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## This Week's Program

### 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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December 10th  
[Rotary Weekly Club  
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**Speaker:** President  
#110 Wayne Slavitt  
Board Reveal  
President #112  
Announcement

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[Bikes for Kids -  
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Assembling the Bikes

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[Centennial Park  
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[RCLB Board of  
Directors Meeting for  
FY 2025-2026](#)

December 16th  
[Bikes for Kids -  
Give-away and  
Safety Check](#)  
Give-away and Safety  
Check

**Wednesday, December 10**

**"The Big Reveal"**

**Wayne Slavitt**  
**RCLB President-elect - aka #110**

**The Grand**

**12:00pm - Lunch**  
**12:15 - 1:30pm - Program**

**Reservations Close**  
**Monday, December 8 @ 10am**

Anticipation is growing for next Wednesday's lunch meeting when **President-elect Wayne Slavitt** (to become **President #110 on July 1, 2026**) reveals his Board of Directors. Impudent, unpredictable and never boring, Wayne promises to inject just the right amount of humor into this otherwise solemn and historic event for our storied Club. Wayne will also announce the Election Committee's recent selection of **President #112**, who will succeed **President-Nominee Freda Hinsche Otto** on July 1, 2028. We Rotarians certainly are planners!

We hope to see all of you on December 10<sup>th</sup>! Can you really afford to miss this "not to be missed lunch"?



**Wayne Slavitt** is an expert in maximizing business value and exit planning. Over the past 40-plus years, Wayne has been involved in numerous and diverse entrepreneurial projects in both principal and advisory capacities. Wayne's broad involvement on both sides of the aisle ranges from executive positions as CEO, President, CFO, VP Finance, and Corporate Controller, to consultative roles as an investment banker, specialized business professional and advisor, company founder and expert witness.

Wayne has extensive public speaking experience, having been a frequent lecturer for Vistage and its predecessor company, The Executive Committee. Wayne's book, "Run It Like You'll Sell It: *Adopting the Seller's Mindset to Maximize the Value of Your Business*" instructs business owners and their trusted advisors on how to properly prepare for an eventual sale of a company. Wayne was named a Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Scholar and earned his designation as a Certified Exit Planning Advisor (CEPA) by the Exit Planning Institute.

Through his consulting company, The PrimeMark Group, Wayne provides exit planning consulting services to successful companies with revenues of \$5 million to \$100 million in a variety of industries.

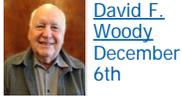
Wayne is and has been very active in leadership roles with community service organizations in the

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



[David F. Woody](#)  
December 6th



[Ronald Grimm](#)  
December 7th



[Virginia Baxter](#)  
December 8th



[Cloy \(Mike\) J. Walter](#)  
December 10th

## Club Leaders



[Kelly Ruggirello](#)  
President



[Joseph Wayne Hower PE, DEE](#)  
Assistant to the President



[Olivia Maiser](#)  
Assistant to the President



[Jane Close Conoley](#)  
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[John M. Graham III](#)  
Vice President



[Douglas P. Haubert](#)  
Vice President



[David A. Lott](#)  
Vice President



[John E. Romundstad](#)  
Secretary Treasurer

greater Long Beach area and through his alma mater, Claremont McKenna College.

Wayne has been married for over 43 years and has three adult daughters and three granddaughters.

## Welcome New Rotarian, Jorge Enciso

By Judy Ross, Sponsor



Our Rotary family is thrilled to welcome ..... **Jorge Encisco**

It's our honor to introduce Jorge Enciso as a new Rotarian. Jorge was born in Los Angeles, and raised in the San Gabriel Valley. He is currently the Business Development Manager for Boos & Associates where he collaborates with various departments to drive strategic projects, foster client relationships, and successfully onboard many new clients, contributing significantly to the firm's Long Beach expansion.

Jorge is a Board Member of the Long Beach Symphony and involved with the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce. Although he has only been in the Long Beach community a few years, he has already made a difference and is very enthusiastic to make a difference. Jorge lives in Long Beach with his husband, Jose. **Welcome to Rotary, Jorge!**

## Welcome New Rotarian, Eduardo Paschoalin

By Lisa Hain, Sponsor



**From Brazil to Long Beach: Eduardo "Eddie" Paschoalin Continues a Lifelong Rotary Legacy**

**Long Beach, CA** — For Eduardo "Eddie" Paschoalin, joining the Rotary Club of Long Beach isn't just about civic engagement; it's the continuation of a decades-long family commitment to service. Born in Juiz de Fora, Brazil—a city celebrated for its industrial strength and rich culinary traditions—Eddie's path to Long Beach was paved by the enduring influence of the Rotary International movement.

### The Foundation of Service

Eddie's connection to Rotary began in the mid-1980s with his father, **Wilson Paschoalin**, who became an active member of a Brazilian Rotary Club and remains dedicated to the organization today. This lifelong commitment profoundly shaped Eddie and his siblings, all of whom participated in the prestigious Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

In 1998–1999, Eddie seized his own opportunity, spending a pivotal year as an exchange student in Fresno, California. During this time, he was deeply involved in local Rotary activities, from philanthropic events to fundraising, often attending meetings alongside his host father, Charles "Chuck" Montgomery.

"The Rotarians in Fresno welcomed me warmly, attending my high school games and making me

feel like a true member of their community,” Eddie recalls.

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[James A. Ahumada](#)  
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Mollie Beck](#)  
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Raymond Cervantez](#)  
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Sarah Soriano](#)  
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CCO-Club  
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Service  
Director



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Club Service  
Director



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Service  
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Service  
Co-Director



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International  
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Director



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



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

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## Education and a Two-Decade Career

Inspired by the community support he found in California, Eddie applied to U.S. universities. He returned after his exchange year to pursue higher education, ultimately attending the **University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)**.

While in college, he was recruited by VTAIG, a company that later became part of the Berkshire Hathaway organization. This opportunity launched a successful **21-year career** in the highly demanding automotive industry and corporate acquisitions/finance departments. While his professional responsibilities took precedence, his foundational desire to return to Rotary remained strong.

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## The Return to Service

In 2021, Eddie founded his own real estate brokerage. This move provided him with greater professional flexibility and immediately **renewed his commitment to community service**.

The final piece of the puzzle fell into place recently after a conversation with his father. Eddie attended a Rotary meeting in Long Beach, where he immediately connected with members **Lisa Hain and Lisa Finn**.

“Our connection was instant, and I felt that same Rotary spirit I grew up with,” he notes.

Eddie believes his unique background—combining international experience, professional finance expertise, and a lifelong family dedication to Rotary—positions him perfectly to contribute meaningfully to the Long Beach club.

“I’m eager to serve, to help strengthen our community, and to uphold the values of fellowship and service that have guided my family for generations,” Eddie affirms, ready to embark on this next chapter of service in Long Beach.

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## Rotary @ The Belmont Shore Christmas Parade

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

# **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!**



[Judy Ross](#)  
Strategic  
Planning



[Steve M. Hockett](#)  
iPast  
President



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



[Freda Hinsche Otto](#)  
President -  
Nominee



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

**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!

**4 p.m. Pre-Parade Rotary Meet-Up at The Beck's house- 4427 E.1<sup>st</sup> 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)**

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.

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### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.***



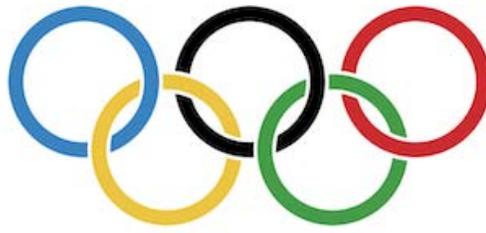
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## Evening Dinner Focus Countdown to the Olympics!

By Freda Hinsche Otto, Chair, Olympics Ad Hoc Committee

**Save the Date, Wednesday, January 7, 2026, 5:30 pm**

**Evening Dinner Focus Countdown to the Olympics!  
How will Rotary Club of Long Beach be involved?**



**“Pizza, Projects and Possibilities”**

will be the discussion topic for this year’s Evening Dinner Focus meetings.

Once each year, Rotarians spread out across the City and meet in small groups at the home of a fellow member for a shared meal, **a time of fellowship and an intimate discussion of a relevant topic.** We have a few thoughts and some possible projects but we want to know your ideas –

**How Should Long Beach Rotary participate in the 2028 Olympics???**  
Contact Madrid at [madrid@rotarylongbeach.org](mailto:madrid@rotarylongbeach.org) with your reservation.  
**We need to know what YOU think!**

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

By Jon L. Mesko, Youth Service Director



**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](http://RYLA5320.org) or [Rotary5320.org](http://Rotary5320.org). Don't miss this chance to make a real impact.



**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...

**Years of Service - Congratulations!**



[Craig Rockwell Dougherty](#)  
50 Years



[Richard W. Jordan](#)  
46 Years



[John G. Beeler](#)  
43 Years



[Daniel K. Walker](#)  
42 Years



[Jean Bixby Smith](#)  
38 Years



[Jayne Lastusky](#)  
38 Years



[Cam Doherty Killingsworth](#)  
38 Years



[George L. Bell](#)  
15 Years



[Douglas P. Haubert](#)  
14 Years



[Rayne Sherman](#)  
13 Years



[Alison Bruesehoff](#)  
8 Years



[Robb Korinke](#)  
6 Years



[Nick Sramek](#)  
6 Years



[Michael Neils](#)  
4 Years



[Dawn McIntosh](#)  
3 Years

[John Mulvey](#)  
3 Years

[Douglas Stephen Coleman](#)  
3 Years

[Jeff Kellogg](#)  
2 Years



[Manisha Dhanak](#)  
2 Years

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

**THE GRAND**  
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