



**UNITE
FOR
GOOD**



THIS WEEK Scholarship Day at Rotary

Wednesday, November 19

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

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 20th
[RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club](#)

December 3rd
[Rotary Weekly Club Meeting - Sunrise Breakfast at the Grand](#)
Speaker: Dan Butterly
Subject: Big West Collegiate Athletes

December 4th
[RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club Hybrid @](#)

December 4th
[RoToastado - A Rotary](#)

"A Look Into the Future"

**Celebrating
Rotary Scholarship Foundation Students
Scholarship Donors
Rotarian Scholarship Volunteers**

**The Grand
4101 E. Willow Street, Long Beach
The Grand Ballroom**

Lunch - 12:00 Noon

**Early Program Start - 12:20pm
"In-person Voting for Club Bylaws
2025 Revision"**

RSVP - Reservations Close TODAY, November 14

Toastmasters Alliance Club - Special
In-person meeting and Open House
Subject: Hybrid at the YMCA Corporate Offices

December 10th
Rotary Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: President #110 Wayne Slavitt
Board Reveal
Subject: Announce New Board AND
President #112 Announcement

December 12th
Bikes for Kids - Assembling
Assembling the Bikes

December 13th
Centennial Park Clean-up

December 15th
RCLB Board of Directors Meeting for
FY 2025-2026

December 16th
Bikes for Kids - Give-away and
Safety Check
Give-away and Safety Check

December 18th
RoToastados - A Rotary
Toastmaster Alliance Club

December 24th
Rotary Weekly Club Meeting - DARK
this week
DARK for Christmas Holiday

December 31st
Rotary Weekly Club Meeting - DARK
this week
DARK for Christmas Holiday

BIRTHDAYS



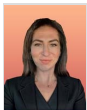
Roger Civalieri
November 15th



Cheri L. Bazley
November 15th



William V. Ridgeway Jr.
November 16th



Monique McCrimmon
November 18th



Anna M. King
November 20th

CLUB LEADERS



Welcome New Rotarian, Kris Gragson

By Deborah Williams, Sponsor



Our Rotary family is thrilled to welcome back one of our own —**Kris Gragson**, who is rejoining our Club after some time away! Kris owns 6K Media, a digital marketing firm which helps local businesses grow through smart web design, SEO and event promotion. He has been married to Maria for 17 years and they have one daughter, Violet.

Kris has long exemplified Rotary's spirit of "Service Above Self," contributing his time, energy, and expertise to projects that make a real difference. A long time member of the Long Beach Chamber, he is currently the President of the Small Business Council, championing local entrepreneurship and connection. He is on the Board of Directors for the Long Beach Community College Foundation and serves on the Long Beach Gives Steering Committee. Kris's passion for bringing people together shines through signature events such as Moonlight Movies on the Beach and Long Beach Zombie Walk.

Now returning with fresh perspective and renewed enthusiasm, Kris is excited to reconnect with fellow members and help drive new community efforts forward. Please join us in giving Kris a warm Rotary welcome home — we can't wait to see the great things he helps us accomplish!

Holiday Wine Tasting at Randy's

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

5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE

Rotary  Club of
Long Beach

HOLIDAY WINE TASTING

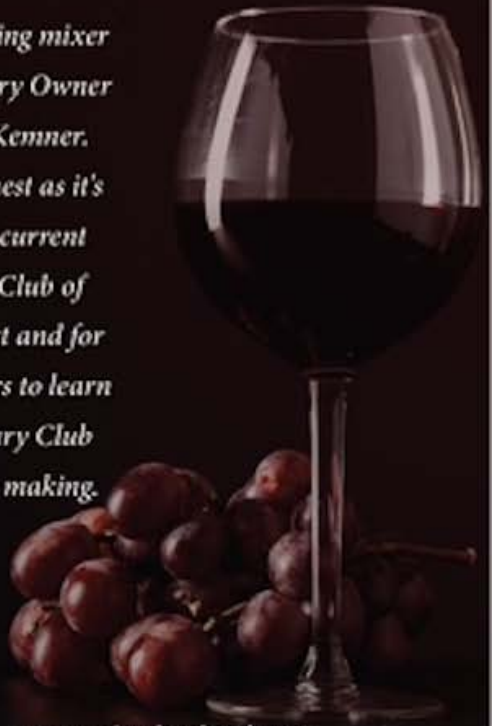
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
5PM-7PM

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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Doing Business in Rotary (BBR)

By Mary Zerafa Loos, Publisher: Neighborhood Magazines

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



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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

Candlelight Christmas for Rotary!

By Jan Bess Hower, President: Board of Directors, Long Beach Camerata Singers

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, December 2**, and join us for a fundraiser with Long Beach Camerata's beautiful Catalyst Candlelight Christmas concert! Rotary members plus friends and family will receive 25% off tickets: Camerata will also donate another 25% of your ticket purchases back to our Rotary District Foundation.

What to Expect:

You will hear Catalyst's 14 professional singers perform some of your favorite Christmas music, including ***Carol of the Bells***, ***Silent Night***, and their signature piece, ***Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas***. Enjoy the ambiance of a candlelit church and the insightful remarks of Catalyst's Grammy-winning Artistic Director, Dr. James K. Bass.

Where and When

The concert will take place on **Tuesday, December 2 at 7:30pm**. The venue is **St. Cornelius Catholic Church**, located at **5500 E. Wardlow Rd.**, Long Beach, 90808.

Tickets and Discount

Tickets are \$46 for Preferred Seating and \$60 for VIP seating. Use coupon Code **Rotary25** to

receive 25% off your purchase price.

How to Purchase

Visit Camerata's website at https://lbcamerata.ludus.com/index.php?show_id=200489180 or call our box office at [562-900-2863](tel:562-900-2863). Be sure to use your **Rotary25** coupon code!

A poster for a 'Candlelight Christmas' concert. The background is a soft-focus image of lit candles and pine branches. The title 'CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS' is in large green serif font. Event details are in green text. A quote is in italicized black text. Ticket prices and discount information are in red text. The website and box office phone number are at the bottom in red text.

CATALYST CHAMBER ENSEMBLE LONG BEACH CAMERATA SINGERS

GRAMMY AWARD WINNING
DR. JAMES K. BASS, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Rotary Club of Long Beach

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 2 | 7:30PM
ST. CORNELIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
5500 E WARDLOW RD, LONG BEACH, CA 90808

Step into the glow of the season with an intimate, all-candlelight concert featuring timeless carols and fresh new choral works. Surrounded by warmth and song, Catalyst Singers invite you to pause, reflect, and celebrate. the quiet beauty of Christmas.

TICKETS \$60 / \$46

25% DISCOUNT WITH COUPON CODE **ROTARY25**
25% DONATION TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

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Rotary @ The Belmont Shore Christmas Parade

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



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!**

Don't Miss Rotary's Most Fun & Festive Night of the Year!

Belmont Shore Christmas Parade — Jingle & Jammies Party!

Saturday, December 6 • 2nd Street, Belmont Shore

Break out your most festive pajamas and help the Belmont Shore 2nd Street Business Association set a **WORLD RECORD** for the most people in pajamas at an event!

Rotarians in PJs get a special LB Rotary gift—and yes, friends, family, kiddos, and well-behaved furry friends are all welcome!

4p.m. Pre-Parade Rotary Meet-Up at The Beck's house- 4427 E.1st Street, LB 90803
It's tradition! The Becks are opening their home again (even with a family wedding in November —thank you, Becks!).

- Rotary is providing **easy-to-eat sandwiches**, in lieu of chili. The Becks will have their hot apple cider for everyone.
- Please **bring** an appetizer, dessert, or your favorite beverage to share.

Parade Lineup — 6:00 p.m. (head to line up 5:45p.m.)

March with us—or hop on the **back of the truck** if you prefer to ride.

We'll be led by **President Kelly**, with **Joe Hower** driving, **Lance Kenyon & “The Hammered Nails”** rocking holiday favorites, and our beloved **Tapia Grinch & family** spreading cheer (and a tiny bit of mischief)!

- **Parking:** Plan extra time. Consider rideshare or parking a few blocks off 2nd Street or near Mollie's house.

Let's make Long Beach Rotary proud—and *PAJAMA-LOUD!*

Questions? Contact **Natalie Hale** or **Linda Rahn**.

RSVP for party at Beck's via Evite please.

What to Wear / Bring for Parade -

- **Pajamas** (festive, cozy, silly—go big!).
 - **Closed-toe shoes** for walking.
 - **Layers**—nights on 2nd Street can get chilly.
 - **Lights/glow sticks** or a small bell if you have one.
 - A **portable phone charger** (photos, selfies, and world-record proof!).
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Bikes for Kids

By Tina Barry, Community Service Co-Director



3rd Annual "Bikes 4 Kids" Project



Hey, Rotary Club of Long Beach! We are preparing for our 3rd Annual "Bikes 4 Kids" project this December. Are you excited to be a part of our event this year?

As in past years, this project provides bikes for 3rd grade students in an underserved school within LBUSD.

We have three objectives for this wonderful event:

1. Reach underserved youth in our community
2. Increase bike awareness and a healthy lifestyle option
3. Introduce a service mindset to young people

Here are the details for our event:

- The school this year is Oropeza Elementary School
- Dates for the 3 events are:
 - *Build the Bikes*: Friday Dec 12 from 6-8:30 pm
 - *Student Assembly to announce the winners*: Monday, Dec 15 at 8:00 am
 - *Bike Fitting*: Tuesday, Dec 16 from 2:30-5 pm

Of course, volunteers are needed for the *Bike Build* and the *Bike Fitting* events! Please contact Nicki Mollet (@605/659-4885) to sign up or ask any questions.

This is a hands-on opportunity to directly impact children in our community. You'll see their faces light up and know you've made the holidays special for them.



Do You Know a Student We Can Send to Camp Enterprise or RYLA?

By Jon Mesko, Youth Service Director



Camp Enterprise

Dream about owning your own business one day?

Idea!

Team!

Success

If you are in 10th - 12th grade, apply today to be a part of this spectacular opportunity!

Rotary Club of Long Beach

April 9-11, 2026

at Camp Oakes

Step 1: Scan The QR Code



Scan this QR code to access the camper applications.

Step 2: Fill Out The Application

Once you scan the QR Code, the application will pop up. Please fill out the application with your guardian/parent and submit it. Your application will be sent to Rotary Club of Long Beach for review.

Step 3: Watch your email!

Keep an eye on your email! Selected participants will be sent an offer letter via email, usually late Fall/early Spring semester. You can also stay updated through our social media.

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Camp Enterprise is Rotary of Long Beach's signature camp where students develop valuable entrepreneurial skills, leadership, and resilience. A little bit of Shark Tank in the mountains! It will be held at Camp Oakes near Big Bear on April 9-11, 2026.

If you are interested in volunteering for Camp Enterprise, please complete the [adult volunteer application](#)

We would love everyone's help recruiting students - **64 minimum for Camp Enterprise** with a stretch goal of 110.

WHY RYLA? LEARN, DEVELOP, EXPERIENCE

- Develop Relevant Leadership Skills – that translate to the Real World
- Develop confidence in yourself and the ability of others
- Explore Team building and problem solving skills
- Grow your curiosity through innovative and interactive process
- Transform your life through action
- Have fun and form lasting friendships



ROTARY

Rotary is a global network committed to service and leadership, enriched by diverse perspectives.

RYLA, led by Rotary District 5320, offers 10th and 11th graders a six-day leadership camp. Split between virtual and in-person sessions in Idyllwild, CA, the camp hones teamwork and leadership through engaging activities.

Local Rotary clubs collaborate with schools and youth programs to identify RYLA participants. The camp is fully funded by Rotary, so it's free for students.

Learn more at RYLA5320.org or Rotary5320.org. Don't miss this chance to make a real impact.



Train to become a dynamic leader and change yourself and the world

RYLA focuses on leadership and includes ethics, self-confidence, problem-solving, and conflict-management. It will be held at Camp Idyllwild near Palm Springs on April 17-19, 2026. Newcomers in the 10-11th grade are welcome. Here's a quick video on RYLA ([here](#)).

We also have our biggest **RYLA goal ever** – 30 students.

Both student registration links are included above for easy forwarding.

Thank you...

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meets every Wednesday @ 12 Noon

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