



Rotary



Club of Long Beach



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Club Meeting

Long Beach
Meets at Holiday Inn Long Beach Airport
Shoreline Ballroom
2640 N. Lakewood Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90815
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

If you are unable to attend in person but can join us via Zoom, please email madrid@rotarylongbeach.org before 9:00am Wednesday for the link.

RSVP as soon as you can for **ALL DECEMBER** RCLB Meetings, please, we must order ahead for seating/room set up for **December 8 and 15** thank you!

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This Week's Program



Wednesday, December 8

**The Board Reveal and Announcement of President #108
RCLB President-elect Alfredo Velasco**

**12:00pm - Lunch
12:30 - 1:30pm - Program**

Even if on the Meal Plan, please RSVP in advance!

**Due to health and safety changes for indoor meetings:
Masks are required for everyone, whenever you are not at your table, eating.**

Alfredo Velasco was born in Mexico City and raised in Burbank where his family discovered the YMCA. He and his siblings participated in swimming and sports programs. Later, he attended UCLA on a football scholarship and graduated with a BA in history. He was a UCLA All-American place kicker.

After graduating, he attempted a pro football career, dabbled in sportscasting and pursued a golf instructor accreditation. Eventually, he followed his college girlfriend to San Diego (*now his wife Laura of 22 years*), and took a temporary job with the YMCA. He became a Regional Executive Director for the San Diego Association where he served for twenty-three years. During that time, Alfredo became involved in his community as the Chair of the Escondido Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Mayor's Economic Task Force, and joined the Escondido Rotary Club where he served as the President in 2012/13. In 2013, he was selected to be President & CEO of the YMCA of Greater Long Beach and was sponsored into the Rotary Club of Long Beach by Craig Dougherty. He was tabbed as a Vice President, became involved in the Caborca Polio/Medical program and established the Rotary Roots program. He serves on various state and national Boards, is a eucharistic minister and attends St. Anne's Church.

Alfredo enjoys living in Seal Beach with his wife Laura and their three children (*Gabriel age 17 attending Los Alamitos HS, Olivia age 19 attending Chico State and Benito age 21 attending CSULB*). His hobbies include family adventures, cycling, backpacking and golf.

President 105's Post #23

By Dennis C. Smith



At our meeting on Wednesday President-elect Alfredo Velasco will present our Club's Board of Directors who will start their duties effective July 1, 2022. Each of these Directors have specific responsibilities and duties.

The Avenue of Service Directors are the key people for members looking to increase their involvement in the Club and its programs, activities and service projects. Organizationally, the committees under each Avenue of Service will need Chairs and volunteers to ensure and provide consistent services need for running meetings and projects.

Here is a list of our Avenues of Service, so when Alfredo announces their corresponding Directors, you will know who to contact for your area(s) of interest and involvement in our coming Rotary year.

Club Service: The least sexy of our Avenues of Service, but perhaps our most critical, Club Service is the key to our weekly meetings success. Think of Club Service as the producers and directors each week with committee chairs getting volunteers for Inspiration, the Pledge of Allegiance, working the tables, and most importantly setting up and taking down the audio/visual equipment. Behind the scenes, the volunteers in this Avenue make your meetings possible.

Membership Service: All of our Avenues are important, but none more so than Membership. Members that work on committees in this Avenue are ensuring our Club's continuation through enrolling new members. Out front these Rotarians are working the guest table before weekly meetings and the Rotary Reveal meetings. Behind the scenes there is marketing, working with new members to obtain their Blue badges, and following up with prospective members and their Long Beach Rotarian sponsors. Everyone in the Club is a *de facto* member of Membership Service as each of you recruit potential members who will benefit from being a Rotarian and improve our Club.

Fellowship Service: This Avenue is the fun fellowship avenue. Committees under Fellowship are of a social nature intended to build fellowship through golf, boating, 5 O'Clock Somewhere*, District Conference and other events and opportunities for members to gather.

Community Service: As you can guess from its name, this Avenue is where our members engage with the community through our programs and projects. Literacy, Centennial Park, Feeding the Future, Ronald McDonald House and the Rotary Action Team are some of the committees and projects we are and have been active in the past; in the new year

there may be a new project or two added to the Community Service Avenue that will need leadership and volunteers.

Career Service: From the mountains to classrooms to Rotarians ♦ businesses, this Avenue contains committees for Camp Enterprise, Rotary Roots, Youth Mentoring, Business Breakfast Roundtable and the 4-Way Test. Each of these areas of service have at their core our member ♦s professional skills and connections, which enables them to be shared with other members and young people in our community.

Youth Service: Rotaract clubs that are sponsored by the Rotary Club of Long Beach at Long City College, Cal State Long Beach, and in the community are within this Avenue of Service. Long Beach Rotarians serve as liaisons to assist as needed. Also, in the Youth Service Avenue is Interact, which are Rotary clubs on high school campuses. Currently the Interact clubs in the Long Beach Unified School District may not be active due to public health concerns. Our Avenue of Community Service provides some excellent volunteer opportunities for students.

International Service: This is a very busy Avenue of Service which includes our international projects from water wells in Mozambique; to Global Grant Scholarships; and its Polio Plus fundraising for Polio vaccines in Mexico via its annual golf tournament. This Avenue is where the Rotary Club of Long Beach connects to Rotary International and clubs around the world whose members are active in making our world a better place for future generations.

Our Club provides many opportunities for engagement with other Rotarians and communities around the world. We have no requirements for volunteer hours or donations beyond your annual dues. Our organization is set up so each member can decide for themselves how much time and resources they wish to contribute, with a wide range of opportunities for each. Whether you spend an hour collecting donated food items at LBCC, a weekend in the mountains with Camp Enterprise, your contributions are valued and appreciated.

As you applaud each announced Director Wednesday, think of where your skills and passion can be applied to add value to your membership in the Rotary Club of Long Beach.

We are Long Beach Rotary,

Dennis

*A Coin of Kindness to whomever can provide a better name for our monthly social gatherings, that typically begin at 5:30, than ♦5 O♦Clock Somewhere. ♦ Submit your suggestions to the current Fellowship Director Steve Hockett, as yet unknown Fellowship Director, President-elect Alfredo, and me. We will choose a winner.

Invitation From Imperial Valley Rotary

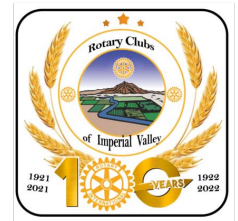
By Dennis C. Smith

Imperial Valley Rotary Centennial

**Special Guests! Rotary International
President Shekhar Mehta and his wife Rashi will be attending!**

January 7 & 8, 2022 - Quechan Casino in Winterhaven, CA

[Link to Events/Activities/Reservations](#)



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

December 8th
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: President-elect Alfredo Velasco
Subject: The Board Reveal of President-elect Velasco and the announcement of President #108

December 11th
[Centennial Park Monthly Clean-up](#)

December 14th
[RCLB Board Meeting](#)

December 15th
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting - Annual Holiday Lunch](#)
Musical Theatre West presents "A Little Holiday Cheer"

December 22nd
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: DARK for Christmas Holiday
Subject: NO MEETING

December 29th
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: DARK for New Year's Day Holiday
Subject: NO MEETING

January 5th
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Relativity Space
Subject: 1st Autonomous Rocket Factory & Satellite Launch Services

January 8th
[Centennial Park Monthly Clean-up](#)

Birthdays This Week - Click Name to Send a Greeting



[Virginia Baxter](#)
December 8th



[Cloy \(Mike\) J. Walter](#)
December 10th



[Mark A. Kachigan](#)
December 14th

Club Leadership - Click Name to Send a Message



[Dennis C. Smith](#)
President



[Dana A. Buchanan](#)
Assistant to the President



[Dorian Bolick](#)
Vice President



[Robyn Gordon-Peterson](#)
Vice President

[Daniel Bruce Lipton](#)
Vice President

[Nelinia 'Nel' Varenas](#)
Vice President

[Anthony J. Gales](#)
Secretary

[Aaron Anthony Blackburn](#)
Sergeant at Arms



[Gregory J. Burnight](#)
Sergeant at Arms



[Brett Lewis](#)
Sergeant at Arms



Treasurer



[Henry C. Fung](#)
Career Service Director



[Richard Gibson](#)
Club Service Director



[Tina Barry](#)
Community Service Director



[Gaia Valentino](#)
Sergeant at Arms



[Freda Hinsche Otto](#)
International Service Director



[Lisa Hain](#)
Membership Service Director



[Christopher Yeo](#)
Youth Service Director



[Steve M. Hockett](#)
Fellowship Service Director



[Alfredo Velasco](#)
President-elect



[Michele A. Dobson](#)
President-nominee



[Madrid Zimmerman](#)
Club Executive Director
Club Executive Secretary



[Matthew L. Kinley](#)
iPast President



[Wayne C. Slavitt](#)
Rotary Foundation Chair



[Judy Ross](#)
Rotary Foundation Chair



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