



This Week's Program


Wednesday, November 4 - Join Us via ZOOM

MEETING THE NEEDS OF HOMELESS YOUNG PEOPLE

Bill Bedrossian, CEO
Covenant House California

4:45 p.m. - Dial In to ZOOM
Dial In Details Will Be Sent

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Program Via ZOOM



Bill Bedrossian has served as the CEO of Covenant House California (CHC), since 2014. During that time, CHC has tripled in size and impact, adding additional sites in Berkeley and Oakland, with sites opening in Anaheim, Santa Clara, and another in Los Angeles by 2021.

With 25+ years of child welfare and homeless services experience, Bill's passion for working with youth, came from his parents, who were foster parents for 30+ years, and adopted 8 of his 11 siblings through the child welfare system. Bill began his career in social work doing street outreach, residential care and behavioral modification therapy in Chicago, Illinois in the mid-1990s. He subsequently spent 13 years with the L.A. County Department of Child and Family Services, leaving in 2008, as the agency's South County Regional Director. Between 2010 and 2014, Bill was in executive leadership at Olive Crest, providing foster care, adoption, mental health and family support services in Southern CA, Nevada and the Pacific Northwest.

Bill has a B.S. in Business Administration and Finance from Taylor University, a Masters of Social Work (MSW) from Loyola University in Chicago, and was an adjunct professor in Univ. of Southern California's (USC) Graduate School of Social Work between 2012 and 2017; teaching non-profit Finance, Public Policy and Leadership in Social Work. Bill currently serves as a Los Angeles County Children and Families Commissioner, providing oversight of the country's largest Child Welfare and Probation departments.

A resident of Long Beach, CA, when Bill is not leading the movement to end youth homelessness in CA, you'll find him spending time with his beautiful wife, chasing after his two young sons, and rooting for any sports team from his hometown of Philadelphia!

President 104's Post #19

Matt Kinley



WARPING INTO NOVEMBER

My Star Trek phaser gun would have different settings. Instead of **set your phasers to stun**, **on my phaser you'd push the button and point and cause befuddlement. Or, happiness. Or, laughing.**

Or, imagine if you could turn the setting and point and push to cause gratitude? That setting could be called the **November Setting**, recognizing the month where we all boldly go where no one has gone before to find gratefulness.

As the RCLB builds to warp speed (**according to Gene Roddenberry, .73 light years per hour!**) toward November, we find in our club great reasons to be thankful. Here's a few thoughts:

Rotarians are generous people.

In the most recent example, Frank Newell raised over \$50,000 from over 100 Rotarians to promote reading for our community youth. In twenty minutes! Over a zoom call! It made me proud to be a Rotarian.

Rotarians are service oriented.

Rotarians have given hundreds of hours over the last couple of months. Every weekly meeting is prepared with the hard work of Cam, Olivia, Madrid, Sarah, Rich Gibson, Tim Aldrete, the Vice Presidents and the Sergeants at Arms. Braden brought in speakers who reminded us of our civic duty to be aware of what is happening in our community. Bond brought in his unique personality to help co-host meetings. I hope you didn't miss the meeting where Bond and Steve Finch musically entertained us. In a break from our regular weekly meetings, 7 Rotarians invited us to visit their businesses for a Rotary Roots experience. And there's more! Over 100 Rotarians worked to make our food drive a screaming success. Committees are meeting, people are talking, and Rotary is working as we circle the COVID universe.

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Rotarians are fun to be around.

We were finally up-close and personal with our Rotary family at the Feeding the Future Food Drive. Well, with a mask and social distancing, but still in person. What a treat to be face to face with smiling Rotarians! **(You can tell they're smiling under the masks.)** The best part was seeing Rotarians as they pulled up in their cars with trunks full of food. You could see the delight at being amongst friends.

Rotarians are resilient.

With little complaint overall, we all have changed our life's routines to help protect our fellow citizens. And Rotary has evolved in hyper-time! We have changed our meetings and our activities. Mostly though, we've figured out how to continue our service even during a pandemic. We still help college students with scholarships, food, and supplies. We still help younger students learn by contributing to reading education. We still do International projects. November promises more to come.

November is the month when we are reminded to live with gratitude. You might hear me with an occasional complaint or eye-roll, but you don't have to look far to find something to be grateful for when you are in Rotary. It's an amazing group of people. Thank you for your friendship. As November gets larger on our screen, let's all yell into our communication devices: Give it all you got, Scotty!

In the News

Rotary Meetings - What's Up!

LAST Week @ Rotary Reading by 9 - Frank Newell Program - POLICING in LONG BEACH It's Scary O'clock Somewhere Football Pool w/Andy McFarland	THIS Week @ Rotary Birthdays Recognitions Bixby Leadership Award Presentation - LBR Scholarship Foundation Program - COVENANT HOUSE - HOMELESS YOUTH CENTER Football Pool w/Andy McFarland
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Don't Miss Out - Extended Special!



The new RCLB shirt dedicated to all of our many community service projects!

Place your order NOW for this Unisex crew neck T-Shirt in blue with a yellow/gold Rotary emblem on front and "Rotary in the Community" on the back.

Anyone who orders by tomorrow, Tuesday, will also receive a mask with the Rotary logo!

Cost - \$25 for a Large or XL

Order/Payment - Contact Madrid at the Rotary office via email or phone with payment method and size

Community Service Opportunity

By Henry C. Fung



Remember Your First Job Interview? Would a Mock Interview Have Helped?

LBUSD is looking for 35 professionals to volunteer to provide Wilson High School students the opportunity and experience to participate in a virtual mock interview. Would you be available to share your expertise and experiences with them?

Students in the Medicine/Biotechnology, Leadership/Public Service, and other curricular pathways at Wilson H.S. are seeking internships and jobs and they could use our help in preparing for their interviews.

Two virtual interview sessions have been scheduled on **Friday, December 4th**:

- 7:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
- 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Your participation is welcomed at either or both sessions. LBUSD's Long Beach CaLL (Career-Linked Learning) will provide instructions and interview questions prior to the event.

For questions or to register, please contact Ms. Kehau Fujikami at kfujikami@lbschools.net or call 562-997-8160.

Thank you for helping the next generation of contributors in our community

Rotarians Raise over \$50,000 for "Reading by 9"

By Frank R. Newell



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



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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Gail B. Schwandner
November 4th



Robyn Gordon-Peterson
November 5th



Rayne Sherman, FHDA, CID, CSI
November 10th

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

- 4th - Weekly RCLB Meeting
Speaker: Bill Bedrossian
Subject: COVENANT HOUSE - MEETING THE NEEDS OF HOMELESS YOUNG PEOPLE
- 11th - Weekly RCLB Meeting
Speaker: Nick Hill, Navy Seal
- 12th - 5 O'Clock Somewhere
Speaker: The Rotary Club of Long Beach Virtual Mixer
Subject: Happy Hour with Friends!
- 14th - Centennial Park Clean-Up
- 17th - RCLB Board of Directors
- 18th - Weekly RCLB Meeting
Speaker: Dan Wanstreet
Subject: SUSTAINABLE INVESTING
- 19th - Business Breakfast Roundtable
- 25th - NO WEEKLY RCLB MEETING - Thanksgiving Holiday
- 29th - Ronald McDonald House Sunday Meal Prep

December

- 2nd - Weekly RCLB Meeting
- 9th - Weekly RCLB Meeting
Speaker: Dennis Smith, President #105
Subject: 2021-2022 ROTARY BOARD REVEAL
- 12th - Centennial Park Clean-Up
- 15th - RCLB Board of Directors
- 16th - Weekly RCLB Meeting
- 23rd - NO WEEKLY RCLB MEETING - Holiday
- 30th - NO WEEKLY RCLB MEETING - Holiday

Our Rotary Family...

Rotarian Michelle Dobson and her son and daughter are looking forward to the completed

At Long Beach Rotary's October 28th Zoom meeting over 100 Rotarians made donations, and with the aid of \$10,000 matching funds over \$50,000 was raised! Including funds from donations made in honor of the late Paul Kennard, more than \$52,000 will be available this year to support the Reading by 9 program, which is funded through our Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation. It was a highly successful fundraising effort given the effects of the COVID Pandemic and the challenges of raising funds virtually instead of at a live meeting, which had been the format for the first 21 years of the program. THANK YOU to all our generous donors!!



We also announced that the teacher literacy grants will be known in the future as the Paul Kennard Teacher Literacy Grants to honor Paul who was the chair of Rotary Reads and a leader in the Club's literacy efforts. In addition to the funds raised at our meeting, the Molina and RuMba Foundations have designated about 5,000 early education books to be donated to the LBUSD in support of Rotary and the Reading by 9 program.

This year, instead of being in the Queen Mary's Grand Salon, I directed the virtual fundraising on set alongside President Matt Kinley. The fundraising efforts were ably assisted by Cam Killingsworth, Marcelle Epley, Madrid, and Sarah onsite, and the RCLB Literacy Committee. We encourage Rotarians who were not in attendance at the meeting and who have not made a donation to consider donating to this worthwhile cause in this time of need. You may make a tax-deductible donation by downloading and completing this [LINK](#) or by contacting Madrid at the Rotary office.

Among other things, the Reading by 9 funds will be used to purchase books and eBooks to benefit pre-school to third grade kids; provide resources to the Children Development Centers where low income pre-school kids are attending classes; support literacy programs of non-profits on the front line of providing distance learning while schools are not in session; and providing teacher literacy grants. We will post fundraising results soon, and later in the Rotary year the Literacy Committee will announce how all the funds were used.

Again, thank you to all who donated for your generosity in supporting our Reading by 9 program.

You Can Protect 750 Children Per Year

By Adriana Lanting

Become a Charter Member of the PolioPlus Society and to be a part of history. All you need to do is commit to donate a minimum of \$100 annually to the PolioPlus Fund until polio is banished from our planet!

Those joining the PolioPlus Society will be honored with a special pin and certificate. **Donors will receive DOUBLE recognition points for donations received by Thanksgiving, November 26th!**

It's easy to donate:

- Online at www.endpolionow.org/donate Here you can even set up recurring donations of \$10 per month or more.
- Write a check to **The Rotary Foundation** with **PolioPlus** in the memo line and send to Madrid.

Whichever you choose, please know your donation will be matched 4.5 times. If you do the math, \$100 = \$450. At 60 cents/vaccine you will be protecting **750** children every year!

Please do not forget to let Madrid or Adriana know that you have decided to become a Charter Member of the PolioPlus Society. We will make sure you are recognized by our Club and by Rotary International.

Our goal is to have at least 50 Long Beach Rotary members by Thanksgiving. Will you be a part of making this Rotary dream come true??



Rotary-versaries ~ 10+ Years

October



[S. Gainer Pillsbury Jr.](#)
55 Years



[Laurence W. Jackson III](#)
40 Years



[Jack R. Senske](#)
24 Years



[Regina Rushing Maguire](#)
18 Years



[Lance R. Kenyon](#)
10 Years

renovation of their home. They have enjoyed comfortable temporary lodging since the tragic fire that gutted their home earlier this year but they all agree that there's no place like home especially during the upcoming holidays.

RCLB First Lady and longtime active resident of Downtown Long Beach, **Loara Cadavona**, was recently appointed Chair-elect of the Downtown Long Beach Alliance (DLBA). Loara will assume responsibilities as Chairperson of the DLBA Board of Directors on October 1, 2021.

Add One More to the Long Beach Population Signs Rotarian **Genevieve Brill Murphy** and her husband Kevin recently welcomed Ethan James to their family. Little Ethan joins his siblings Owen, Ava Grace, Collin, Kieran, and Brielle

Rotarian **Lisa Ramelew** recently returned from a trip to the East Coast to leaf peek her way through autumn color changes. Longtime customers of Lisa's popular Belmont Shore restaurant can now catch up with her via her social media journaling posts. Lisa is hoping to have more time to devote to her avocation writing now that she has closed the La Strada chapter of her life. As with everything Lisa does, closing the restaurant after 27 years was done with style and pizzazz. Dining regulars lined up each evening for a week to wish her well and say goodbye to Lisa and her staff, sad to see the restaurant close but happy for Lisa's opportunity to pursue other ventures.

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meets every Wednesday

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