



## This Week's Program

**Wednesday, January 6 - Join Us via ZOOM**

**COSMIC WEATHER OF 2021**

**Defne Gecebegi**  
**Certified Astrological Professional**

12:15 p.m. - Dial In to ZOOM  
*Dial In Details Will Be Sent*  
 12:30 - 1:00 p.m. - Program Via ZOOM



Defne is a full time Astrologer and consultant who helps people discover their potential and unravel who they are in their unique personal journey.

Having been educated both in classical and modern Astrology and receiving her diploma from a well-known school in Istanbul **Wisdom of the Sky** in 2012 and 2014, she is a **Certified Astrological Professional (CAP)** by the International Society for Astrological Research (ISAR); she holds Energy Astrology certificates from Lea Imsiragic; and she is a member of the Organization for Professional Astrology.

Defne has attended the Astrology Conferences in the U.S. and Serbia and has participated in many workshops led by well known astrologers around the world igniting her passion for in-depth Astrology. She sees herself as a lifetime student, and she is now a second year advanced Uranian Astrology Expert.

## President 104's Post #26

**Matt Kinley**



### JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH or SHAVING THE YAK

Yak shaving is a computer programming term that refers to a series of tasks that need to be performed before a project can progress to its next milestone. For instance, to shave a yak, I imagine a person would *at least* need to research and procure suitable yak shaving sheers, an appropriate ladder, a yak leash, and finally, a yak or yak substitute.

**Henry Fung, PhD**, is really into yak shaving. He **is** the **RCLB's Career Service Director**, and his background as Associate Dean of CSULB's College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and his work with Long Beach schools make him uniquely qualified to complete the groundwork for the RCLB's exceptional Career Service Avenue of Service. Henry led the Rotary world by renaming our Avenue of Service from Rotary's outdated **Vocational Service** to better reflect how our Club supports career advancement. He **is** added **virtual** career advice and mentoring programs to Long Beach students. The RCLB's Career Service program is the best around.

The RCLB's Avenue of Career Service includes working with our local schools to implement **Camp Enterprise** and **Students' Career Opportunities, Prospects and Exploration (SCOPE)**. SCOPE's mission is to help students with career information, mentoring and potential internships. Career Service also promotes our Rotarians and their enterprises in our **Business Roundtables** and by featuring Rotarian businesses in **Rotary Roots**. This Avenue also promotes ethical business practices by reminding Rotarians of the tenets of the **Four-Way Test**.

**Rotarians Wanted.** The RCLB's work in Career Service lays the groundwork for students and Rotarians to do their work, ultimately leading to the accomplishment of important milestones. Nothing could be more relevant or rewarding than to work with Henry and the committee. Not only will you learn the proper art of yak shaving, with your support, Henry and the RCLB will lay the foundation for students and Rotarians to ethically accomplish their career objectives for years to come.

## In the News

Rotary Meetings - What's Up!

**THIS Week @ Rotary**

## CLUB LEADERSHIP



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Sergeant at Arms



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**Henry C. Fung**  
Career Service Director



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Club Service Director



**Sandra Simon**  
Club Service Director



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**Brett Lewis**  
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**Lydia Vincenty-Lowell**  
Fellowship Service Director

Classic Car w/Rayne Sherman - Joe Hower  
 Birthday / Recognition - Bob Latimer / Lynne Wainfan  
 LBRFSF - Donor Spotlight - Latimer Family  
 Program - Cosmic Weather of 2021

**Rotary Club of Long Beach - Bringing Clean Water and Sanitation to Mozambique**  
 By Freda Hinsche Otto, International Service Director

The Rotary Club of Long Beach is completing its third major international grant to bring fresh water, sanitation and agriculture to rural communities in Mozambique as part of our international service. Long Beach Rotarians have traveled to Mozambique and will bring first-hand reports of the incredible impact of this project on people's lives.

**Inspirational Update on the RCLB's Continuing Work in Mozambique**  
 Tuesday, January 12, 2021  
 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

The one-hour presentation will be hosted by David Lott with personal reflections by Adriana Lanting and Ahmet Atahan. The presentation will include recent videos AND we are anticipating a special guest appearance from Mozambique. There will be ample time for questions and discussion.

RSVP by Friday, January 8 to [madrid@rotarylongbeach.org](mailto:madrid@rotarylongbeach.org) for ZOOM access.



**Bi-Monthly Sunday Dinners - Ronald McDonald House**  
 By Dorian Bolick - Ronald McDonald House Rotary Committee Chair



I want to send out a big Holiday thank you to all the Rotarians who have donated funds to the help us **continue our bi-monthly Sunday dinners at the Ronald McDonald House** during this trying time. Through your generous donations we have not only helped feed needy families 4 TIMES but we have also **purchased the meals from local businesses that are needed as well.** Think of it - with one simple donation, so many people have been helped!!

In 2021 we will continue our tradition of Sunday dinners, so if anyone is interested in donating, our fabulous Rotary Club of Long Beach has set up a separate account for the funds to go into. Any and every amount is so appreciated.

**With appreciation...**

By Craig T. Cross, Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation Chair



**FINALLY!!!** We are happy and honored to report good news for a change during this crazy year.

Bob and Nancy Latimer made an Ambassador Level gift to the Scholarship Foundation recently. The gift is to establish a named scholarship. The **Latimer Family Scholarship** will support LBCC students transferring to CSULB. One new transfer student will be named each year.

This did not happen overnight. Once again, significant contributions occur over many years of cultivation, many years of demonstrating our impact on our students and community.

In 2016, then LBRFSF Chair Jane Netherton received a call from Bob. He needed to close all the accounts from the disbanded Rotary Club of Huntington Park and wanted the remaining funds to go to the LBR Scholarship Foundation. The gift was in the amount of \$100,000, unrestricted and for us to use however we see best. This year, Bob sold his business property and wanted to gift the proceeds to the Scholarship Foundation and once again support our students.

In gratitude for their contribution, CSULB President Jane Close Conoley stated "Our LBCC and Cal State Long Beach students most often hold down **at least** one job, and need some scholarship support so they can keep making progress toward their degrees. Your gift will add to their success."

While we were in discussions with Bob regarding gifting preferences, he reminisced about his long-time connection with Rotary. His father-in-law was the 1947 President of the Rotary Club of Huntington Park, Bob presided as President in 1972 and his son, Whit, was the President of the Rotary Club of Long Beach in 2001-2002. Bob became a member of the RCLB in 2001---Leif Hertzog made a memorable introduction. With his CPA cap on, Bob calculated that over the years contributions to Rotary outnumber all other charitable contributions Bob and Nancy have made.

As you see, we are building upon the guidance and gifting through the years of many who have gone before us. They are the terra firma upon which we build today.

Please join us in congratulating and thanking Bob & Nancy!

For more information about the Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation, please visit our website [www.LBRFSF.org](http://www.LBRFSF.org), email Executive Director Letty Totah [scholarships@lbrsf.org](mailto:scholarships@lbrsf.org) or speak with any Board Member.

**Did You Know...**

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FLOAT IN THE ROSE PARADE**

The Rotary International float in the annual Tournament of Roses Parade is undoubtedly the largest public relations project of the Rotary clubs of the United States and Canada. Since the 1920s a Rotary float has been entered multiple times and in 1980 it became an annual tradition.

The famous Pasadena parade is seen by millions of people via worldwide television. Funds for the construction of the Rotary parade entry are

	Freda Hinsche Otto International Service Director
	Mark Guillen Membership Service Director
	Lisa Finn Youth Service Director
	Mollie Beck Past President
	Dennis C. Smith President - elect
	Alfredo Velasco President - nominee
	Madrid Zimmerman Club Executive Director Club Executive Secretary
	Dan Ouweleen Assistant Governor

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

	Robert W. Latimer January 9th
	Craig R. Dougherty January 10th

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**January**

- 6th - [Weekly RCLB Meeting](#)
- 12th - [Mozambique Water Project](#)  
**Speaker:** David Lott and Adriana Lanting  
**Subject:** Third Major International Grant
- 13th - [Weekly RCLB Meeting](#)
- 14th - [5 O'Clock Somewhere](#)  
**Speaker:** The RCLB Virtual Mixer  
**Subject:** Happy Hour with Friends!
- 19th - [RCLB Board of Directors](#)
- 20th - [Weekly RCLB Meeting](#)
- 21st - [Business Breakfast Roundtable](#)
- 27th - [Weekly RCLB Meeting](#)
- 31st - [Ronald McDonald House Meal Prep](#)

**February**

- 3rd - [Weekly RCLB Meeting](#)
- 9th - [Caborca, Mexico Medical Mission - UPDATE](#)  
**Speaker:** Adriana Lanting, Wayne Slavitt and Terry Gelling  
**Subject:** Rotary Foundation Supporting International Priorities
- 10th - [Weekly RCLB Meeting](#)
- 11th - [5 O'Clock Somewhere](#)  
**Speaker:** The RCLB Virtual Mixer  
**Subject:** Happy Hour with Friends!
- 13th - [Centennial Park Clean-Up](#)
- 16th - [RCLB Board of Directors](#)
- 17th - [Weekly RCLB Meeting](#)
- 24th - [Weekly RCLB Meeting](#)

**March**

- 3rd - [Weekly RCLB Meeting](#)
- 9th - [Malaria Partners - Focus on Africa](#)  
**Speaker:** Adriana Lanting  
**Subject:** Medical Mission to Zambia - UPDATE
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donated by Rotarians and clubs in the U.S. and Canada. The RCLB members contribute \$3/year from their dues. The cost of designing, constructing, and flower-covering a Rose Parade float begins at about \$120,000.



A multi-district Rotary committee in Southern California coordinates planning of the Rotary float and provides hundreds of volunteer hours of service. The Rotary float portrays the annual parade theme, usually depicting one of the worldwide service programs of Rotary International.

Each New Year's Day, (*January 2 when the 1<sup>st</sup> lands on a Sunday*), Rotarians take pride in seeing their attractive float and realize they have shared in its construction by contributing a few dollars to this beautiful public relations project.

Rotary's float in the 2020 Parade, **Hope Connects the World**, was awarded the *Tournament Volunteer Trophy* for most outstanding floral presentation of the Rose Parade theme among floats 35 feet and under. Covered in over 41,000 flowers, the float displayed how Rotary's projects and its international membership bring hope, strength, and service to the world through its relationship with organizations and non-Rotarians, connecting to make projects successful. The president of Optimist International rode on the float along with the Rotary International president. The theme demonstrated that "hope springs from optimism and hope gives the willpower to press on in the face of adversity. When we work together, we have the power to succeed." The float's penguin, adorned with a scarf displaying flags from countries around the world, is embarking on a journey of service, helped along by her flight crew. Together they show how cooperation with organizations such as Optimists, increases the power of Rotary's efforts delivering Rotary's message of hope by demonstrating how **Hope Connects the World**.



PP #96 Greg Haeseler with RI President Mark Daniel Maloney - setting out for his 5 mile walk sharing 'Hope'

The RCLB Past President #96, Greg Haeseler, representing our District 5320, was an **Outwalker** alongside the 2020 float in what he describes as **a lifetime experience**. He recounted, **The day before was filled with excitement, anticipation, and mutual bonding with Rotarians across the nation. The pre-dawn of the parade was purely magical with all the floats stationed and ready to go. Once the parade started, it was a 5 mile walk through a perpetual canyon of rows of people. Everyone seemed so happy. I really enjoyed waving to and exchanging smiles as I made eye contact with hundreds and hundreds of people.**

Greg followed Rotarian Adriana Lanting who was an Outwalker with the 2019 **Service Rocks!** float... [Read More](#)

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- 24th - [Weekly RCLB Meeting](#)
- 28th - [Ronald McDonald House Meal Prep](#)

## Our Rotary Family...

One of a kind...

Past President #92, Brad Willingham, shared the loss of his father, Past President #58 (1974-1975), Jim Willingham.

**James A. Willingham**  
**September 6, 1928 - December 28, 2020**

Please remember Jim's wife Betty, Brad and his family during this challenging time filled with wonderful memories. As Brad said, "What a great 92 year run. He will be missed."

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meets every Wednesday

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## Rotary-versaries ~ 10+ Years

### December



**Robert R. Johnson**  
44 Years



**Beverly L. O'Neill**  
32 Years



**Tony T. Chi**  
25 Years



**Mark A. Kachigan**  
18 Years



**John M. Graham III**  
17 Years



**John E. Romundstad**  
15 Years



**James M. Morris**  
10 Years