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This Week's Program

Club Meeting

Long Beach
Meets at The Queen
Mary
Time: Wednesday at
5:15 PM

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Wednesday, November 12

"From Valor to Voice: Listening to Veterans' Challenges"

Christy Westphal and Braden Phillips

Twilight Evening Meeting - The Queen Mary Royal Salon/Kings View 4th Floor (past Windsor Salon)

**Dinner - 5:15pm
Program - 6:00pm**

RSVP - Reservations Close TODAY, November 7

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CRISTY WESTPHAL

I proudly served in the U.S. Army for 16 years



BRADEN J. PHILLIPS

Braden, born and raised in Lockport, New York, accepted an appointment to the US Naval

at the Wine Country

Hosted by Randy Kemner
Special 5 O'Clock Somewhere - Holiday Wine Tasting

November 19th Rotary Weekly Club Meeting

Annual LB Rotary Scholarship Foundation Program

November 20th Business Breakfast Roundtable

Speakers: Mollie Beck and Dennis Smith
Subject: "Doing Business in Rotary"

November 24th RCLB Board of Directors Meeting for FY 2025-2026

BIRTHDAYS



Robyn Gordon-Peterson
November 8th



Rayne Sherman
November 10th



Solimar Salas
November 12th



Judy Ross
November 12th



Lisa Ramelow
November 14th



Matthew L. Kinley
November 14th



Jim Better
November 14th



Rachel Massari
November 14th

Club Leaders



Kelly Ruggirello
President



Joseph Wayne Hower PE.
DEE
Assistant to the President

Olivia Maiser
Assistant to

as a combat medic. My journey took me through two tours overseas—one in Iraq and one in Afghanistan—where I had the honor of caring for soldiers on the front lines. I completed my military career as a Second Lieutenant at Fort Lewis in Tacoma, Washington.

Those years in uniform shaped who I am in countless ways. Serving as a medic taught me discipline, empathy, and the power of staying calm under pressure. The Army instilled in me the values of teamwork, resilience, leadership, compassion, and perseverance—principles that continue to guide me every single day.

After leaving the service, I knew I wanted to continue helping others, so I became a physician assistant. Now, I'm pursuing a degree in clinical laboratory science, with the goal of advancing genetics and cancer research. For me, medicine has always been about service—whether that means saving lives on the battlefield or working toward discoveries that can change lives for generations to come.

Being a veteran isn't just part of my past—it's a part of everything I do. The lessons I learned in the Army continue to inspire me to learn, grow, and give back, both to my community and to those who come after me.

Academy, graduated with the Class of 1968, was commissioned an Ensign. and designated a Naval Aviator in 1969.

View Braden's extraordinary service (**NAVY below**) of our Rotarian Veterans! He flew over 5000 hours and 500 carrier landings as an Anti-Submarine Warfare pilot flying S-2 and S-3 aircraft. He earned a Master of Science in Financial Management at the US Naval Postgraduate School, worked in the Office of the Navy Comptrollers; served as Navy Liaison to the US House and Senate along with many prestigious positions until he retired from active duty as a Captain in 1995.

He joined the City of Long Beach to help develop the Base Reuse Plan for the closed LB Navy properties, served as the Administration Bureau Chief with the Long Beach Police Department in 2001 and retired, a second time, in 2015.

Braden is the President of ChildNet, a member of Memorial Healthcare System, Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, Fisher House Southern California, Inc., the YMCA of Greater Long Beach, and the Peninsula Neighborhood Association.

He and Susan, his wife of 56 years, live in Long Beach, where Susan worked as a Certified Exercise Physiologist at the Belmont Athletic Club. They have an adult daughter, Blake.

Rotary 101

By Lori Dwight

"This is now a requirement for all new Red Badge members"

- * Are you new to Rotary?
- * Would you like to learn more about the different ways to get involved?
- * What is Rotary International? The Four-Way Test?
- * What is DACdb?

Please join us on Wednesday, November 12, from 4pm-5pm, prior to the *Twilight on the Queen* meeting.

This is your opportunity to hear from experts and become more acquainted and connected with Rotary-at-Large and our Club.

Rotary 101 is designed for new and existing members to become familiar with all aspects of the Rotary Club of Long Beach, its structure and the many resources to engage our members. Here are the topics covered:

1. Structure and Leadership
2. Avenues of Service (External and Internal)
3. The Three Foundations available for Rotary
4. "Red" Badge to "Blue" Badge process
5. Resources: DACdb (the Club's Directory)

Please RSVP to Madrid or Jennifer.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, contact Lori Dwight at 714-944-5796 Lori.Dwight.PBC2@StateFarm.com

Did You Know... .. about our Rotarian Veterans

Honoring RCLB Members Who Have Served...



the President



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Vice President



John M. Graham III
Vice President



Douglas P. Haubert
Vice President



David A. Lott
Vice President



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Sergeant-at-Arms



Mollie Beck
Sergeant-at-Arms



Raymond Cervantez
Sergeant-at-Arms



Sarah Soriano
Sergeant-at-Arms



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CCO-Club Comm. Offcr



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Jeff Kellogg
Club Service Director



Tina Barry
Community Service Co-Director



Shelley Hanks
Community Service Co-Director

Natalie Hale
Fellowship Service



ROGER CIVALLERI – Spec 5 – 6 years (6 months Active) – Long Beach

CRAIG DOUGHERTY - Army Reserve and Arizona National Guard - 6 years

STEVE KEESAL - Specialist - Served 3.5 years - C Co., 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regt. (Airborne), United States Army Special Operations Command - Afghanistan 2002 Iraq 2003 - Combat Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, Ranger Taab; MOS 11B1V (Airborne and Ranger Qualified Infantry); Ecuadorian Jungle School Graduate

B. RAMER SPURR - Chief Warrant 4, Served 23 years most everywhere

CLOY (Mike) J. WALTER - 1953-1954 in Newberg, NY - Private in Adjutant General's Office

DAVE WOODY - PFC - 3 years - Korea, New Jersey, Oklahoma - Good Conduct Medal



DR. WILL GRELLA - LCDR/US Navy, Major/Army Reserve (Current) - Navy (10 years) - Army Reserve (current) - Camp Pendleton, Yuma, Bangladesh

BOB LATIMER - Lieutenant Junior Grade (LTJG) - 1953-1955 - All the Pacific theater, Japan, Hong Kong, Korea, Philippines, Guam

PAT MADDEN - STG-3 (Sonar Technician 3rd Class Petty Officer) - 1967-1968 Active Duty - USS Leonard F Mason (DD 852) - Western Pacific (inc the Philippines and Vietnam & USS Wiltsie (DD 716)

BRADEN PHILLIPS - Captain - 31 years - All Over the World - 3 Legion of Merit medals, 3 Meritorious Service medals, 1 Navy Achievement medal, 2 Combat Action ribbons, 1 Armed Forces Expeditionary medal and medals related to the Vietnam and Gulf wars - Certifications including Naval Aviator (Pilot), Naval Surface Warfare Officer, Financial Management Sub-specialist

RAYNE SHERMAN - Aviation Boatswain Mate 3 (ABH-3) - 8 years (2 Active Duty, 6 Reserve) - USS Hornet (CVS-12 Home Port-Long Beach;

(1) Tour WestPac (Vietnam Campaign); Recovery Ship-Apollo 11 and 12 - National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/one Bronze Star, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal w/Device, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea), Letter of Commendation (Admiral D.C. Davis) for Apollo 11 and Recovery Ship planning and execution, Golden Dragon-Member of the "Silent Occult Mysteries of the Far East"-Oct 21, 1968 @ Latitude 35.50N, Shellback-Member of the "Solemn Mysteries of the Ancient Order of the Deep"-Feb 23, 1969 @ Longitude 105.20E

DAN TAPIA - Electronics Technician/Reactor Operator, LA class submarines - 1998-2004 - South Pacific - SSN723 Oklahoma City (submarine)





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President - Nominee



[Madrid Zimmerman](#)
Club Director
Club Executive Secretary

Years of Service



[Laurence W. Jackson III](#)
10-29-1980
46 Years



[Gina Rushing Maguire](#)
10-23-2002
24 Years



[Lance R. Kenyon](#)
10-20-2010
16 Years



ANDREW BARBER - Sergeant - 6 years/Reserves - Mainly 29 Palms, CA

DAN GARRETT - April 1982-December 1984 - MCRD San Diego; Camp Pendleton; Okinawa, Japan; Camp Lejeune, North Carolina - Heavy Equipment Mechanic, 2nd Battalion

JOHN HINRICHS - Corporal - 1956 -1958 - Camp Pendleton & 29 Palms

LAURENCE W. JACKSON III - Sergeant, 3rd Marine Air Wing - 1970-1977 (Active 2 years, Reserves 5 years) -
Camp Pendleton, MCAS El Toro, MCAS Cherry Point, MCAS Iwakuni Japan during Vietnam War



JOHN G. 'JAY' BEELER - Airman (E3/Minuteman ICBM Missile Electronics Analyst) - 1962-1965 - Montana and North Dakota

DON SERAFANO - Captain, Medical Corps - 2 years - Davis Monthan AFB, Tucson, AZ



BOB LUSKIN - US Coast Guard, E-2, Second Class Gunners Mate - 1965-1971 (1 Active, 5 Reserve) - Groton, CT and Long Beach Terminal Island

FRANK NEWELL - US Coast Guard, Petty Officer - Active (6 mts) - Reserve (5.5 yrs) - Alameda, San Diego & Terminal Island

**While we honor those in our Club,
we are grateful for family members and friends
who have served and are serving.**

We are indebted for their sacrifice, bravery and the example they set for us all.

District Rotary Night Out with The Symphony

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

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 15th**, 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

 Suman Naresh
10-10-2012
14 Years

 Judy Seal
10-30-2013
13 Years

 Marjorie Fleming
10-12-2016
10 Years

 Debra Kahookale
10-17-2018
8 Years

 Machelle Thompson
10-24-2018
8 Years

 Lori Dwight
10-19-2022
4 Years

 Jim Hankla
10-17-2023
3 Years

 Craig J Pastor
10-02-2024
2 Years

 Jose R Barrera
10-23-2024
2 Years

 Paul J Forchione
10-30-2024
2 Years

 Lucy Johnson
10-30-2024
2 Years

 Deanna L. Campbell
10-20-2025
1 Year

 Amy L. Toy
10-20-2025
1 Year

 Laura L. Doud
10-29-2025
1 Year

\$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 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 15th, 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
Use Promo code **ROTARYWINS**

Holiday Wine Tasting @ Randy's

5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE

Rotary  Club of Long Beach

HOLIDAY WINE TASTING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
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 Rotary Club and the impact we're making.

Appetizers will be provided.
Please RSVP via Evite



www.rotarylongbeach.org

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Scholarship Day @ Rotary

By Cam Doherty Killingsworth, Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation Chair

SCHOLARSHIP DAY AT ROTARY NOVEMBER 19



All Rotarians and Guests are invited to the **Annual Scholarship Day at Rotary** highlighting our **Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation** recipients from Long Beach City College (LBCC) and California State University, Long Beach (CSULB)!



 Wednesday, November 19 from 12PM - 1:30PM
RSVP to Madrid by November 14th

 The Grand - 4101 E. Willow Street

Sit and **Connect** with our students @ lunch and during the program.

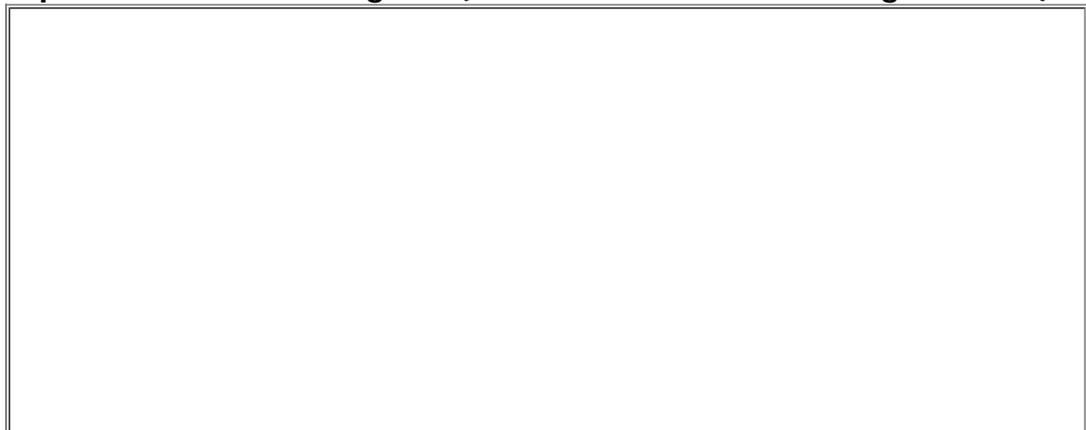
Enjoy insight into the Scholarship Program!

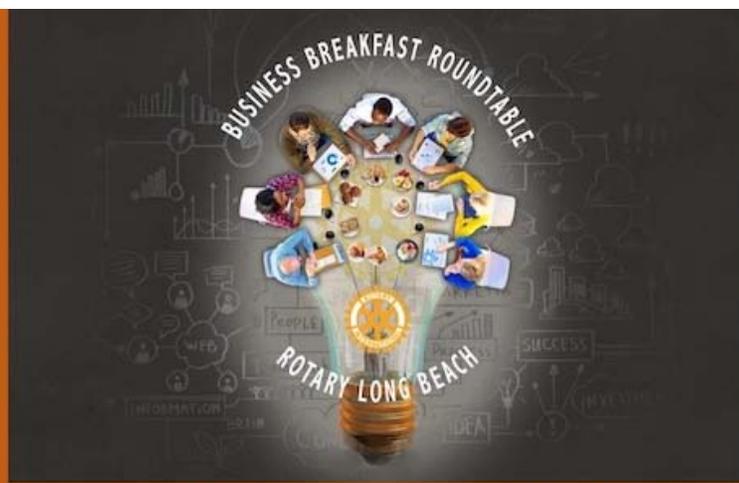


Doing Business in Rotary (BBR)

By Mary Zerafa Loos and Ali Vaghefi

Please RSVP via the Evite invitation. For more information, please contact Ali Vaghefi (310.683.8002 or behdod@gmail.com)





Business Breakfast Roundtable

Doing Business in Rotary

Join us for a breakfast meeting as we explore the best ways to do business within Rotary. We'll cover key dos and don'ts, share practical tips, and hear from special guests Kelly Ruggirello and Dennis Smith as they offer their insights and real-world strategies. Whether you're new or seasoned, this session will provide valuable takeaways to help you engage more effectively. Come hungry for ideas!

Thursday, November 20th at 8am

Mary Zerafa's Home
328 Granada Ave.
Long Beach 90814

Cost: \$10

Parking: Street Parking

To foster discussion, the maximum number of participants is 18.

RSVP: Evite invitation sent to your email
Info: Mary Zerafa Loos | maryzerafa@gmail.com

Rotary @ The Belmont Shore Christmas Parade

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

Rotary



Club of
Long Beach

Belmont Shore **CHRISTMAS PARADE** **"JINGLE AND JAMMIES" PARTY**



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

4 PM HOLIDAY PARTY
6 PM PARADE MARCH



Pre-parade Holiday Party hosted
at the home of Mollie & Larry Beck
4427 E. 1ST STREET, LONG BEACH, CA 90803

**PLEASE BRING A FESTIVE DISH TO SHARE OR
APPETIZERS, DESSERTS AND BYOB.**

PARADE DETAILS

- We'll head to the starting point at 5:30 PM for the parade kickoff at 6 PM.
- Join the Rotary Club of Long Beach, as Rotary Prez Kelly Ruggirello leads our group and "Hammered Nails" (Lance Kenyon's band) rocks the night!
- Bring the family, dress warmly, wear your festive pajamas, and share the holiday spirit! For additional info, contact Linda or Natalie.



**HELP BELMONT SHORE 2ND STREET BUSINESS
ASSOCIATION SET A WORLD RECORD FOR MOST
PEOPLE IN PAJAMAS AT A HOLIDAY PARADE!**

New Member Proposal

PLACEHOLDER For Madrid, if necessary or Cam will delete

The following are being proposed as members of the Rotary Club of Long Beach. They are 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.

Name - Job Title,
Proposed Classification:
Proposed by:

Rotary Club of Long Beach
meets every Wednesday @ 12 Noon

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