



## This Week's Program

**Wednesday, November 20**

**UCLA vs USC**

**Frank Stephens, Jr.  
UCLA Extraordinary Athlete and Coach**

**Lions Automobilia Foundation & Museum  
2790 E. Del Amo Blvd., Rancho Dominguez 90221**

**11:45 am. - 12:10 p.m. - Tours  
LUNCH - PROGRAM  
Tours Until 2:00 p.m.**



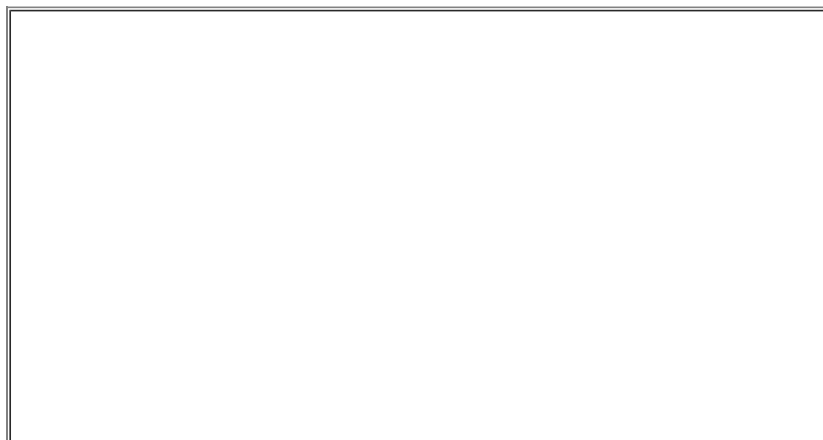
**Frank Stephens, Jr.** was a starting outside linebacker for UCLA during three of the four years of the 1974-1978 seasons. His team played the Rose Bowl in 1976; and in the Hula Bowl and Japan Bowl in 1978. He would return to the Rose Bowl in 1983-84, this time as UCLA's Undergraduate Coach. In 1978, he tried out for the Seattle Seahawks, then played for the Toronto Argonauts (1979-1980). As a student at San Diego High School, Frank was an adept athlete, being inducted to Prep All-American Football, playing baseball, basketball (*Most Inspirational Player*) and track (*winning All-League 440 yd Relay Team*).

Injury would eventually sideline him as a player, but his love for football would result in his newfound coaching career path as UCLA's Undergraduate Football Coach. After four years, Frank was drawn to a new calling - Restaurant Management, but after five years, in 1990, he returned to UCLA where he would complete a sixteen-year tenure as Director of Student Services for UCLA's Athletic Department.

Frank holds a BA in Sociology from UCLA (1984), and a MS in Educational Administration from National University (2002). He is currently with World Financial Group, consulting clients on their life insurance needs. Frank will give his reflections on how his player and coaching time at UCLA helped prepare him for life's success. Above football and UCLA, his biggest love is for family which includes his daughter, Kayla (*Cum Laude graduate*) finalizing her PhD in Social Services, and who was inducted into the City of Santa Ana Wall of Fame for basketball and son, Alexander, a graduate of Cal State Fullerton in Business & Administration.

## Operation Santa Claus!

By Diane L. Donaldson, Operation Santa Claus Chair



## Want to make children smile? Operation Santa Claus is Back!



Our traditional Christmas giving project is back! In keeping with our Club's emphasis on helping students, the selected site is LBCC. This year the Basic Needs Manager has identified 25 LBCC students with children struggling to support their families and continue their education.

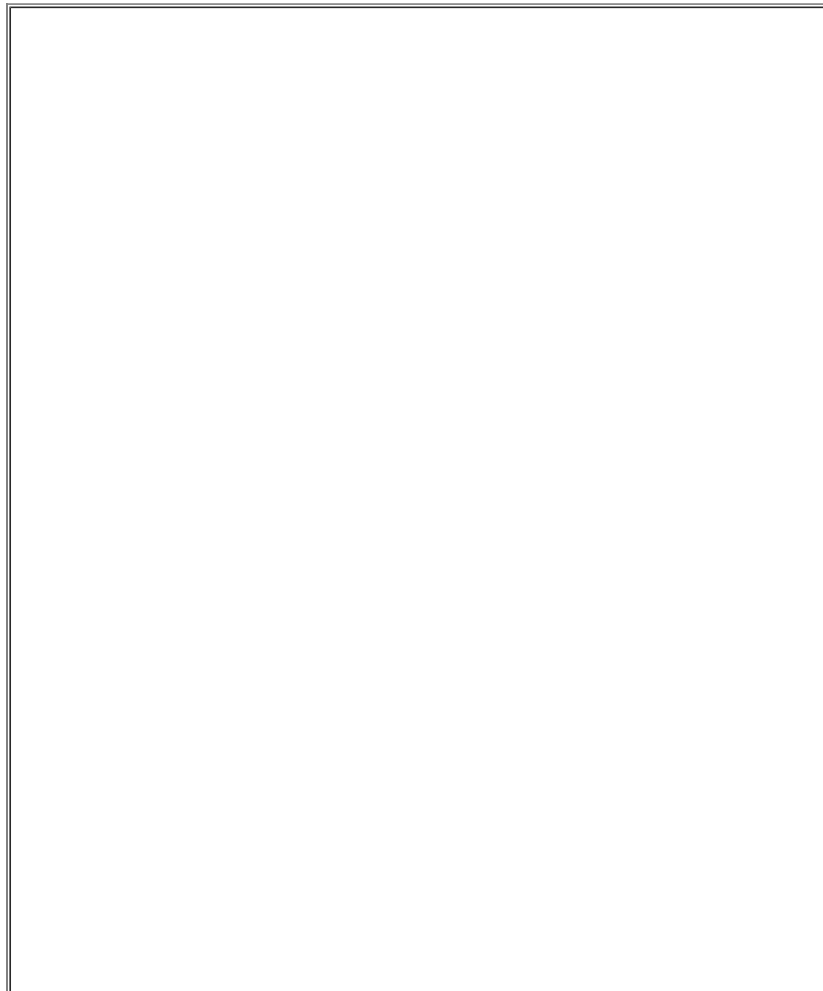
You can make it easier for them this Holiday season. As a Rotary Santa, you adopt a family or choose single gifts on December 4th at our meeting. Rotary's goal is to have a couple of gifts for each child and Rotary will provide a \$50 gift certificate for the student. Your gifts will go directly to the parents so they can then enjoy giving the gifts directly to their children.

Each Rotarian who participates gets a list of requested items for one family including sizes, colors, etc. You get the satisfaction of purchasing items the children want and need. Then bring your wrapped gifts back to the Rotary meeting, on December 11th. Or you can drop off your gifts directly at the LBCC Liberal Arts campus. The College will distribute the gifts and you will be a Santa hero.

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## Doing Business in Rotary (BBR)

By Mary Zerafa Loos, BBR Chair





## Bikes 4 Kids Project

By Jon L. Mesko, Bikes 4 Kids Chair

We are excited to provide Bikes 4 Kids this Holiday season once again. Our high-need school of choice this year is Roosevelt Elementary, located at 1574 Linden Ave. Long Beach.



We've announced an Essay Contest to the three classes, saying that one child in each class will win a new bike. The kids will be working diligently on those essays!

The wonderful **SURPRISE** is that **ALL** the kids in 3rd Grade will receive a bike! So we have some work to do . . . .

We need 40 people to help build bikes on Dec 6, and 20 volunteers to help fit the bikes and helmets on Dec 10.

### 1. Build the bikes: Friday, Dec 6 around 6-8 pm

- At this event we will build 125 bikes for the give-away
- This will take place at Roosevelt Elementary (1574 Linden Ave, LB) The bikes will be stored there over the weekend.
- Experts will be on hand to help with "quality control" of each bike.
- Pizza provided!

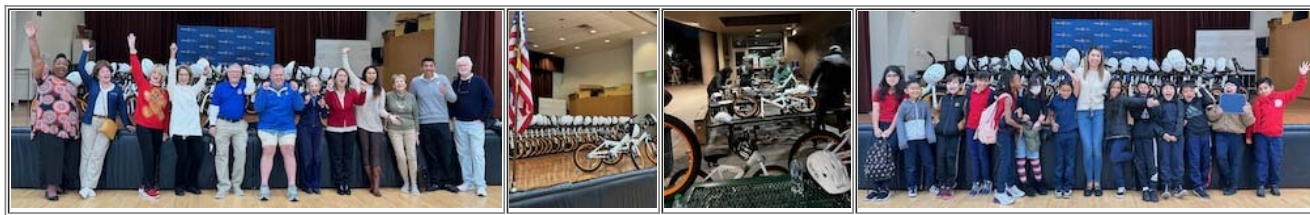
### 2. Fit the bikes and helmets: Tues, Dec 10 from 2-5 pm

- Each child will be fitted with their bike and helmet, along with instructions for their lock.
- A parent or guardian will need to pick up each child with their bike and sign a release form.
- This will also take place at Roosevelt Elementary School, at afternoon "pick-up".

Please contact Jon Mesko by Dec 4<sup>th</sup> if you're interested and for which date. 562.549.1848 or [jon@lbblast.org](mailto:jon@lbblast.org)

### School Assembly to reveal the winners: Mon, Dec 9 at 9 am

Please reach out to me with any questions, comments or concerns. Thank you, Rotarians!



## Join Rotary in the Annual Belmont Shore Holiday Parade

By Natalie Hale, Fellowship Service Director

### PARTY AND CHRISTMAS PARADE - SATURDAY 4PM - DECEMBER 7th

Join us and march with Rotary Club of Long Beach in the **Belmont Shore Christmas Parade**.

PRE-PARTY will be hosted by **Mollie and Larry Beck** at **4427 E. 1<sup>st</sup>** (*Prospect and 1<sup>st</sup>*) **562-440-3206**

Yummy chili and festive apple cider is provided by our generous hosts.

Party starts at 4pm, and we need to hustle to our starting point at 5:30pm, so be on time.

**Please bring appetizer, dessert, and your favorite beverage!**

Parking will be challenging, so park and walk to Mollie's or take an Uber/Lyft.

Wear something festive or your favorite Rotary shirt.

For more information:

Contact Natalie Hale 562-335-5661 - [nhale@mediapartnerswww.com](mailto:nhale@mediapartnerswww.com) or

Andrew Moskowitz - [andrew@brysonfinancial.com](mailto:andrew@brysonfinancial.com)

## Annual Holiday Luncheon

### Annual Holiday Lunch

Save-the-Date for **December 11**

Queen Mary – Queen's Salon

*Plancha Picatta Salmon \$51.00*

*(Vegetarian entrée available)*

*Cash Bar*

Hollywood Steel Band with Dave Beery





Special appearance by Santa Claus



## Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation Annual Program



## Congratulations... Doherty Family Award Recipient

By Lisa Ramelow, CCO-Club Communications Officer



### ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION PRESENTS DOHERTY FAMILY AWARD

**Kaman Richardson** has been a percussionist for as long as he can remember, saying he began his "musical exploration quest" at a young age. His dream is to become a Principal Percussionist for a professional Philharmonic orchestra.

The Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation's **Doherty Family Award** was created by Cam Doherty Killingsworth in honor of her parents and brother and presented to a student attending California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) who is majoring in an area of the Performing Arts.

The person chosen must love the arts, and has previously participated in their passion while they were in high school.

So, it was an easy choice to select Kaman for this Award. ([Kaman Richardson Resume](#))

He also wants to teach music to underprivileged and at-risk youth through musical therapy. He feels this education will help them through life's struggles because music remains a universal language that can unite, heal, and inspire positive change.

In addition to his commitment to music and his passion for the world of percussion, Kaman has a deep love and respect for his mother. She had to retire early due to medical conditions, so he sought out scholarship opportunities in order to make his dreams come true.

This quote, at the very end of his scholarship application, illustrates that Kaman is a young man full of gratitude:

*"I want to show that I can succeed and let my mother see she did a great job raising a positive, well-balanced educated man."*





*Evelyn Richardson (Mother) - Kaman Richardson - Cam Doherty Killingsworth (Donor and LBRSF Chair) - KiYona Shumante (Cousin)*

## Congratulations... Lucas Family Scholarship Recipient

By Lisa Ramelow, CCO-Club Communications Officer



### ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION PRESENTS LUCAS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

**Evelyn Castellanos-Jimenez** is a young lady who is very modest about the impact she has on others around her.

She is the perfect recipient of the Long Beach Rotary Foundation's Lucas Family Scholarship, which is awarded to a deserving student who will be attending California State University, Long Beach (CSULB).

During Evelyn's sophomore year at Long Beach Polytechnic High School, she attended an event where medals and awards would be given out. She had no idea she would be receiving anything, so she was surprised when her name was called out to receive medals from both her math and science teachers.

The following day at school, she went to thank each of those teachers, and they both told her she was a great student who worked hard, and she was very deserving of those awards. This was her proudest achievement - knowing that her teachers recognized her dedication and hard work.

For her future career choice, she was thinking about studying Engineering or Astronomy. But it was her love of animals, and especially the love for her cat, that led her to the decision to become a Veterinarian. She said her cat always loved her for who she was, and loved her without judgment, and that motivated her to do something that would help all animals.

Evelyn knows she has chosen a path that is an expensive journey, so she is very grateful to have received this Scholarship from the Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation. She also hopes to attend Veterinary school in California where the cost is less.

Her other motivation to work hard is to make her parents proud. Both worked so many hours to provide for her, that they could rarely attend any of her special school events. But Evelyn always understood, and this has only motivated her to work even harder towards becoming the first one in her family to earn a college degree. She was joined at the event with her Mother, Teresa - Sisters Gabriella and Lisset - and Niece Genesis.

Evelyn is so deserving to be awarded the Lucas Family Scholarship. She has already made her parents very proud, and will no doubt make many others proud as she becomes a successful veterinarian, helping countless animals and all those around her.



*Elizabeth Lucas (Donor) - Evelyn and Her Beautiful Family*

# Attention Rotary Golfers

By Donald N. Serafano, RCLB President #77



We are excited to announce that Rotary Golf will resume in January 2025! Join us for a friendly round of golf each month. Regardless of your handicap or tee preference, come and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship.

To be added to the notification list, please contact:

- Don Serafano at [dserafano@gmail.com](mailto:dserafano@gmail.com)
- Mike Wilson at [wilsomik@gmail.com](mailto:wilsomik@gmail.com)

Looking forward to seeing everyone for our first outing on **January 10!**

Best,  
Don Serafano

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## New Member Proposal

The following are being proposed as a member of the Rotary Club of Long Beach. This 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.

### **Madeleine Finn - Regional Sales Associate, Amwins Connect**

Proposed Classification: Insurance - Employee Benefits

Proposed by: Lisa Finn and Gail Schwandner

### **Angelica Wheaton - CEO, Pacific Business Partners**

Proposed Classification: Consultant - Business

Proposed by: Dana Buchanan and Dawn McIntosh

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## BIRTHDAYS



[Stephen B. Shaw](#)  
November 25th



[Juan Huizar](#)  
November 26th



[Woody Sides](#)  
November 30th



[Denae L. Oatey](#)  
December 1st

## CLUB LEADERS



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Rotary International  
Foundation Chair

## EVENTS

November 19th, 4:00-5:00 PM  
[RCLB Board of Directors Meeting](#)

November 20th, 12:00-1:30 PM  
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
**Speaker:** Lions Automobilia Museum  
**Subject:** UCLA vs. USC with Frank Stephens

November 21st, 8:00-9:30 AM  
[Business Breakfast Roundtable: in person](#)  
**Topic:** Best Practices in Recruiting & Hiring

November 24th, 3:00-5:30 PM  
[Ronald McDonald House Sunday Meal](#)

November 27th, 12:00-1:30 PM  
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
**DARK for Thanksgiving Holiday**

December 4th, 12:00-1:30 PM  
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
**Speaker:** PE Kelly Ruggirello  
**Subject:** Board Reveal and Announcement of President #111

December 5th, 5:00-7:00 PM  
[RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club](#)

December 6th, 6:00-9:00 PM  
[Bikes for Kids](#)  
Bikes for Kids - assembling the bikes

December 7th, 4:00-5:30 PM  
[Pre-party for Belmont Shore Christmas Parade](#)

December 7th, 5:30-8:00 PM  
[Rotary Flotilla in the Belmont Shore Christmas Parade](#)

December 10th, 2:00-5:00 PM  
[Bikes for Kids](#)

December 11th, 12:00-1:30 PM  
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
**Annual Holiday Lunch**

December 12th, 2:00-3:00 PM  
[RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club](#)

December 14th, 8:00-9:00 AM  
[Centennial Park Clean-up](#)

December 17th, 4:00-5:00 PM  
[RCLB Board of Directors Meeting](#)

December 18th, 12:00-1:30 PM  
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
**DARK - No weekly meeting this week**

December 21st, 10:00-3:00 PM  
[Bell Ringing for Salvation Army](#)

December 25th, 12:00-1:30 PM  
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
**DARK for Christmas Holiday**



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

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