or Lisa for information
 Rayne Sherman rayne@shermadesigngroup.net Lisa Hain lisa@trustedlifecare.com

Upcoming Events - Click Title for More Info and for Meeting RSVP

January 12th
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: A Conversation with Naomi Rainey-Pierson (NAAACP)
Subject: Via ZOOM only

January 13th
5 O'Clock Somewhere Mixer
CANCELLED

January 18th
RCLB Board Meeting

January 19th
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: A Conversation with Mayor Robert Garcia

January 20th
Business Breakfast Roundtable - RSVP for Link
Speaker: Rotarian Linda Treffry
Subject: Long Beach Is Under Construction

January 26th
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting
Human Trafficking

February 10th
5 O'Clock Somewhere Mixer

February 12th
Centennial Park Monthly Clean-up

Birthdays This Week - Click Name to Send a Greeting



[Kenneth H. Trossen](#)
January 13th



[Genevieve Brill Murphy](#)
January 18th

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