



**UNITE  
FOR  
GOOD**

Rotary

## This Week's Program

### Club Meeting

Long Beach  
Meets at The Queen  
Mary - Queen's Salon  
Time: Monday at 5:15  
PM

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In-person meeting and  
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## Monday, October 20

# "The Future of Dining: Will our Long Beach Restaurants Survive?"

**Michael Deane: Michael's**  
**Ciaran Gough: 908**  
**Lorenzo Mottola - Vino E Cucina**

## The Queen Mary Queen's Salon (4th Floor Elevator)

**EARLY START - 5:15pm Buffet Dinner**  
**6:00pm Prompt Start of Meeting**

**Halloween Rotary Costume Contest**  
**Winner = \$300 Gift Certificate - Sky Room Restaurant**  
**Twilight Raffle - \$100 Gift Certificate - LB Restaurant**

**LBRFSF Schneider Scholarship Presentation**

**Introduction of Two NEW Members!**

**Reservations Are Closed**



### Michael Dene: Michael's

After a successful career in the decorative lighting industry, Michael Dene followed his lifelong passion for food and hospitality into what he calls his 'retirement plan' — opening **Michael's on Naples**, a restaurant built on the values of honesty, community, and farm-to-table integrity.

For 18 years, Michael led with heart and purpose, creating a place where exceptional food and genuine hospitality came together. His philosophy celebrates the connection between people, ingredients, and the stories that bring them to the table.

### Ciaran Gough: 908

Ciaran began his restaurant career while studying Business & Marketing in Dublin, Ireland. After emigrating to Southern California, he continued his experience in the restaurant business, working as a server, cook, bartender and

Rotarians in the Wild  
LB Historical Cemetery  
Tour

October 27th  
[RCLB Board of  
Directors Meeting for  
FY 2025-2026](#)

October 29th  
[Rotary Weekly Club  
Meeting](#)  
**Speaker:** Mayor Rex  
Richardson and the City  
Olympics Committee  
**Subject:** 2028 Summer  
Olympics in Long Beach

October 30th  
[RoToastados - A  
Rotary Toastmaster  
Alliance Club](#)

November 7th  
[Rotary Club Monthly  
Golf Outing](#)  
November at El Dorado

November 8th  
[Centennial Park  
Clean-up](#)

November 12th  
[Rotary 101 \(formerly  
Rotary Journey\)](#)  
For newer members

November 12th  
[Rotary Weekly Club  
Meeting - Twilight  
on the Queen Mary](#)  
**Speakers:** Panel  
discussion

November 13th  
[RoToastados - A  
Rotary Toastmaster  
Alliance Club](#)

November 18th  
[Holiday Wine Tasting  
at the Wine Country](#)  
Hosted by Randy  
Kemner  
Special 5 O'Clock  
Somewhere - Holiday  
Wine Tasting

November 19th  
[Rotary Weekly Club  
Meeting](#)  
**PROGRAM:** Annual LB  
Rotary Scholarship  
Foundation Program

November 20th  
[Business Breakfast  
Roundtable](#)

November 24th  
[RCLB Board of  
Directors Meeting for  
FY 2025-2026](#)

## Birthdays



[Don Pierce](#)  
October 20th

[Stuart  
Ledsam](#)

eventually pursued roles in management. He became a GM at Claim Jumper, moved to an emerging brand named Yardhouse, became a Director and as the brand continued to grow, took over as a Regional Vice President overseeing 28 restaurants, doing north of 250 million in annual revenue. After spending two years transitioning YH into the Darden Company, he left to take over as COO of Eureka Restaurant Group, overseeing growth from 11 to 25 restaurants within two years.



### **Lorenzo Mottola: Vino E Cucina**

Lorenzo, an Italian native born in Milan on October 30, 1968, possesses a professional career spanning four decades. This career is evenly divided between the hospitality industry and professional wine consulting, during which he held prominent positions at local, regional, and national levels.

Since 2017, he has been the proprietor of "Vino E Cucina" Trattoria & Wine Bar in Long Beach, where he currently resides.



## THANK YOU, Rotarians - YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!!

By Cam Doherty Killingsworth, Election Committee Chair 2024-2025

The Rotary Club of Long Beach election process for 2024–2025 has come to a close. The 7 member election committee, elected by the RCLB MEMBERS annually in October, serves from November 1 through October 31.

The most senior past president (*based on the year they served as president, not their age!*) serves as the Chair. The committee selects the President-designate who will be announced in December along with the President-elect's Board Members for 2026-2027. The final responsibility of the Election Committee is to count the ballots for the new incoming Election Committee. Thank you to ALL Rotarians who vote every year!

I am honored to have served as CHAIR this past year, and wish to extend congratulations and appreciation to our Election Committee - what a team! Sincere thanks go to **Michele Dobson, Rich Gibson, Steve Keesal, Olivia Maiser, Braden Phillips** and **Wayne Slavitt** - and Alternates: **Vali DeVries** and **Kelly Ruggirello**. I am grateful for the opportunity to work, and have fun, with this dedicated group of Rotarian leaders.

It is our honor to present the next Rotary Election Committee  
**CHAIR, November 1, 2025 - October 31, 2026 - GAIL SCHWANDNER, Past President #102**

Congratulations to **Gail and the 2025-2026 Election Committee** and  
**THANK YOU, Rotarians, for VOTING!!!**

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**A note from Gail:** As Cam hands the Chair position of the election committee over to me, I would like to first thank all of the committee members who said 'YES' when I called them for their commitment to serve. All committee members who have not already served as President are asked if they would like to be considered for President. If the answer is yes, then they will step back and the next person on the list will be asked. The following people in alphabetical order will be our:

### 2025-2026 Election Committee.

**Gail Schwandner (Chair)**  
**Mollie Beck**  
**Gregory Burnight**  
**Matt Kinley**  
**David Lott**  
**John Romundstad**  
**Alfredo Velasco**

**Alternates:**  
**Tina Barry**



October 21st

Leslie Wiberg



Leslie Wiberg  
October 22nd

## Thank You, Skippers!

By Stephen B. Shaw, Captain

Once again, a successful, memorable and enjoyable evening was spent together - Rotarian Fellowship on the water...

Special thanks to **Meredith, Madrid** and our **'Skippers'** who graciously hosted with their boats: **Fox Boswell, Freda Hinsche Otto, David Lott, Don Serafano** and former LB Rotarian **Bond Nichols!**

### Club Leaders



Kelly Ruggirello  
President



Joseph Wayne Hower PE, DEE  
Assistant to the President



Olivia Maiser  
Assistant to the President



Jane Close Conoley  
Vice President



John M. Graham III  
Vice President



Douglas P. Haubert  
Vice President



David A. Lott  
Vice President



John E. Romundstad  
Secretary Treasurer



James A. Ahumada  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Mollie Beck  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Raymond Cervantez  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Sarah Soriano  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Whitney Leathers  
CCO-Club Comm. Offcer



Henry C. Fung  
Career Service Director



## RoToastados

Dare to come... Rotoastados is hosting a **live meeting & Open House** at **5:00 PM** at the **YMCA** on **October 23rd!**

Bring a friend and meet our boo-crew, see what we do, and jump into a few frightfully fun activities—participate if you like or just lurk ??.

We'll have **spooky (but tasty) bites** and **bloody good** wine & beverages for all our ghouls and goblins.

Rotary District 5320 | TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL  
**Rotoastados**  
*In Person & Virtual Meeting*  
 A Rotary District 5320 + Toastmasters Alliance  
 Join Us for a Special In-Person & Virtual Toastmasters Meeting  
**THURSDAY OCT 23, 2025**  
**5:00PM | GAVEL DOWN AT 5:30PM**  
 Discover the power of public speaking, build leadership skills, and connect with a supportive community.  
 YMCA Corporate Office  
 4801 Airport Plaza Dr #400, Long Beach, CA 90815



[Jeff Kellogg](#)  
Club Service  
Director



[Tina Barry](#)  
Community  
Service  
Co-Director



[Shelley Hanks](#)  
Community  
Service  
Co-Director



[Natalie Hale](#)  
Fellowship  
Service  
Co-Director



[Linda Josephine Rahn](#)  
Fellowship  
Service  
Co-Director



[Theresa Cornwell](#)  
International  
Service  
Director



[Tanya Adolph](#)  
Membership  
Service  
Co-Director



[Leslie Wiberg](#)  
Membership  
Service  
Co-Director



[Jon L. Mesko](#)  
Youth Service  
Director



[Judy Ross](#)  
Strategic  
Planning



[Steve M. Hockett](#)  
iPast  
President



[Wayne C. Slavitt](#)  
President-  
elect



[Freda Hinsche Otto](#)  
President-  
Nominee



[Madrid Zimmerman](#)  
Club Director  
Executive  
Secretary

# Come Golf With Us in October AND November

By Michael J. Wilson and Don Serafano

Hello Rotarians,

Our next golf outing will be on **Friday, October 24**, at the **Navy Destroyer Course in Cypress**.  
The first tee time is **11:30 a.m.**

As always, friends and family are welcome to join.  
If you are interested, please let **Don Serafano** ([dserafano@gmail.com](mailto:dserafano@gmail.com))  
**and me** ([wilsomik@gmail.com](mailto:wilsomik@gmail.com)) *-(or just hit reply)* know via email.

Also, please mark your calendars for our November outing. We will be playing at the **El Dorado Course in Long Beach on November 7**.

We are not planning a Rotary golf outing for December, since it's a busy month for most folks.

However, if you are interested, the **27th Annual Long Beach Symphony Golf Classic** will be held on **December 8** at the **Virginia Country Club**.

Don and I are planning to participate, so if you'd like to join us, you can sign up at the following link:  
<https://longbeachsymphony.org/concerts-events/golf/>

Thank you and looking forward to seeing you on the links.

Mike and Don



## Cemetery Tour

By Natalie Hale and Linda Rahn, Fellowship Service Co-Directors

**JOIN US FOR A MEMORABLE & HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE!**



**Rotary**  **Club of Long Beach** 

Historical Society Long Beach Cemetery Tour  
with your friends from the Rotary Club of Long Beach

**GET READY FOR AN ENGAGING EXPLORATION OF LONG BEACH'S SIGNIFICANT PAST.**  
Experience a self-guided tour of historic landmarks and performances by community theater actors portraying the life of the person lying at rest. Actors perform in period-appropriate costumes. Each year's program features a number of stories - some are individuals who helped shape the city's political past, others are ordinary people whose tales remind us that rich or poor, famed or nearly forgotten, everyone has a story to tell.

**LOCATION & MEETING PLACE:**  
1095 E. Willow Street-Sunnyside Cemetery main entrance

**DATE & TIME:**  
**Sat, 10/25 Meet-up at 9:30 am**

  Join us for lunch at 12 noon at Curley's, 1999 E. Willow Street (corner of Cherry and Willow)

 **TICKET PURCHASE:**  
Presale general admission: \$25  
At the door, day of event: \$30  
Scan QR code to purchase tickets or go to [hslb.org](http://hslb.org)

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**  
Carpooling or taking Uber strongly recommended  
Wear comfortable shoes, bring snacks, water, hat and sunglasses or portable chair if you desire.



**THE 29th ANNUAL HISTORICAL CEMETERY TOUR**



**OCTOBER 25, 2025**

**GATES OPEN 8:30AM TO 3PM**

**SUNNYSIDE & MUNICIPAL CEMETERIES**  
1095 & 1151 EAST WILLOW ST.  
LONG BEACH, CA 90806



# District Rotary Night Out with The Symphony

By Natalie Hale and Linda Rahn, Fellowship Service Co-Directors

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**, and join us for a fabulous fundraiser with the **Long Beach Symphony's high-energy tribute to Michael Jackson, Prince, Whitney Houston, and more!**

Thanks to the generosity of our President, **Kelly Ruggirello**, Rotary friends receive **25% off tickets**—and the Symphony will also donate **25% back to our Rotary District Foundation**. That means you save while giving back!

## **What to Expect:**

A night filled with dancing, singing, and the unforgettable sounds of the Symphony, paired with powerhouse singers and a band.

## **Special Rotary Table:**

We're reserving a table for 10 where you can bring your own food and wine to enjoy during the show. Cost is **\$97.50 per person** (*down from \$130pp so, discount included*). Seating is limited, so please contact **Madrid** to reserve your desired number of seats at the table.

*Doors open at 6 pm, show begins at 7:30 pm.*

## **Other Seating Options:**

Prefer your own seats or table?

Visit [longbeachsymphony.org/iconic-voices-of-change](http://longbeachsymphony.org/iconic-voices-of-change) and use promo code **ROTARYWINS** to unlock your discount on all types of seats.

Over 150 members from District 5320 have already bought tickets, so come on LB Rotary, let's pack the Symphony with **Rotarians and friends** for a night of incredible music, fellowship, and fundraising—all in.



**November 15** is **Rotary Night**  
at **Long Beach**  
**Symphony**

*Pops*

**Double the Impact: You enjoy  
25% Off & Rotary Foundation  
receives a 25% Gift!**



Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM | Doors open at 6PM

**Iconic Voices of Change:  
Prince, Whitney, Michael & More!**

**Music! Dancing! Community!**

Learn more and reserve tickets at

[LongBeachSymphony.org/iconic-voices-of-change](https://LongBeachSymphony.org/iconic-voices-of-change)

Use Promo code **ROTARYWINS**

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## Holiday Wine Tasting @ Randy's

By Natalie Hale and Linda Rahn, Fellowship Service Co-Directors

5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE

Rotary  Club of Long Beach

# HOLIDAY WINE TASTING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20  
5PM-7PM

THE WINE COUNTRY  
2301 Redondo Ave., Signal Hill, CA

*Join us for a wine tasting mixer hosted by Wine Country Owner & Rotarian Randy Kemner. Feel free to bring a guest as it's a perfect chance for current members of Rotary Club of Long Beach to connect and for potential new members to learn more about our community.*



*Appetizers will be provided.*

Please RSVP via Evite

[www.rotarylongbeach.org](http://www.rotarylongbeach.org)

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

**THE GRAND**  
4101 E. Willow Street  
Long Beach, CA 90815

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