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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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and Safety Check

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week](#)  
DARK for Christmas  
Holiday

December 31st  
[Rotary Weekly Club](#)

## Wednesday, December 17



**Reservations Are Closed  
Waiting List Only**

### Start Spreading the News!

If you are joining us on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Terrace Theater for the spectacular Rotary Holiday party, now is the time to review the terrific silent auction items available and get together with friends to plan your purchases. Here is a list of most of the items available. You will also be able to choose curated wine and spirit baskets as well as a few special items still waiting to be revealed. The destinations feature links with additional detail.

#### The Best is Yet to Come!

How do you get to sit on the stage at a classical rehearsal for the Long Beach Symphony Orchestra? You donate \$10K to the Long Beach Symphony OR you purchase this silent auction item here tonight! Evening includes dinner at the Sky Room with the President and Music Director of the LBSO followed by seating on stage with the Symphony at the February 26, 2026 rehearsal! Wow! What a night! Donated by LBSO **Value: \$10,000**

#### It Was A Very Good Year

Season Tickets to International City Theatre: Two tickets for the 2026 season; 6 performances of our celebrated Long Beach ICT! Donated by caryn desai  
**Value: \$420**

#### Luck Be a Lady!

Three-night Stay in Las Vegas in a beautiful 3 bedroom home that comfortably sleeps 7 guests. Come and enjoy Vegas in a way you never have before! – VRBO [Near the strip-and airport -Beautifully furnished with pool- sleeps 6 to 7-](#)Donated by Natalie Hale  
**Value: \$1,000**

#### The Summer Wind

Duffy Boat Ride and lunch for four - Enjoy the bay followed by lunch with our fabulous hosts Patty & Roger Civalleri. Donated by Roger & Patty Civalleri **Value: \$400**  
*"Note: Offer is good beginning April 2026,  
scheduled on mutually agreeable date with donor"*

#### You Make Me Feel So Young!

One week in a luxurious junior suite in Cabo San Lucas at Pueblo Bonito Sunset Beach in Cabo San Lucas that sleeps 2. Amenities are amazing! See [Pueblo Bonito Sunset Beach Golf & Spa Resort | Official Site](#) – This is available non-peak (no Christmas Holidays) and availability will need to be confirmed with donor in advance. Donated by Nancy Zwiers  
**Value: \$2,500**

**Meeting - DARK this week**  
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New Year's Day Holiday

January 7th  
**Rotary Weekly Club Meeting - Evening Dinner Focus**  
Hosts: Hosted by individual members  
Subject: Rotary Club of Long Beach and the 2028 Summer Olympics

January 8th  
**RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club**

## Birthdays



**Amy L. Toy**  
December 13th



**Mark A. Kachigan**  
December 14th



**Conor Kenneth Weir**  
December 17th



**Natalie Hale**  
December 19th



**Dawn McIntosh**  
December 20th



**Jeremy Harris**  
December 24th



**Matthew Harms**  
December 27th



**Dan Garrett Jr.**  
December 28th



**Dorian Bolick**  
December 28th



**Joseph Wayne Hower PE, DEE**  
December 28th



**Goran Reil**  
December 29th

## Club Leaders

**Kelly Ruggirello**  
President

## Come Fly With Me!

Four-night lakeside stay in Athens, Texas – Escape to Sunset Shores in the Lone Star State. This private lakefront home is 90 minutes from Dallas and a world away from your stress and daily cares. Soak up the magic of lake life: 4 Bedrooms, 3 Baths

Private Beach & Dock - Sleeps 10-12 Book through 2026

<https://www.airbnb.com/h/sunsetshoresathenstexas> - Donated by Whitney Leathers

**Value \$2,600**

## Nice 'n' Easy

Four-night stay in Big Bear cabin – Stone Arch Cabin is a gorgeous two-story mountain home located on a peninsula in Big Bear Lake. With four bedrooms and 3 baths it comfortably sleeps up to 10 guests and includes a game room with pool table, hot-tub, and fireplace to make family memories. Available weeks April 13 - May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup> - June 16, 2026 <https://airbnb.com/h/stonearchcabin> Donated by Conor Weir **Value Value \$1,800**

## One for My Baby...

Three months of flower arrangements –Enjoy professionally designed floral arrangements to be selected throughout the year. You choose the dates that work and confirm with our florist Donated by Diane Donaldson **Value \$240**

## I Get A Kick – Out of You!

Jump start your New Year's resolutions with 3 month membership for two people at Belmont Shore Athletic Club! The best in Long Beach, this package includes full access to all Club amenities and classes, yoga, dance, body training, training as well as dry sauna steam room and jacuzzi. Not available to current customers. Get fit & stay strong! Donated by Natalie Hale **Value \$700**

## I've Got the World on A String

Two tickets to Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach + Committee 300 Paddock Club Rev Your Engines for the Ultimate Race Weekend Experience! On April 17-19 Long Beach hosts one of the most thrilling racing events in the country! Feel the speed, excitement, and power of world-class drivers as they battle along the legendary Long Beach street circuit. This package includes access to the exclusive Committee 300 Paddock Club, providing premium, close-up access behind the scenes. Enjoy elevated viewing areas, VIP hospitality atmosphere, and the energy of the pit and race teams just steps away. It's the closest you can get to the action without driving the car yourself! An unforgettable weekend of speed, sound & adrenaline. Donated by: Natalie Hale **Value: \$450**

## High Hopes

Wine Tasting with Professional Sommelier! You and 11 friends join Rotarian Dan Tapia for a private wine tasting. Guests enjoy 8 wines and learn the characteristics of different grapes, how to taste and the cultural and regional history behind each bottle. Buyer can work with Dan to select dates. Guests should plan safe transportation home. Donated by Dan Tapia **Value \$600**

## Fly Me to the Moon

Whiskey Tasting with Dan Tapia. Dan will use his highly regarded expertise in beverage management to source a variety of whiskeys and guide up to 12 guests through a curated selection. Guests will learn how to evaluate aroma and flavor like a professional and enhance their knowledge of whiskey and even create a specialty cocktail for the evening. Guests should provide safe transportation home. Donated by Dan Tapia **Value \$600**

## It Had to Be You!

Long Beach is lucky to have the renowned Museum of Latin American Art in our own backyard, and you can be the lucky winner of this basket donated by MOLAA that includes a Family level membership, a docent tour voucher and some MOLAA swag! Donated by Solimar Salas Museum of Latin American Art. **Value \$350**

## Night and Day

Long Beach is a great town with many unique experiences! This item includes a sample of some of the special activities LB has to offer:

- 2 tickets to Distinguished Speaker Series - Bob Costas - Wednesday April 8, 2026 – Great Seats!
- Lunch for 3 guests at Long Beach City College Culinary Kitchen with Ginny Baxter



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- \$100 to spend at Belmont Brewing Company  
Donated by Shel-lee Davis, Ginny Baxter and Steve & Meredith Shaw **Value \$320**

### Let The Good Times Roll!

Fat Tuesday is the celebration before Lent – time to cut loose and party! Get together and enjoy gumbo, cornbread and all the fixins plus some special beverages with 12 guests at your place or mine to celebrate this special time of year. Enjoy live music, Mardi Gras decorations, great food and Rotary fun! Mardi Gras is on 2/17/26 but date can be selected by purchaser. Donated by Karen Widerynski and friends **Value \$900**

### Just One of Those Things

#1

A unique Chinese bronze vessel with handle can be yours to add panache to your living space. The heavy braided handle and metal work makes for an artful show piece!  
Donated by Rayne Sherman **Value \$300**

### Just One of Those Things

#2

175 YEARS OLD! A true collector's item, this red wood Temple mirror with carving dates to 1850 A.D. Measuring 28"H x 12"W x 1.5"D, it is small enough to fit in a confined space but impressive enough to make a big impact. The highest bidder will own a piece of history as well as a lovely piece of art.  
Donated by Rayne Sherman **Value \$750**

### Just One of Those Things

#3

A beautiful blue and white hand painted Porcelain Palace Vase Stand will make a statement in any room or entryway. Be the winning bidder and take this elegant piece home tonight!  
11" Dia X 16"h, 17 lbs.  
Donated by Rayne Sherman **Value \$300**

## Future RCLB Leadership Announced

By Wayne C. Slavitt, RCLB President #110



**It is an honor to announce your  
Rotary Club of Long Beach  
Leadership Team for 2026-2027**

**Wayne Slavit, President #110**

Immediate Past President	<a href="#">Kelly Ruggirello</a>
President-elect	<a href="#">Freda Hinsche Otto</a>
Secretary	<a href="#">Gail Schwandner</a>
Treasurer	<a href="#">Dennis Smith</a>
Assistant to the President	<a href="#">Cam Doherty Killingsworth</a>
Assistant to the President	<a href="#">Steve Keesal</a>

Vice-President	<a href="#">John Romundstad</a>	Sergeant-at-Arms	<a href="#">David Lott</a>
Vice-President	<a href="#">Raymond Cervantez</a>	Sergeant-at-Arms	<a href="#">Linda Rahn</a>
Vice-President	<a href="#">Sarah Soriano</a>	Sergeant-at-Arms	<a href="#">Lisa Finn</a>
Vice-President	<a href="#">Stacy Mungo Flanigan</a>	Sergeant-at-Arms	<a href="#">Nancy Zwiers</a>

Career Service Director	<a href="#">Natalie Hale</a>	Communications Director	<a href="#">Melissa Evans</a>
Club Service Director	<a href="#">Rich Gibson</a>	Fellowship Service Co-Director	<a href="#">Judy Ross</a>
Community Service Director	<a href="#">Tina Barry</a>	Fellowship Service Co-Director	<a href="#">Lisa Hain</a>
International Service Director	<a href="#">Adriana</a>	Membership Service Co-Director	<a href="#">Deborah Williams</a>

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-  [Theresa Cornwell](#)  
International Service Director
-  [Tanya Adolph](#)  
Membership Service Co-Director
-  [Leslie Wiberg](#)  
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-  [Jon L. Mesko](#)  
Youth Service Director
-  [Judy Ross](#)  
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-  [Freda Hinsche Otto](#)  
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-  [Madrid Zimmerman](#)  
Club Director  
Executive Secretary

	<a href="#">Lanting</a>		
Youth Services Director	<a href="#">Jon Mesko</a>	Membership Service Co-Director	<a href="#">Leslie Wiberg</a>

<b>President-Nominee - President</b> <b>#112</b>	<b>Rich Gibson</b>
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*Photographer - Kay Cofield, RCLB President # 97*

If you were going to miss any Rotary lunch this year, this week's Board Reveal was not one of them.

During the Board Reveal, President-elect Wayne Slavitt figuratively jumped into the water with a nautical theme, revealing his 2026-27 Board and inviting them to symbolically embark on a year-long journey aboard the imaginary USS Rotary Club of Long Beach "Member Ship". Wayne regaled the attendees with his vision for the coming year that begins next July 1<sup>st</sup>. With just the right amount of seriousness and humor, attendees were left wanting more. With PE Wayne promising member inclusivity, there will undoubtedly be ample opportunities for involvement during his term next year. Stay tuned.

Congratulations to **Rich Gibson**, who will not only be wearing the **Director of Club Service** hat next year but he will also eventually succeed Freda Hinsche Otto as **President #112** during the **2028-2029** Rotary year.



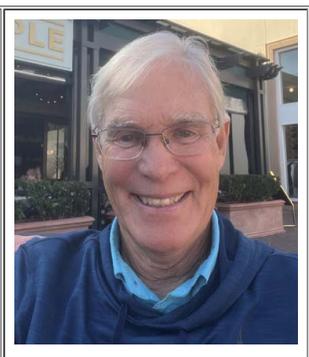
After 39 years as both a business owner and Corporate Executive in the ready mixed concrete industry, in 2007 Rich Gibson brought his extensive knowledge of business and finance to the Financial Industry. As a comprehensive wealth manager, Rich is dedicated to not only finding the best ways in which to help his clients reach their financial goals and prepare for retirement, but to educating them about their full financial affairs. He has a variety of investment options available, ranging from active money management with downside protection to alternative investments for high-net-worth individuals.

Rich has held several positions on the Rotary Club of Long Beach Board of Directors. He is also on the Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation Board and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, as well as the Treasurer for the Disabled Resource Center Board. He has been President of the Long Beach Tipplers networking club twice and served on the Board for many years. He is very active in the Long Beach community.

He has been married to his wife, Randi, for 53 years, has 3 adult children and 6 grandkids. Rich was born in Long Beach, and his family has been in Long Beach for over 100 years.'

## Welcome New Rotarian, Page Henley

By David A Lott, Sponsor

 <p>New Member <b>In the Spotlight</b></p>	
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Our Rotary family is thrilled to welcome --- **Page Henley**.

Page, who just retired from McCarty's Jewelry after running the store successfully for 42 years, grew up with a twin sister, Andrea, and a younger brother Mark. Their father was career military, so they traveled a lot!

In his growing up years, he attended seven schools in 12 years --- living in Japan three times and Germany once as well as living in Georgia, Florida, and Maryland.

When Page's father retired, the family settled in Maryland, where Page attended high school and the University of Maryland for two years before joining the United States Marine Corps.

After serving for four years in the Marines and stationed in California, Page enrolled at Long Beach State University where he completed his degree in Business and Psychology.

In 1982, having a personal interest in gems and gemology, Page along with two partners bought McCarty Jewelers in Belmont Shore. He retired last year from the reputable and well-regarded 2<sup>nd</sup> Street business.

Please join me in welcoming our newest Rotarian, Page Henley!

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## Rotary Club of Long Beach 'Bell Ringing'

By **Stephen B. Shaw**, Chair



*Hi Fellow Long Beach Rotarians,*

**As we have done in past years, Rotary will be ringing the Salvation Army Bell on Saturday, December 20th in front of Chase Bank, 5200 E. 2nd Street, Long Beach (Belmont Shore)**

There are only a few spots still open so if you would like to help out, please contact me by email, text or phone at the information provided below.

Remember the Naples Boat Parade is the same evening at around 6 pm so if you take the 5:00-6:00 shift you can stay for the boat parade. Feel free to invite family and friends to join you.

**Also, wear Christmas or Rotary attire if you can. Bringing a chair and music is a good idea.**

If you have questions, contact Steve Shaw. There will be bells to ring and a red kettle to fill with donations!

Steve Shaw

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(562) 453-5202

TIME	RINGER 1	RINGER 2
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>Craig Livingston</b>	<b>Nancy Zwiers</b>
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	<b>Vali DeVries</b>	<b>Loli De Vries</b>
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Brian Moskovitz</b>	<b>Don Cochran</b>
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	<b>Greg Owen</b>	<b>John Graham</b>
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	<b>Doug Coleman</b>	
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	<b>Lori Dwight</b>	<b>Steve Dwight</b>
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM		

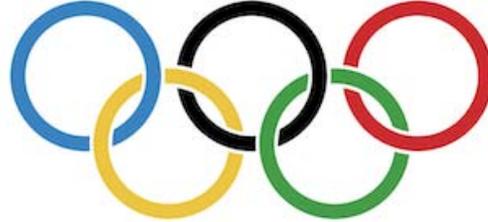
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	<b>Steve Shaw</b>	<b>Meredith Shaw</b>
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM		

## Evening Dinner Focus Countdown to the Olympics!

By Freda Hinsche Otto, RCLB President #111 and 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!**

<p><b>Rotary Club of Long Beach</b> meets every Wednesday @ 12 Noon</p> <p><b>THE GRAND</b> 4101 E. Willow Street Long Beach, CA 90815</p> <p><b>LB Skyline Photo Credit</b> <b>Long Beach Convention &amp; Visitors Bureau</b></p> <p>December 17, 2025 - Vol. 109, Issue 24</p>	<p><b>Club Office</b> Rotary Club of Long Beach The Queen Mary 1126 Queens Hwy. Sylvania Room Long Beach, CA 90802 562-499-1752 <a href="mailto:Rotary@RotaryLongBeach.org">Rotary@RotaryLongBeach.org</a></p> <p><b>Visit</b> <a href="#">Long Beach Rotary</a> <a href="#">District 5320</a> <a href="#">Rotary International</a></p>	<p><b>Visit our Social Media Pages</b></p> <p></p> <p></p>
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