



# ROTARY MEANS FELLOWSHIP – ARTS - BUSINESS - SERVICE FABS






## This Week's Program

	<p><b>Wednesday, March 27</b></p> <p><b>The Many Faces of Long Beach: The Rich Film Industry of Long Beach as other Settings</b></p> <p><b>John Robinson and Megan Marron</b> Long Beach Locations, Inc.</p> <p><b>12:00 Noon - LUNCH</b> <b>12:20 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Program</b></p>	
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






The realm of movies and television shows filmed in Long Beach has an extensive and storied history. Hailing from Long Beach, **John Robinson** has been a pivotal figure in this domain for over three decades. His roles have encompassed that of a Film Coordinator-Photographer for the City of Long Beach, coupled with the operation of his independent enterprise dedicated to location services in the film industry. Established in the year 2000, Long Beach Locations proudly reigns as the preeminent location agency and the ultimate resource for Location Scouts within the entertainment sector, especially for areas situated to the south of Los Angeles.

Embarking on her professional voyage within the hospitality landscape, **Megan Marron's** initial strides led her to the prestigious position of Director of Events at Shade Hotel Manhattan Beach. The year 2020, marked by global upheaval, witnessed one of the earliest casualties in the realm of hospitality. Amid these challenging circumstances, Megan and her husband, John Hixson (*an adept film location scout with a quarter-century of experience*), seized the moment to inaugurate their own venture, UV-Scene. This pioneering establishment was dedicated to leveraging UltraViolet technology for disinfection purposes, focusing on film sets. Through this endeavor, Megan garnered invaluable insights into the world of film production, becoming deeply enthralled by its allure. The pivotal juncture arrived in September 2022 when Megan's trajectory converged with that of John Robinson at Long Beach Locations. Presently, united as partners, they synergistically facilitate a surge of cinematic opportunities, enriching the tapestry of Long Beach's engagement with the world of film.

## Birthdays

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|   | <a href="#">Daniel K. Walker</a><br>March 28th           |
|   | <a href="#">Jon L. Mesko</a><br>March 30th               |
|   | <a href="#">Cam Doherty</a><br>Killingworth<br>April 1st |
|   | <a href="#">Alison Bruesehoff</a><br>April 2nd           |
|  | <a href="#">Shell W. Grossman</a><br>April 2nd           |

## Club Leaders

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|  | <a href="#">Michele A. Dobson</a><br>President                   |
|  | <a href="#">Gail B. Schwandner</a><br>Assistant to the President |
|  | <a href="#">Jean Bixby Smith</a><br>Assistant to the President   |
|  | <a href="#">Marcelle H. Epley</a><br>Vice President              |
|  | <a href="#">Joseph Wayne Hower PE, DEE</a><br>Vice President     |
|  | <a href="#">Debra Kahookele</a><br>Vice President                |
|  | <a href="#">Sumer A. Temple</a><br>Vice President                |
|  | <a href="#">John E. Romundstad</a><br>Secretary                  |



As President Michele planned her year, one of the things she wanted to accomplish was a recognition of the service of long-term members. She gave the assignment to Jean Bixby Smith and me (her Special Assistants) and we were to contact members who had served in the Club for 20 years or more. From 68 years for Bob Latimer to those newbies of 20 years. Jean and I have had a wonderful time talking to members who now live far away, or those who we had not seen in many years because they were not well enough to attend meetings. All were pleased to be remembered and still wish to remain members of this Club.

The total number was 59 and we have tried to recognize 10 members each month since October. There is a special table in the front at each meeting that is reserved for Emerald Club members, and they all have received the coveted fake emerald sticker for their badge. There will also be a special Emerald Club reception before the Presidents' Party on the Queen Mary in June.

Now with one more recognition in April, this year's Emerald Club is drawing to a close. Jean and I have loved this assignment, and we hope that all of you are planning for the day when you have that Emerald Club sticker on your badge.



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**Spring 2024 Rotary Roots is coming up!**





**Online Registration opens March 27th - be sure to check your email to sign up.**

On **Wednesday, April 17, 2024** Rotarians are invited to participate in **Rotary Roots** - there will be no general meeting at The Grand on this date. We are deeply grateful to this season's hosts:



**Environ Architecture** hosted by **Willetta McCulloh**;  
**Global View Capital Advisors** hosted by **Rich Gibson**;  
**Long Beach Rescue Mission** hosted by **Jeff Levine**;  
**Mark Schneider Fine Jewelry and Diamonds** hosted by **Mark Schneider**;  
**The Wine Country** hosted by **Randy Kemner**;  
and **Will Grella, D.D.S.** hosted by **Will Grella, D.D.S.**

Register for any of these sites online! If you have a question, do not hesitate to contact the office.

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Join us for an enriching and diverse experience at **"Rotary Roots,"** an event spanning six unique venues, each hosted by esteemed Rotarians in our community. This exceptional event promises to cultivate connections, foster collaboration, and celebrate the essence of Rotary's spirit.

On **Wednesday, April 17th**, from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM, your options include: a visit to **Environ Architecture & Interior Planning & Design**, hosted by the talented **Willetta McCulloh**, where creativity and innovation converge to shape spaces that inspire.

Delve into the world of financial stewardship and global perspectives at **Global View Capital Advisors**, under the guidance of **Rich Gibson**, as we explore avenues for sustainable growth and impact.

For those seeking to make a difference in the lives of others, join **Jeff Levine** at **Long Beach Rescue Mission**, where compassion meets action, and discover how the organization's service ethos transforms communities.

Meanwhile, immerse yourself in the luxuriousness of **Mark Schneider Fine Jewelry and Diamonds**, hosted by **Mark Schneider** himself, and witness the brilliance of craftsmanship intertwined with timeless elegance.

Indulge your senses at **The Wine Country**, curated by **Randy Kemner**, where flavors dance on the palate and stories unfold with every sip, embodying fellowship and conviviality.

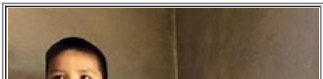
Lastly, gain insights into the pursuit of a healthy smile at **Will Grella, D.D.S.**, hosted by the esteemed **Dr. Will Grella**, as we explore pathways to personal and professional fulfillment.

We extend a warm invitation to all Rotarians to seize this opportunity for engagement and enrichment. Choose a venue that resonates with your interests and passions and embark on a journey of discovery and connection with fellow members of our Rotary family.

On behalf of the Rotary Roots Committee, let us come together to celebrate our shared values, leverage our diverse talents, and reaffirm our commitment to service above self. Reserve your spot today and be a part of "Rotary Roots," where we honor our heritage, cultivate our present, and sow the seeds of a brighter future for all.

## Navajo Nations – A Gift of Health & Hygiene

By Karen K. Widerynski, Navajo Nations Fundraiser Committee



Did you know that on the **Navajo Nation** over 30% of families live without running water? The Rotary Club of Long Beach is proud to host an event to raise funds for access to safe water for Navajo Nation families.



On **Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>** from **3 to 6 PM** Rotarians and selected guests are invited to one of Long Beach's most prestigious historic homes to enjoy fellowship, wine and light appetizers and learn more about the challenges and life changing impact of water.



Tickets are \$100 per person. Your space can be reserved by calling the Rotary office and paying by credit card or check. Please make checks payable to **Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation** and note **Navajo Water** in the memo.

For additional questions or to discuss other ways to donate, contact Event Chair **Diane Donaldson** via text [562-243-7682](tel:562-243-7682) or email [dianedonaldson@gmail.com](mailto:dianedonaldson@gmail.com) Space is limited. Please RSVP soon.

## Membership Committee's Call to Action

By Sarah Soriano, Membership Service Director



I invite you to take a minute and walk down memory lane. Do you remember when you were first introduced to the Rotary Club of Long Beach? How did you hear about us? What were your thoughts? What inspired you to join?

And now, think about someone who you know would be a great fit for Rotary. In our new member packet, there is a form that reads, "Rotary brings together the kind of people who step forward to take on important issues for local communities worldwide." Thank you for being one of those people and for helping improve the lives of people in our community and beyond!

Is there someone you think would be an excellent Rotarian? Reach out to them today!

Back in July, your Membership Committee set a goal to reach 40 new members. You can help make that happen! Here are some ways you can join us in making this goal a reality:

- **Invite** guests to a **weekly meeting**. We're hoping every member invites one guest to a weekly meeting.
- **Invite** a potential member to the next **Rotary Connections**. This is a less formal, casual evening at a Rotarian's home where candidates have an opportunity to meet other Rotarians and learn more about joining Rotary.
- **Sponsor a new member**. Once you have identified a potential member, you can be one of the two required sponsors and support them with the application process, introduce them at a meeting and help them on their path from Red Badge to Blue Badge.

Together, we create a welcoming atmosphere for our members. At our lunch meetings, be sure to look for new members (*wearing a Red Badge*) and help them feel part of the group.

You may have already seen the announcements. We are so excited to be launching *Your Rotary Journey*. This will be two information sessions where you can learn more about Rotary and get answers to your questions about our Avenues of Service and projects. An invite was sent out last week with more information.

We want to make sure our members are connected and engaged - we need you to help us do that! Together we will make our Club better, Thank You!

## RoToastados - Fostering Leadership and Communication Excellence

By John M. Graham III, RoToastados President

RoToastados is a District 5320 wide Club sponsored by Long Beach Rotary. Chartered in March 2023, this Toastmasters Club is unique. Part of the Rotary Toastmasters Alliance, the Club aims to become a powerhouse for honing the skills of aspiring leaders in Rotary, Rotaract and Interact. RoToastados is dedicated to nurturing effective communication and leadership, aligning with Rotary's missions in the community. We make speaking FUN!



RoToastados conducts meetings on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 2pm, offering a dynamic platform for members to practice speeches, develop leadership abilities, and enhance confidence. Beyond its commitment to its members, RoToastados extends its support to the Rotaract and Interact Clubs in District 5320, fostering a sense of mentorship and collaboration that strengthens the Rotary family. The Club's dedication to synergy with other like-minded clubs ensures that Rotary's impact extends into the community. Whether you're a seasoned Rotarian or just starting on your Rotary journey, RoToastados welcomes you to develop your skills *via* its meetings. The registration URL is <http://bit.ly/roto5320-registration>

Please join us in our quest for leadership, communication, and Rotary's noble ideals. We are also a great way to connect and collaborate with others.

**"Leadership and communication are indispensable to each other." – John F. Kennedy.**

We are proud to participate in our first area wide competition on **March 29th**. Please join us and cheer on your fellow Rotarians for our own March Madness. We will have a representative in both the International Speech Competition and Table Topics.

**Go RoToastados!**

John

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## **Last Call for Magazines - March 27 Meeting**

By Nancy Zwiers, Camp Enterprise Committee Co-chair

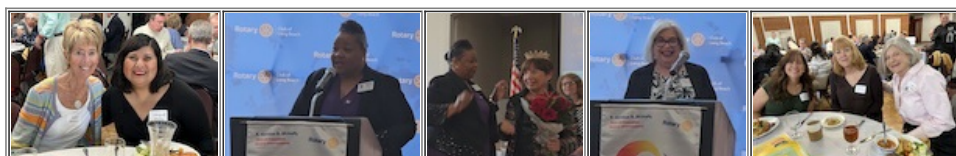
**Please bring in your old magazines that Camp Enterprise students can use to make inspirational collages while they wait for fellow students to trickle in between 7-9am. We especially need magazines that will have gender-neutral appeal. Thank you!**

**Contact Nancy Zwiers for any questions - [nzwiers@funosophy.com](mailto:nzwiers@funosophy.com)**

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## **It Was A Wonderful Day!**

Special thanks to **President Michele** and her outstanding **Planning Committee** for making this a 'day to remember'!





(Photo credits - **Dan Tapia, Dana Buchanan and Kay Cofield** - thank you!)

## Calendar Events

March 27th, 12:00-1:30 PM  
**Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting**  
**Speakers:** John Robinson & Megan Marron  
**Subject:** Filming in Long Beach

March 29th, 2:00-3:00 PM  
**RoToastados - Contest**

March 31st, 3:00-5:30 PM  
**Ronald McDonald House Sunday Meal**

April 3rd, 12:00-1:30 PM  
**Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Mayor James Butts  
**Subject:** Inglewood Intuit Dome; Camp Enterprise Kick-off

April 9th, 5:00-7:00 PM  
**5 O'Clock Somewhere**

April 10th, 12:00-1:30 PM  
**Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting**  
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April 11th, 2:00-3:00 PM  
**RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club**

April 13th, 8:00-9:00 AM  
**Centennial Park Clean-up**

April 14th, 5:00-7:00 PM  
**Navajo Friend/Fund Raising**

April 16th, 4:00-5:15 PM  
**RCLB Board of Directors Meeting**

April 17th, 12:00-1:30 PM  
**Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting**  
 Rotary Roots  
**Register** for individual host site, **starting March 27**

April 24th, 10:30-12:00 PM  
**Peace of Mind Seminar**  
**Topic:** Planning for the Future with Panel of LB Rotarians

April 24th, 12:00-1:30 PM  
**Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Josh Brost  
**Subject:** Relativity Space

April 25th, 2:00-3:00 PM  
**RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club**

**Friday MAY 3 - SAVE the DATE**  
**Farewell to Randy Gordon 'Roast'**  
**LBR Charitable Foundation Fundraiser**



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