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

November 12th  
[Rotary Weekly Club  
Meeting - Twilight  
on the Queen Mary](#)  
**Speakers:** Christy  
Westphal and Braden  
Phillips  
**Subject:** From Valor to  
Voice: Listening to  
Veterans' Challenges

## 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)**

**Buffet Dinner - 5:15pm  
Program - 6:00pm**  
**Scouting America Color Guard - Troop 134  
Competitive Rotary Game  
\$100 Ruth Chris Steakhouse Gift Card Raffle  
Karaoke in the Observation Bar**

**2025 Scholarship Presentations**  
**2025 LBCC Newell Scholar**  
**2025 CSULB Newell Scholar**

**RSVP - Reservations Close TODAY, November 7**

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](#)  
 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



**CHRISTY WESTPHAL** (*From Christy*)

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



**BRADEN J. PHILLIPS** (*About Braden*)

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

**Attendance at a Rotary 101 meeting is 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](mailto:Lori.Dwight.PBC2@StateFarm.com)



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

### Honoring RCLB Members Who Have Served...



**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



Tina Barry  
Community Service  
Co-Director

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



Shelley Hanks  
Community Service  
Co-Director

(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



Natalie Hale  
Fellowship Service  
Co-Director

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



Linda Josephine Rahn  
Fellowship Service  
Co-Director



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



Theresa Cornwell  
International Service  
Director

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



Tanya Adolph  
Membership Service  
Co-Director

**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



Leslie Wiberger  
Membership Service  
Co-Director



Jon L. Mesko  
Youth Service  
Director

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



Judy Ross  
Strategic Planning

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



Steve M. Hockett  
iPast President



Wayne C. Slavitt  
President - elect

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



Freda Hinsche Otto  
President - Nominee

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

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Madrid Zimmerman  
Club Director  
Club Executive Secretary

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

**Years of  
Service**

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



10-29-1980  
46 Years

# Literacy Committee Thanks YOU

By Laura Knapp, Literacy Committee

Thanks to everyone who supported the **September 24 Literacy Fundraiser**, helping Frank Newell raise a *record-breaking amount* for early childhood literacy! Because of your generosity, we're thrilled to announce that applications are open for both the Paul Kennard Teacher Literacy Grant and the Non-Profit Literacy Grant.



Gina Rushing Maguire  
10-23-2002  
24 Years

**Teachers** can apply for funding to bring creative, impactful literacy initiatives to their classrooms:

<https://forms.gle/eciiCXyxceMxsQrr8>



Lance R. Kenyon  
10-20-2010  
16 Years

**Non-profits** can apply to expand literacy outreach and support young readers in our community:

<https://forms.gle/4R9AGUpiB4bXusEH6>



Suman Naresh  
10-10-2012  
14 Years

Please help spread the word among our dedicated local educators and amazing literacy-driven organizations. Let's keep the momentum going for our community's youngest readers—please spread the word and help make a difference!



Judy Seal  
10-30-2013  
13 Years

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## District Rotary Night Out with The Symphony

By Natalie Hale and Linda Rafn, 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!**



Marjorie Fleming  
10-12-2016  
10 Years

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!



Debra Kahookole  
10-17-2018  
8 Years

### What to Expect:

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



Machel Thompson  
10-24-2018  
8 Years

### 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.*



Lori Dwight  
10-19-2022  
4 Years

### 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.



Jim Hankla  
10-17-2023  
21 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

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.



Deanna L. Campbell  
10-20-2025  
Year 1



Amy L. Toy  
10-20-2025  
Year 1



Laura L. Doud  
10-29-2025  
10 Years



**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 at 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](http://www.rotarylongbeach.org)

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## Scholarship Day at 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.

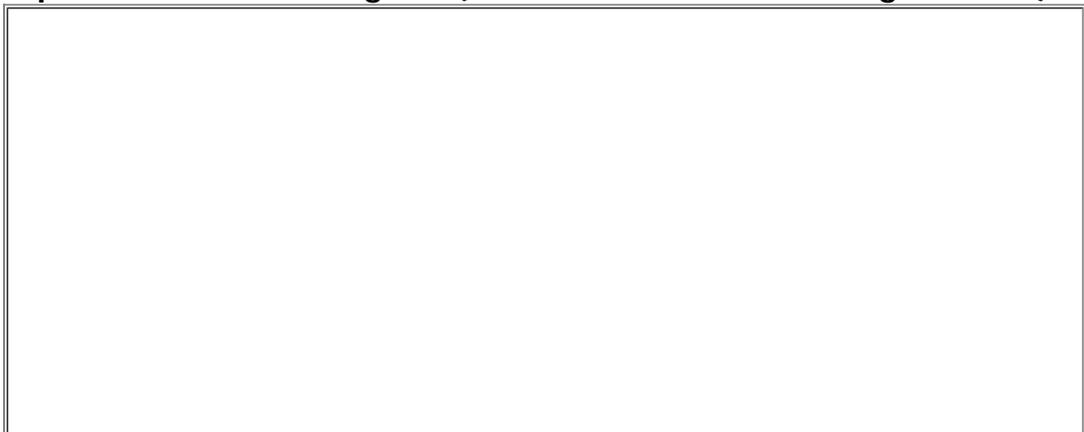
Enjoy insight into the Scholarship Program!



## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:maryzerafa@gmail.com)

## Rotary at 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 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET BUSINESS  
ASSOCIATION SET A WORLD RECORD FOR MOST  
PEOPLE IN PAJAMAS AT A HOLIDAY PARADE!**

## **New Member Proposals**

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.

**Marco Fernandez - Regional Sales Manager, IMI Norgren**

Proposed Classification: Industrial Sales

Proposed by: Steve Hockett and Linda Rahn

**Paige Henley - Retired, McCarty's Jewelry**

Proposed Classification: Jewelry - Retired

Proposed by: David Lott and Matt Kinley

**Eduardo "Eddie" Paschoalin - CEO, Paschoalin Real Estate Group**

Proposed Classification: Real Estate - Residential

Proposed by: Lisa Hain and Lisa Finn

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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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