



This Week's Program

	<p>Wednesday, December 16 Join Us via ZOOM</p> <p>HOLIDAY GATHERING CELEBRATING ROTARIANS</p> <p>12:15 p.m. - Dial In to ZOOM <i>Dial In Details Will Be Sent</i> 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. - Program Via ZOOM</p>	
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President 104's Post #24

Matt Kinley



ROTARIANS ARE EVERYDAY PEOPLE

When I grew up in North Long Beach, it was taken for granted that we lived in a diverse community. No muss, no fuss. Our friends did not necessarily come from our culture. So what? It **◆**s probably no coincidence that I grew up loving R&B, or what I knew as Funk or Soul. It was part of the popular music of the day. *My dance moves are epic.*

An anthem for me is the 1969 hit song from Sly and the Family Stone, *Everyday People*. (Treat yourself, take less than 3 minutes and [play the video here](#).)

Gotta hand it to Sly:

*There is a blue one who can't accept the green one
For living with a fat one trying to be a skinny one
And different strokes for different folks
And so on and so on and scooby dooby doo
I am everyday people*

You gotta love the scooby dooby doo.

One of the reasons the RCLB resonates with me is that we celebrate our differences. Rotarians work to make sure that what we say and do builds good will and better friendships. Rotarians call each other by our first names, because as Sly says, **◆**I am no better and neither are you. **◆**For over a century, we **◆**ve worked to help underprivileged everyday people by supporting students, building spaces for our children to play and learn. This year alone, we have celebrated our community by giving families some help at Christmas; giving college students scholarships and some needed staples; helping kids read, and giving people all across the globe water and a better future. After all, **◆**We all gotta live together. **◆**

◆*The butcher, the banker, the drummer and then, Makes no difference what group I'm in **◆**"*

*There is a long hair that doesn't like the short hair
For bein' such a rich one that will not help the poor one
And different strokes for different folks
And so on and so on and scooby dooby doo.*

Please celebrate with us this December by reaching out to your fellow Rotarian with **A Gift of Time**. Give them a taste of what **◆**s special about you. Let them know that you appreciate what **◆**s special about them. Let **◆**s encourage each other during this challenging time. After all, **◆**We are all everyday people. **◆**

Let **◆**s all honor our fellow Rotarians. At this week **◆**s meeting, we will celebrate the holidays by celebrating each other. There will be a couple of holiday jokes. We **◆**ll hear from several members about how they celebrate the holidays. And, I can now announce: A SPECIAL VISIT BY SANTA! Not a fake one, the real one. He may bring a reindeer and a cup of nog.

Our members come from all over, and we will be treated to their special holiday cheer. It **◆**s the perfect way to wrap up 2020 for Rotary. See you then.

CLUB LEADERSHIP



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In the News

Rotary Meetings - What's Up!

NO Rotary Meetings on December 23 and December 30

NEXT MEETING - January 6, 2021 @ 12:30pm

LAST Week @ Rotary

Birthdays - Lisa Finn, Ginny Baxter
New Member Induction - Mike Rivard, David Gayl
Program - Rotary Leadership Reveal !

RCLB Golf Outing

THIS Week @ Rotary

Birthdays - Jeremy Harris, Joe Hower
Program - Happy Holidays!

Dennis Smith, RCLB President #105 Announces 2021-2022 Board and President #107

Congratulations to the following Rotarians who will serve as the
2021-2022 RCLB Board of Directors

Dennis Smith
President

Dana Buchanan Assistant to the President	Robyn Gordon-Peterson Vice President	Greg Burnight Sergeant at Arms	Rich Gibson Club Service Director
Michele Dobson Assistant to the President	Tony Gales Secretary/Treasurer	Steve Hockett Fellowship Service Director	Henry Fung Career Service Director
Nel Varenas Vice President	Gaia Valentino Sergeant at Arms	Lisa Finn Youth Service Director	Freda Hinsche Otto International Service Director
Dorian Bolick Vice President	Aaron Blackburn Sergeant at Arms	Tina Barry Community Service Director	Matt Kinley Past President
Dan Lipton Vice President	Brett Lewis Sergeant at Arms	Lisa Hain Membership Service Director	Alfredo Velasco President-elect

Michele Dobson
President-nominee

Special thanks and appreciation to the seven (7) members, elected by the RCLB Membership, of the

2020-2021 Election Committee,

who selected **President #107, Michele Antoinette Dobson,** our **RCLB President, 2023-2024**

Greg Burnight, Chair
Mollie Bennet Beck
Marcelle Epley
Steve Keesal
Andy McFarland
Jean Bixby Smith
Alfredo Velasco

Meet the RCLB President #107

By Gregory J. Burnight, RCLB 2020-2021 Election Committee Chair



President #107, **Michele Antoinette Dobson**, has a name so regal, it may have been inevitable that she would ascend to the Rotary throne!

Michele is ubiquitous throughout our community as a force for good works, a beacon of kindness and empathy, and a Rotarian through and through.

In her professional life, Michele is an accomplished local attorney who represents nonprofits and small businesses among her many clients. She is a vigorous advocate for clients who is also well respected by her peers. She was even named a Rising Star back in the day by Super Lawyers Magazine!

When she's not busy pursuing justice and looking to right wrongs, she works tirelessly as a volunteer dedicated to making a substantive difference for the causes she cherishes. Her list of current and past board service on local nonprofit organizations exceeds our page limit, but is near 20 or more.

She has deservedly received countless honors, recognitions and kudos for her community service. Among her awards, she is a member of the LBCC Hall of Fame, a recipient of the Courageous Leadership Award from the Martin Luther King, Jr. Democratic Club, a CCEJ Humanitarian of the Year nominee, and has received the Zelma Lipscomb Service Award from the Long Beach chapter of the NAACP.

Beyond all of the laurels and accomplishments listed above, Michele is first and foremost an amazing mother to her children, Dante and Meara. Michele is a legendary flag football coach and has imparted endless life experience, awesome travels around the globe, bountiful love and sage advice to her children all the while imbuing them with the wonders of Rotary and the importance of giving back in time, talent and treasure. This past year she has shepherded her family through the tragic loss of their home to a fire, yet through it all maintained her sense of humor and perspective. Mind you, trial by fire is not a requisite for Rotary presidency but if it were, Michele aced that challenge.

Congratulations Michele! Our club members are looking forward to your leadership of our club as President #107!



Freda Hinsche Otto
International Service Director



Mark Guillen
Membership Service Director



Lisa Finn
Youth Service Director



Mollie Beck
IPast 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



Conor Kenneth Weir
December 17th



Michael Peters
December 18th



Tony T. Chi
December 20th



Laura Doyle
December 21st



Cathy Wieder
December 21st



Jeremy Harris
December 24th



Joyoti Banerji
December 25th



Dorian Bolick
December 28th



Joseph Wayne Hower PE, DFE
December 28th



Robert G. Foster
January 1st



Mark Gray
January 3rd

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

15th - RCLB Board of Directors

16th - Weekly RCLB Meeting

Why Give?

By Dr. Virginia Baxter, Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation Board Member



During the past two months we have been introduced to a few of the 200+ inspiring students who are current recipients of our **Long Beach Rotary Scholarships**. We met the first Cochran Family Scholarship recipient, Kaisa Faleone, the 9th Bixby Leadership Award recipient, Taryn Williams, and ... the Newell Family Scholarship recipients, Alanis Alvarez and Grace Hughes Johnson. Their stories remind me why I spent my career at Long Beach City College and why I now serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the LBR Scholarship Foundation.

Many Long Beach Rotarians may ask **♦** why give to the Scholarship Foundation? Well, I asked **Vic McCarty** who has been a RCLB member since 1968, 52 years. He told me, **♦** I give because it has to do with education, which if not the most important reason, it is one of the most. I like the concept of helping young people succeed in their education, which is vital for personal and economic success. **♦**

Vic graduated from Wilson High School in 1945 and enrolled at Long Beach City College right afterward, waiting to be drafted. He says he enjoyed his one year there so he could play basketball and take some classes. (*Vic fulfilled a personal commitment to 'never take a book off campus.'*) He was drafted and served in the US Army. After he was discharged, he returned to LBCC because he knew he had to get his grades up to transfer to UCSB and UCLA. He graduated UCLA as an accounting major and went on to earn his CPA license. He joined the RCLB in 1968 after being hired by Windes Accounting Firm, where he eventually rose to become Partner in Charge. He served as the **RCLB President #68** in 1984-85 and wanted to set a good example by making a donation to the Scholarship Foundation which had been established in 1964. Vic's commitment is followed by every member of the LBR Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors as everyone contributes annually.

Vic and Patty have been married for 56 years and have 3 children and 1 grandchild. 100% of their annual LBRSF contribution goes directly to support our community youth, where one of our Traditional Wilson High School scholarship recipients is recognized as the **McCarty Scholar**.

Although endowed named scholarships start at \$100,000, annual named scholarships can be made with a contribution of \$1,250 for a LBCC student or \$2,500 for a CSULB student. Enjoy a visit to the [LBR Scholarship Foundation website](#).

You also may wish to view this [short video message](#) from **Larry Jackson** (*RCLB President #81*) presented at the last Rotary Revealed.

Vic and Patty's story is not so different from many of ours. We all start from various beginnings. It is gratifying to support these wonderful students who will be the next generation of Rotarians!

Speaker: Festive Participants

Subject: HOLIDAY EVENT !

23rd - **NO WEEKLY RCLB MEETING** - Holiday

30th - **NO WEEKLY RCLB MEETING** - Holiday

January

6th - [Weekly RCLB Meeting](#)

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](#)

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