



This Week's Program

Club Meeting

Long Beach
Meets via ZOOM on February 9
Dial In Details Will Be Sent

Time:
Wednesday 12:15 p.m. Dial In
Program: 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, February 9 - Join Us via ZOOM

Long Beach Urban Forests
Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator
City of Long Beach

12:15 p.m. - Dial In to ZOOM
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Larry Rich has worked for the City of Long Beach since 1991, when he started as an intern in the Economic Development Bureau. He is now the Sustainability Coordinator in the Office of Sustainability.

Prior to coming to the Office of Sustainability, Larry worked in the Department of Development Services as a Planner in the Long Range Planning Division. In Long Range Planning, Larry participated in the development of the Long Beach 2030 plan, the creation of Green Building Standards for both municipal and private development projects, and the adoption of the City's Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling Program. Larry also had the responsibility of monitoring and analyzing population and demographic trends within the City of Long Beach using U.S. Census Bureau data and other State and regional sources. Larry also has a strong background in using GIS (Geographic Information Systems), a powerful tool for demographic and spatial analysis.

Larry has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography with an emphasis in Urban and Regional Studies from California State University, Long Beach. Larry is also a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Accredited Professional with the U.S. Green Building Council.

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President 105's Post #30

By Dennis C. Smith



Big thanks to Marnee Brooks, Randy Kemner, Rayne Sherman and Solimar Salas for sharing parts of their past on Wednesday's program. The breakout rooms enabled members and guests to share interesting, and perhaps unknown, parts of their past.

In the chat after the breakout session, many members expressed how much they enjoyed learning about their fellow Rotarians, several typing "do this again," "we should do this more often," and "can we do this more?"

It was an interesting social experiment. Essentially the breakout rooms are similar to what can happen every week when we meet in person. Prior to the meeting, Rotarians are sitting together at a table chatting and catching up before the bell is rung. The only differences--besides not being together in person--were the set-up to hear the unique backgrounds and experiences from Marnee, Randy, Rayne and Solimar, and followed by the prompt to share your unique back-story. One other factor unlike at our in-person meetings is instead of selecting your own seat, you were randomly assigned to a Zoom-room, thus increasing the chances to be with others you may not know as well.

When we transition back to in-person meetings keep this in mind. Change your usual seat to sit with other Rotarians you do not know as well. Ask a probing question of others at the table to start a conversation.

Finally, reach out and invite another Rotarian (or two, or three) to get coffee or other beverages, lunch, a walk, or some activity with the purpose of getting to know one another better.

Rotary is successful because we work together to build better communities, the foundation of this work is building better relationships and friendships within Rotary with people we likely would not know without Rotary.

Make a call, send a message, reach out to someone you would like to know better to start a new friendship!

We are Long Beach Rotary,

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Dennis

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

February 9th
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator,
City of LB
Subject: Long Beach Urban Forests

February 10th
5 O'Clock Somewhere Mixer
CANCELLED for February

February 12th
Centennial Park Monthly Clean-up

February 15th
RCLB Board Meeting

February 16th
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Dr. Subbarao Mylavarapu
Subject: Technological Advances and Heart Health

February 23rd
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting

March 9th
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting
Topic: Rotary Roots - individual member hosts

March 10th
5 O'Clock Somewhere

Birthdays This Week - Click Name to Send a Greeting



John Mathews
February 9th



Vali J. De Vries
February 10th



Donna M. Recksean
February 11th



Brett Lewis
February 12th



Michael Joseph Rivard
February 14th

Club Leadership - Click Name to Send a Message



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