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## This Week's Program

### Club Meeting

Long Beach  
Meets at The Grand  
4101 E. Willow St.  
Long Beach, CA 90815  
Time: Wednesday at  
12:00 PM

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### Events

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[Centennial Park  
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OFFSITE: Feeding the  
Future  
**Subject:** Assembling  
food/hygiene bags for  
CSULB students

January 21st  
[Rotary Weekly Club  
Meeting](#)  
**Speakers:** Ryan Antes  
and James McLanahan  
**Subject:** Behind-the-  
scenes with US Special  
Forces

January 22nd  
[RoToastados - A  
Rotary Toastmaster  
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January 26th  
[RCLB Board of  
Directors Meeting for  
FY 2025-2026](#)

January 28th  
[Rotary Weekly Club  
Meeting](#)  
**Speaker:** Peter  
Samuelson

## Wednesday, January 14

### "7th Annual "Feeding the Future - Part 2 - CSULB"

Join us for our regular Wednesday lunch @ CSULB

If you wish to help with morning set-up (**starts at 9:00am**),  
contact **Tina Barry**

email to:

[tinabarry@barryconsultinggroup.com](mailto:tinabarry@barryconsultinggroup.com) or **626-379-0650**

**11:00-11:30am** Arrival and Open House of Recreational Facilities

**11:30-12:00pm** Lunch at Gym

**12:00-12:25pm** CSULB Welcome, New Facility overview

**12:30-1:30pm** Grab 'N Go packing

**1:30pm** Thank you and depart

**Location:** Student and Recreation Wellness Center (SRWC)  
1401 Palo Verde Drive, Long Beach

**Parking:** Lot 14 - **Parking passes will be sent to attendees who RSVP'd**

**Attire:** No special requirements *except closed toe shoes*. Please dress  
comfortably for our working session!

**Minors:** We love to have young people attend our event!  
We need a **parent in attendance and a waiver signed (check-in)**

**Deadline to RSVP  
to Madrid for  
Jan 14 lunch is  
9am TODAY  
Friday**

For the past six years our Rotary Club has filled 1500 food and hygiene bags  
to help food insecure students at LBCC and CSULB.

Subject: "Finding Happy"

In August, 2025 we had lunch, then packed Rotary string bags for the LBCC Basic Needs Department. Now it's time to do the same for our CSULB students!

January 29th  
**Rotary Connections**  
Combined with 5 O'Clock Somewhere  
Bring a prospect

January 30th  
**Rotary Club Monthly Golf Outing**  
Speaker: January at LB Sky Links Golf Course

## BIRTHDAYS



[Craig Rockwell Dougherty](#)  
January 10th



[Andrew J. Moskovitz](#)  
January 10th

## Club Leaders



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Sergeant-at-Arms

## Membership Minute

By Leslie Wiberg, Membership Service Co-Director

# MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Be sure to mark your calendars to help us grow and strengthen your Rotary Club of Long Beach. Bring a friend, family member, or colleague to learn and experience Rotary. Here are some great opportunities below.



January 2026

<p><b>Jan. 12</b> <b>4900 E. Conant Bldg 02 #255</b> <b>5:00-6:00PM</b></p>	<p><b>MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING</b></p> <p>Join your Membership Co-Directors, Leslie and Tanya, to hear about the exciting plans for the upcoming year, and how you can get involved. No matter your availability or preferences, we have something for everyone. *Rotarians Only.</p>
<p><b>Wed. Jan 14</b> <b>CSULB</b> <b>12:00-1:30PM</b></p>	<p><b>LUNCH MEETING - FEEDING THE FUTURE</b></p> <p>"Feeding the Future" Grab &amp; Go event brings together Rotarians for an important cause. Members will assemble packages for local college pantries, including food and hygiene bags, to assist food-insecure students.</p>
<p><b>Wed. Jan. 21</b> <b>Queen Mary</b> <b>5:00-7:00PM</b></p>	<p><b>TWILIGHT ON THE QUEEN</b></p> <p>Weekly club meeting aboard the Queen Mary. Topic: Behind the Scenes with US Special Forces</p>
<p><b>Thurs. Jan. 29</b> <b>Location TBD</b> <b>5:00-7:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>HELP US CONNECT AT ROTARY CONNECTIONS!!</b></p> <p>Bring your prospective family and friends (because we have new member tiers: family, young Rotarian, and former member) to learn about today's Rotary Club of Long Beach. This event is an opportunity to serve as an ambassador and share the benefits and impact Rotary has been for you.</p>

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\*All dates subject to change.

## Bell Ringing 2025

By Steve and Meredith Shaw



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Youth Service  
Director

Long Beach Rotary had another successful year of ringing the Salvation Army Bell Saturday, December 20th. Long Beach Rotary has been doing this for years as a way to help one of the local charities. Much thanks to all the Rotarians who helped out: *Don Cochran, Doug Coleman, Lori and Steve Dwight, John Graham, Brian Moskovitz, Greg and Val Owen, Nancy Zwiers, and our District Governor Craig Livingston.*

## RoToastados

By Natalie Hale, Fellowship Service Co-Director



**Rotary**



**The Alliance: Rotary 5320  
and Toastmasters-  
ROTOASTADOS**

At Rotoastados Toastmasters we meet every other Thursday 4pm via Zoom and once a quarter in person. We are growing confident communicators and leaders in a supportive, fun, and encouraging space. Visit us and see how Toastmasters can elevate your leadership voice, while having fun with Rotarians!

Everyone invited to attend-  
Welcome our new member  
DG Craig Livingston

ZOOM MEETING  
JAN 22, 4PM  
Contact Natalie Hale  
nhale@mediapartnersww.com  
for the zoom link



## Appeal to Readers

By Sarah Soriano, Sergeant-at-Arms

### Volunteers Needed: Share the Joy of Reading!

For over 15 years, the Rotary Club of Long Beach Literacy Committee has proudly partnered with the Long Beach Early Childhood Education Committee to bring the gift of books to young learners. This year, we continue that tradition at the Early Learning and Kindergarten Festivals on:

- **Saturday, January 24, 2026**, Burcham Elementary  
Time: **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Volunteers needed at 8:30 AM Set-up)**
- **Saturday, March 7, 2026**, Dooley Elementary  
Time: **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Volunteers needed at 8:30 AM Set-up)**
- **Saturday, April 25, 2026** This festival will be combined with the Celebration of the Young Child at Billie Jean King Library & Lincoln Park



**Judy Ross**  
Strategic  
Planning

Time: **10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

We need volunteers to help hand out books to children—a simple act that creates a lasting impact. Each child will have the joy of selecting a book of their very own, sparking curiosity and inspiring a lifelong love of reading.

You can volunteer for:

- One hour
- Two hours
- Or the full event

Your time and smile will make a difference!

Sign up today and help us share the magic of books with the next generation.

Contact **Sarah Soriano**, [ssoriano@younghorizons.org](mailto:ssoriano@younghorizons.org).



**Steve M. Hockett**  
iPast  
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President-  
elect



**Freda Hinsche Otto**  
President-  
Nominee



**Madrid Zimmerman**  
Club Director  
Club  
Executive  
Secretary

## Golf in the New Year!

By **Michael J. Wilson and Don Serafano**

### Hello Rotarians, Happy New Year!

Our next golf outing is scheduled for **FRIDAY, JANUARY 30**, at **Sky Links Golf Course in Long Beach**, with the **first tee time at 11:30 am**.

Golfers of all skill levels are welcome, and as always, friends and family are invited to join us.

If you would like to play, please let Don Serafano ([dserafano@gmail.com](mailto:dserafano@gmail.com)) and me ([wilsomik@gmail.com](mailto:wilsomik@gmail.com)) know as soon as possible.

Additionally, please mark your calendars on **Friday, 2/27**, for our **February golf outing at El Dorado**. More details to follow.

We look forward to seeing you on the links!

Kind regards,  
*Mike Wilson*  
*Don Serafano*

*"I know I am getting better at golf because I am hitting fewer spectators."*  
*President Gerald R. Ford*



## New Member Proposal

The following is being proposed as a member of the Rotary Club of Long Beach. She is hereby submitted to the membership for a 10-day period as required by the Bylaws. Any comments can be addressed to the President or the Executive Director of the Club during this 10-day period.

**Alina Mircea-Trotz - Assistant VP, Planned Giving & Stewardship, CSULB**

Proposed classification: Education - CSULB Legacy Giving

Proposed by: Kelly Rugirello and Cam Killingsworth

**Rotary Club of Long Beach**  
meets every Wednesday @ 12 Noon

**THE GRAND**

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The Queen Mary  
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