

# **ROTARY MEANS** FELLOWSHIP - ARTS - BUSINESS - SERVICE FABS

# **This Week's Program**

### Wednesday, February 28

'Program Updates'

**Dr. Raymond 'Chip' West** Vice President of Business Services, LBCC

12:00 Noon - LUNCH -- 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. - PROGRAM

**OFFSITE MEETING @ LBCC** Long Beach City College - Building W, Room 201 **Rotary Office will Distribute Parking Permits to RSVPs** 

LBR Scholarship Foundation - Check Presentation To LBCC

For more than twenty-five years, Dr. West has worked at both public and private higher education institutions throughout the country in the areas of Budget and Finance, Construction and Facilities Management, Leadership, Planning & Development, Student Union Operations, and Student Services/Affairs.

He has held College leadership positions at the University of LaVerne and Riverside City College. After graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Education from Virginia's George Mason University, West earned a Master's degree in Higher Education/Personnel Management from the University of Arizona and his Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration and Finance from Claremont Graduate University.

West is a resident of Riverside, where he resides with his husband and five children.



### **Birthdays**





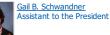


Douglas P. Haubert March 3rd

## Club Leaders







Jean Bixby Smith Assistant to the President



Marcelle H. Epley Vice President



Joseph Wayne Hower PE, DEE Vice President



Vice President



Sumer A. Temple Vice President



John E. Romundstad Secretary Treasurer



# **International Projects**

By Matthew L. Kinley, International Service Director and PP #104







Save the date - April 14, 2024, for an unforgettable event dedicated to supporting the water needs of Navajo families. Get ready to make waves and make a difference! But that's not all - come witness the splendor of the historic Dawson-



Pray house nestled in Virginia Country Club, all thanks to the generosity of Rotarian Doug Coleman and his partner, Vicki.

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And guess what? We're not stopping there. Keep your eyes peeled for our upcoming expedition to the Navajo Nation this Fall 2024. Ready to dive in? Reach out to Diane Donaldson at (562) 243-7682 or Doug Coleman at (904) 807-3429 to secure your spot for the April 14 extravaganza!

#### **Embark on a Journey to Caborca!**

Join forces with the Villa Park Rotary Club for an unforgettable excursion to the Rotary Club of Caborca. Buckle up for an adventure spanning April 19-21, featuring a thrilling bus trip packed with experiences. Explore the awe-inspiring new Rotary-sponsored Water Storage Tank in the El Diamante ejido, witness the impact of recent projects, and indulge in a delectable lunch at Puerto Lobos, set against the breathtaking backdrop of the Sea of Cortes. Intrigued? Reach out to me at (562) 715-5557 to secure your seat on this exhilarating escapade!

### Mozambique IV: Making Waves, Changing Lives!

We're on a mission to transform lives in Mozambique, one well at a time. With just a few weeks left, we're pulling out all the stops to achieve our goal of five wells. Together, we can make it happen! If you're passionate about supporting this vital water project, don't hesitate to get in touch with David Lott at (562) 706-2399. Let's make a splash and leave a lasting impact in Mozambique!



Debbie Thorpe Sergeant-at-Arms

Shel-lee Davis

Sergeant-at-Arms

Denise Dahlhausen CCO-Club Comm. Offcr





Robyn Gordon-Peterson Community Service Director



Stephen B. Shaw Club Service Director



Lisa Finn Fellowship Service Director



Matthew L. Kinley International Service Director



Sarah Soriano Membership Service Director



Conor Kenneth Weir Youth Service Director



Alfredo Velasco Past President







<u>Wayne C. Slavitt</u> President-designate



Donald E. Cochran Rotary International Foundation Chair

### **Rotary Night at Blair Field with 'The Dirtbags'**

Join us for an exciting game at Blair Field - Long Beach State "Dirtbags' vs Cal State Fullerton 1st of 3 Big West Games that weekend.

Presentation of 2024-2025 Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation Check to **President Jane Close Conoley on the Field!** 

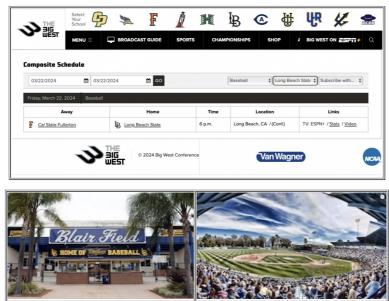
> Friday, March 22 5:00pm - Rotary Pre Game Reception (1st Base Pavilion) DSVD now to scholarshine@lhref org for Decention

6:00pm Game No Reserved Seating Section for Rotarians (we know some of you have season tickets)

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Link to Purchase Your Tickets Now - www.longbeachstate.com/Rotary

Blair Field 4700 Deukmejian Drive - Long Beach



### **Karen Wyrick - 80th Birthday**

Karen wishes to thank all Rotarians for her very special and personalized birthday celebration last week - it was a memory she will carry with her forever!

A beautiful tribute was received after that meeting from her son Erick so wanted to share. Karen served as our RCLB Executive Director for 33 years, serving 34 Presidents!

Karen is the mother of two sons, David and Erick, and grandmother to 5 grandchildren...

Happy birthday to my beautiful mom. 80 years is quite the journey. And I've been around for about 52 of them. The Rotary Club has been such a large part of your life and mine as your kid. My mom loved working for Rotary and all of the opportunities it provided. She was able to travel to so many countries, more than almost anyone else I've known. She was able to take us to Europe at the back end of a conference in England. My brother David and I were able to participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange program and go to Japan. I remember being a Long Beach Junior Lifeguard and she would pick us up and we'd have to wait for her to finish work at her office at the Goldon Saik Hotal. My mom was an amazing mom and did such a great in the making

sure as kids we were exposed to different cultures and experiences and not take things for granted. I never realized how much work it must've taken for her, especially the years she was a single mom. After having my 3 kids with a partner, I can't believe she was able to provide so much for us growing up. I couldn't have wished for a better mom. I love you.

Happy birthday, Erick







### **Calendar Events**

February 28th, 12:00-1:30 PM Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Dr. Chip West - LBCC Subject: LBCC Aquatic Center Space is limited

March 13th, 12:00-1:30 PM Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting

March 22nd, 6:00-9:00 PM <u>LBR Scholarship Foundation</u> - Rotary Night with The Dirtbags LB State Dirtbags vs. Fullerton March 6th, 12:00-1:30 PM Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Marie Rogers Subject: Trans Pacific Yacht Race

March 14th, 2:00-3:00 PM <u>RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster</u> <u>Alliance Club</u>

March 23rd, 10:00-12:00 PM **Rotary Park Easter Egg Hunt/Book Fair Speaker:** Mark Bixby Easter Egg Hunt and Paul Kennard Book Fair

March 9th, 8:00-9:00 AM Centennial Park Clean-up

March 19th, 4:00-5:15 PM <u>RCLB Board of Directors Meeting</u>

March 27th, 12:00-1:30 PM Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: John Robinson & Megan Marron Subject: Filming in Long Beach March 12th, 5:00-7:00 PM 5 O'Clock Somewhere

March 20th, 12:00-1:30 PM Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Jennifer Kumiyama Subject: Disney Star on Accessibility

March 28th, 2:00-3:00 PM <u>RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster</u> <u>Alliance Club</u>



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