




This Week's Program

<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, March 6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2023 Transpacific Yacht Race Experiences</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Marie Rogers US Coast Guard-licensed 50-ton Captain</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE GRAND 12:00 Noon - LUNCH 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - PROGRAM</p>	
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Marie Rogers was the second woman to be the Commodore of the historic Los Angeles Yacht Club (LAYC); there she established a sailing school and LAYC Community Sailing.

Marie races avidly. She was able to race in the 50th Transpacific race where she didn't see the diversity she was hoping for, prompting her to recruit a diverse offshore team for future races. That effort became the nonprofit, Offshore Racing Outreach, which competed in the 2023 Transpac as Team *Good Trouble*.

Marie also races close to home on her J/29 *Rush Street*, and does coastal racing on *Marie*, a Nelson Marek 55, that she shares with Bill, her husband. Rogers loves doing deliveries, cruising, and teaching sailing.

She is the 2021 BoatUS/National Women's Sailing Association (NWSA) Leadership in Women's Sailing Award recipient and the Southern California Yacht Association (SCYA) Peggy Slater honoree who, "best demonstrates outstanding contributions to the enhancement of women's participation in the sport of sailing." She serves on the Board of US Sailing and the National Women's Sailing Association. Marie is also a Director at SCYA where she chairs the Inclusive Boating Committee.

Women in Rotary

By Michele A. Dobson, RCLB President



In a dark smokey room, Rotarians sit around smoking cigars, drinking liquor and telling off-color jokes. The only woman in the room was Executive Director Karen Murdock, which paints an interesting but not an accurate picture. This



woman in the room was Executive Director Karen Wylick, which paints an interesting but not an accurate picture. This year, we embarked on a journey to find out how Long Beach Rotary became gender welcoming and how our Club was so far ahead of the curve. This was prompted by an award given at the Rotary International Convention called the Sylvia Whitlock Award. At the International Convention, Rotary International weaved an entertaining and informative story about how women members were admitted to Rotary in 1987. That same year, Sylvia Whitlock became Rotary's first ever female President of a Rotary Club, thus breaking the glass ceiling for hundreds of thousands of women who have served in Rotary since. Last year's Rotary International President Jennifer Jones (2022-2023) became the first female International President with Stephanie Urchick right behind her as the Rotary International President for 2024-2025. Please mark your calendars for our Women's History Month Celebration, which is scheduled for our March 20, 2024 meeting.

By way of a little history, in 1987, our then President Craig Dougherty, the Godfather, led our Club in the tough conversations to make the Rotary Club of Long Beach welcoming to women members. His Assistant to the President, Craig Cross, detailed that there was a lot of work by the Club members leading to the invitation to women to join the Club. Past President Russ Hill still recalls his trepidation driving Jean Bixby Smith to her first meeting to introduce her. Past President Hill also remembers the concerns about member resignations that never came, everyone stayed in the Club.

Past President Dougherty recalls that it was decided from the beginning that no one would be known as the first woman to join Rotary Club of Long Beach. The Club would introduce the first two women at the same time which we did in October 1987; Jean Bixby Smith introduced by Russ Hill and Jane Netherton introduced by Vic McCarty. A few weeks later, Past President Dougherty introduced Jayne Lastusky and a few weeks after that, Craig Cross introduced Cam Doherty Killingsworth. It didn't take long for the ladies to be known as "The Fabulous Four." What happened next, according to Past President Dougherty, is exactly what the Club knew would happen, other very accomplished women saw what was going on at Rotary and wanted to be part of it. This included Stephanie James, Beverly O'Neill, Donna Reckseen and Liz Lucas.

On March 20th we will celebrate Women's History Month, the female Presidents of our Club and the Fab Four. See you there.

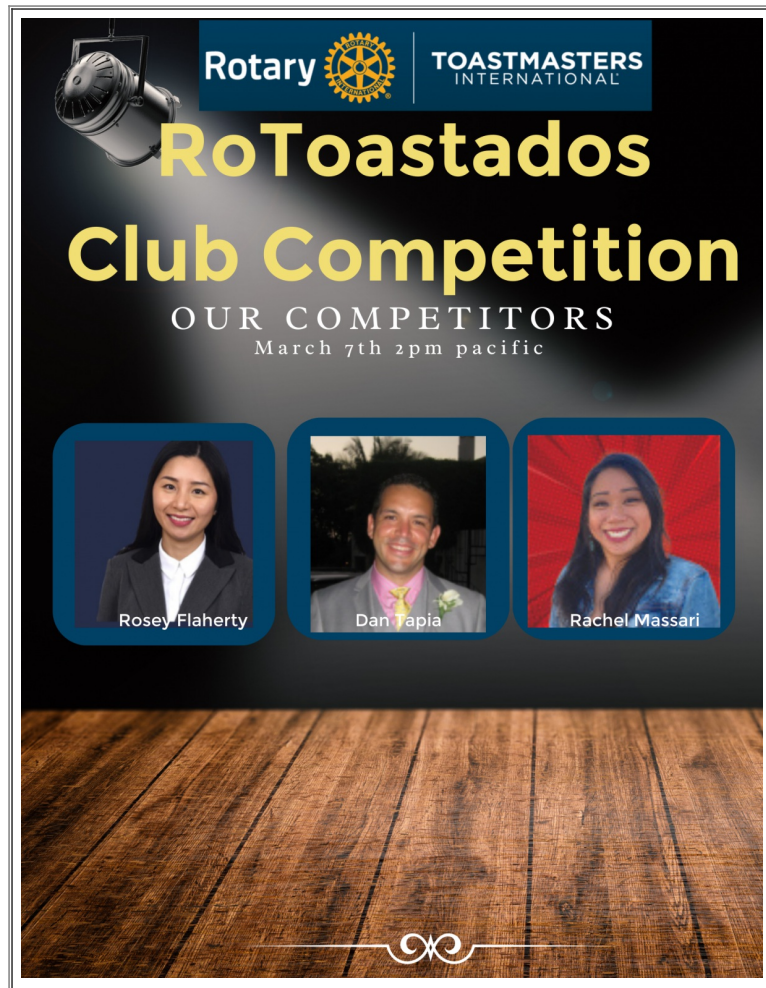
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RoToastados Club Competition

Thursday, March 7
2:00 p.m. via ZOOM

In 2021 Rotary began an initiative to synergize leadership and training with Toastmasters. 2024 Celebrates the 100th year of Toastmasters International. Join us this Thursday as we select who will represent RoToastados in our inaugural year in the International Speaker competition.

Please join us **Thursday March 7th** at **2pm** online **via Zoom** at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88273178725?pwd=aERZaER1cVUwR1R4Vlg0aGEzSnQ4dz09>



Rotary Business Breakfast Roundtable (BBR)

By Mary Zerafa Loos

"What Great Remote Managers Do Differently"

We would like to invite members to our upcoming Business Breakfast Roundtable (BBR).

The workplace has gone through many changes post-COVID. Today, many business owners need to continue to learn how to best manage remotely. Or do they need to require workers to come into the office? What about a hybrid option? Is working remotely here to stay? What are best practices?

Prior to our Roundtable, we will distribute an article from the Harvard Business Review and use it to kick off our discussion. From there, we will share our experiences.



We hope you can join us in this timely discussion.

**Thursday, March 21
8:00am-9:30am
The Grand, 4101 E. Willow
\$13 (cash preferred) for coffee and pastries**

For more information, please contact
Mary Zerafa Loos at [562.754.2500](tel:562.754.2500) or maryzerafa@gmail.com.

All participants will receive an article from
the Harvard Business Review prior to the roundtable
which we will use to kick off our discussion.

Thursday, March 21, 2024
8:00am-9:30am
The Grand, 4101 E. Willow
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RSVP: Mary Zerafa Loos | maryzerafa@gmail.com
To foster discussion, the maximum number of participants is 18

Inspiration and Flag Salute

By David Clark



Be a beacon for your fellow Rotarians!

We invite you to share a moment of inspiration at our upcoming meetings.
Whether through **a meaningful quote, a personal story, or an insightful thought**,
your contribution will guide us at the start of our gathering.

Aim for a reflection that lasts **no more than 90 seconds**,
embodying the essence of being brief, bright, and memorable.
We have openings @ Rotary Meetings in March, April, May and June - your choice!

If you're prepared to shine a light on our paths and illuminate our discussions, please get in touch with
David Clark (daveclarkoc@gmail.com).

Let's enrich our meetings with your guiding light, making every start a moment of inspiration.

Jennifer will have a sign up sheet at our next Rotary Meeting, March 6!

If your Patriotic side is calling,
please reach out to **Jens Rosmus** (jensr@global.t-bird.edu),
and sign up to start one of our great Rotary Meetings
by leading our treasured 'Pledge of Allegiance'



Rotary Night at Blair Field with 'The Dirtbags'

RSVP NOW FOR RECEPTION and PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS!

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Rotary Pre Game Reception (5:00pm - 1st Base Pavilion)

Reception RSVP now to scholarships@lbrsf.org

Game - LB State Dirtbags vs Cal State Fullerton Titans - 6:00pm

No Reserved Seating Section for Rotarians (we know some of you have season tickets)

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

**Blair Field
4700 Deukmejian Drive - Long Beach**

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



Composite Schedule

03/22/2024

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Baseball


Long Beach State

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Friday, March 22, 2024


Baseball



Away	Home	Time	Location	Links
 Cal State Fullerton	 Long Beach State	6 p.m.	Long Beach, CA / (Conf)	TV: ESPN+ / Stats / Video



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Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation 'Check' to Long Beach City College

During last week's Rotary Meeting held at Long Beach City College, the **Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation** presented a check to **LBCC Superintendent-President Dr. Mike Muñoz** for **\$122,500**, providing **110 scholarships** to Long Beach students.



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Calendar Events

March 6th, 12:00-1:30 PM
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Marie Rogers
Subject: Trans Pacific Yacht Race

March 9th, 8:00-9:00 AM
[Centennial Park Clean-up](#)

March 12th, 5:00-7:00 PM
[5 O'Clock Somewhere](#)

March 13th, 12:00-1:30 PM
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: TBA

March 14th, 2:00-3:00 PM
[RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club](#)

March 19th, 4:00-5:15 PM
[RCLB Board of Directors Meeting](#)

March 20th, 12:00-1:30 PM
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Jennifer Kumiyama
Subject: Disney Star on Accessibility Special Honor of the Fab 4

March 21st, 8:00-9:30 AM
[Business Breakfast Roundtable : in person](#)
 "What Great Remote Managers Do Differently"
 For Long Beach Rotarians only

March 22nd, 6:00-9:00 PM
[Rotary Night with The Dirtbags](#)
Blair Field

March 23rd, 10:00-12:00 PM
[Rotary Park Easter Egg Hunt/Book Fair](#)
 Mark Bixby Easter Egg Hunt and Paul Kennard Book Fair

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

March 28th, 2:00-3:00 PM
[RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club](#)

March 31st, 3:00-5:30 PM
[Ronald McDonald House Sunday Meal](#)

April 9th, 5:00-7:00 PM
[5 O'Clock Somewhere](#)

April 13th, 8:00-9:00 AM
[Centennial Park Clean-up](#)

April 14th, 5:00-7:00 PM
[Navajo Friend/Fund Raising](#)

Birthdays This Next Week



[Alfredo Velasco](#)
March 8th



[Douglas Stephen Coleman](#)
March 8th



[James F. Bunnell](#)
March 8th



[John W. Hancock III](#)
March 8th



[Shelley Hanks](#)
March 8th



[Jennifer Stout](#)
March 11th

February Years of Service - CONGRATS!



[Russell T. Hill](#)
50 Years



[Frank R. Newell](#)
38 Years



[Mark A. Garlington](#)
31 Years



[Jeffrey G. Wimbish](#)
19 Years



[Elizabeth Helene Lucas](#)
31 Years



[Robert G. Foster](#)
16 Years



[Denae L. Oatey](#)
15 Years



[Olivia Maiser](#)
12 Years



[Donald J. Trojan](#)
11 Years



[Henry C. Fung](#)
6 Years



[Leslie Wiberg](#)
6 Years



[Lisa Finn](#)
6 Years



[James A. Ahumada](#)
5 Years



[Robyn Gordon-Peterson](#)
5 Years



[Maria Hunter](#)
1 Year



[Gregory \(Greg\) Magnuson](#)
1 Year



[Rex Richardson](#)
Welcome Back!



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