



This Week's Program

Wednesday, December 4

The Big "Reveal"

Kelly Ruggirello, RCLB President-elect - aka #109
President, Long Beach Symphony Association

The Queen Mary - Queen's Salon

LUNCH - 12:00 Noon
PROGRAM - 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.



Such mystery and intrigue exist around this annual event where the names of all incoming Board members are announced. The President-elect (*me, aka #109*) also has the honor of announcing the highly confidential name of the President Designate (*#111 and it's a surprise*) who follows the President Nominee (*Wayne, aka #110*). I'm just proud to have finally figured out all these titles which change for all of us next year!

But do you know what isn't a secret?!?!

- 27 Rotarians have agreed to **volunteer** in leadership positions to further the mission of this wonderful Club. FYI, it's the Rotary Club of Long Beach not the Long Beach Rotary Club – another learning curve for me.
- 27 Rotarians are putting **Service Above Self** to ensure we strategically impact many lives locally and globally.
- **27 Rotarians said "Yes!" and I will be forever humbled and grateful!**

Please join us for The Big Reveal on December 4th and I can guarantee there will be music!

Join Rotary in the Annual Belmont Shore Holiday Parade





Rotary  Club of Long Beach

BELMONT SHORE CHRISTMAS PARADE PARTY

hosted at
the Home of Mollie & Larry Beck
4427 E. 1st Street, Long Beach, CA 90802
(Corner of Prospect and 1st)

4PM HOLIDAY PARTY DEC 07 6PM PARADE MARCH

The Becks are serving homemade chili and hot apple cider to spark holiday cheer. Join us at 4 PM—come hungry and ready to mingle!

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 *Steve Hockett* leads and *Hammered Nails* (Lance Kenyon's band) performs. Bring the family, dress warmly, and wear your favorite Rotary shirt to share the holiday spirit!

For additional info, please check your RotaryGram emails.

Feel free to bring an appetizer, dessert, or drink to share.

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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 4th if you're interested and for which date. 562.549.1848 or jon@lbblast.org

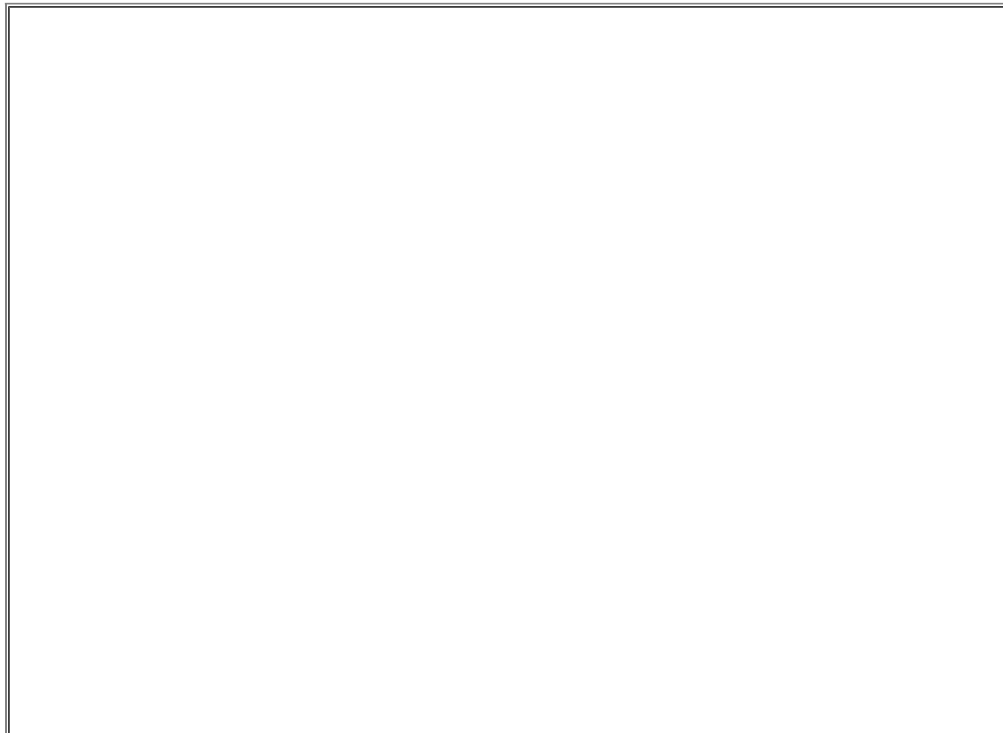
School Assembly to reveal the winners: Mon, Dec 9 at 9 am

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



Operation Santa Claus!

By Diane L Donaldson, Operation Santa Claus 2024 Co-Chair



Want to make children smile? Operation Santa Claus 2024!



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.

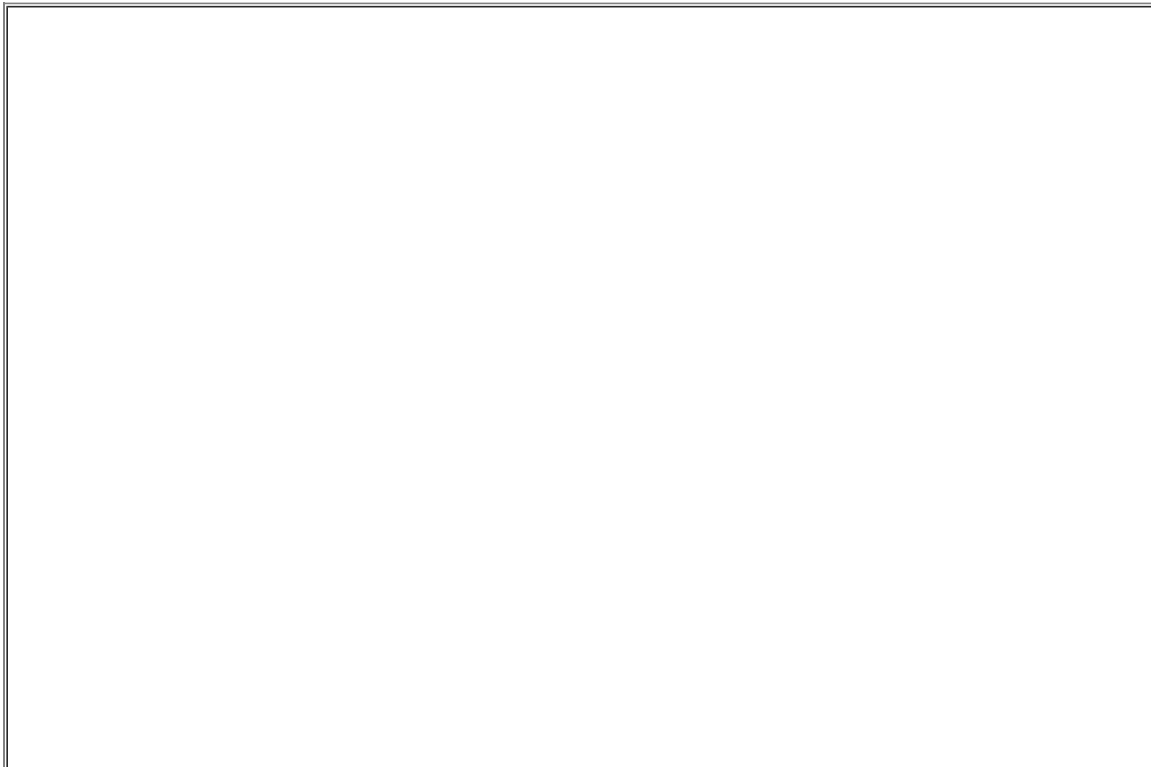
You can make it easier for them this holiday season. As a Rotary Santa, you adopt a family or choose single gifts on December 4th at our meeting. Rotary's goal is to have a couple of gifts for each child and Rotary will provide a \$50 gift certificate for the student. Your gifts go directly to the parents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

There are two ways to participate. First, Rotarians can select a single family and get a list of requested items for that particular family including sizes, colors, etc. Or second, you can select a single item for a family. Either way you get the satisfaction of purchasing what 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. Thanks for helping a struggling student this holiday!

For more information contact:

Diane Donaldson (562) 243-7582 or Leslie Wiberg (562) 252-5391

Rotoastados





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Holiday In Person Meeting

THURS, DECEMBER 5
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Celebrate the holidays with us at Brian Russell's (from Rotary of Long Beach) office and see us in action. You may also have a chance to participate in a Toastmasters meeting!

KINNERY'S
BROKERAGE HOUSE

425 E. 4th Street, Suite D, Long Beach, CA 90802

Help us make this meeting special by bringing a dish, side, or a drink to share.



SCAN HERE TO RSVP

FOR CLUB SIGN UPS, ZOOM LINK, AND TO RSVP TO THIS EVENT:
[LINKTR.EE/ROTOASTADOS](https://linktr.ee/ROTOASTADOS)

Annual Holiday Luncheon





Guess who's coming
to our Annual
Holiday Lunch?

'Tis the season to celebrate, connect, and create lasting memories.

**Wednesday 12PM
December 11**

THE QUEEN MARY - QUEENS SALON
1126 QUEENS HWY, LONG BEACH, CA

Plancha Picatta Salmon \$51.00

Vegetarian en Croute option available | Membership Meal Plan does not apply
Cash Bar Available

**Hollywood Steel Band
with Dave Beery
Special appearance by
Santa Claus
RSVP by December 4**



Congratulations... Schneider Family Scholarship Recipient

By Rayne Sherman



ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION PRESENTS SCHNEIDER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

It is my honor to announce and introduce the 2024 Recipient of the **Schneider Family Scholarship – Skyler Graham.**

Mark and Nancy Schneider have established this Scholarship to support and reward students with a learning challenge, such as ADHD, Dyslexia, and processing disorder, who plan on attending CSULB. More specifically, it is a Scholarship for students who have a learning difference.

Skyler Graham attended a recent Rotary meeting with her parents Kim Powers and Dina Graham who are so proud and beaming, and rightly so. Skyler was an outstanding student at Long Beach Millikan High School and is now attending CSULB, majoring in Marketing with an emphasis on Fashion.

Skyler at a young age noticed a difference between herself and other students starting in middle school. Her friends and, most notably, her twin sister would brag about how easy certain assignments and tests were and she felt embarrassed because they were difficult for her. She figured she just needed to work harder, but the harder she worked, the worse her grades seemed to get. Early help from family, friends and teachers helped Skyler continue, excel in school and thrive as a volunteer in extra-curricular activities -- most notably in fashion and theater-oriented endeavors.

One of her Theater Arts teachers at Millikan, in a letter to the Foundation, says it this way – ***“Skyler is a hardworking, dependable, and intelligent young woman. She is able to balance her creative side with her academic side very well, taking multiple AP classes while participating in COMPASS (Performing Arts pathway) classes, such as Fashion and Theater Arts, and participating in the school’s productions requiring many hours of rehearsal and performances outside of class time. She has managed to keep a 3.56 weighted GPA while participating and, in most cases, acting as a student leader in extracurricular activities at Millikan”.***

My fellow Committee Members, Michele Dobson, Tony Gales, Mark Schneider and I are very pleased to award the 2024 Schneider Family Scholarship to Skyler Graham.



(L to R) Jean Bixby Smith & Michele Dobson (Selection Committee), Parents Kim Powers and Dina Graham on either side of Skyler Graham (Schneider Family Scholarship Recipient), Mark & Nancy Schneider (Donors), Cam Doherty Killingsworth (Scholarship Foundation Chair), Rayne Sherman (Selection Committee and Presenter)

Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation's Beacon Society

By Michele A. Dobson. Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation Chair

It is with tremendous pleasure that we introduce you to the Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation's Beacon Society.

The Beacon Society is comprised of Rotarians who have donated \$1,000 or more to the Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation during the Rotary year 2023-2024.

The inaugural members of the Beacon Society are:

Rhiannon Acree, Ginny Baxter, Don Cochran, Doug Coleman, Theresa Cornwell, Craig Cross, Michele Dobson, Diane Donaldson, Craig Dougherty, Lori Dwight, Randy Gordon, Jeremy Harris, Russ Hill, Joe & Jan Hower, Larry Jackson, Mike Jensen, Steve Keesal, Bob Latimer, Liz Lucas, Olivia Maiser, Andy McFarland, Michael Neils, Frank Newell, Greg Owen, Ron Rand, Judy Ross, Brian Russell, Gail Schwandner,

Rayne Sherman, Lee Shoag, Dennis Smith, Jean Smith, Nick Sramek, Sumer Temple, Mabelle Thompson, Kevin Tiber (F&M Trust Co.), Cheryl Vargas, Alfredo Velasco, Dan Walker (F&M Bank), Leslie Wiberg, and Brad Willingham.

As you know, Camp Enterprise is perpetually endowed by a magnificent gift from Rotarian and Past President #69 Henry Meyer and please stay tuned for the Legacy Club Rotarians honoring Henry Meyer and all of the Rotarians who have, and plan to, remember Rotary in their estates.

We will continue to serve our Long Beach Community for years to come because of Rotarians like these. Your fines, recognitions and birthdays are greatly appreciated by our Charitable Foundation, in addition to your straight donations and legacy gifts, including the Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation in your estate.

We are grateful to the 2023-2024 Club Sergeants-at-Arms for introducing the idea of the Beacon Society and we are pleased that it has come to fruition. Thank you Debbie Thorpe, Shelley Hanks-Hokari, Shel-lee Davis and Theresa Cornwell for championing this and to the Charitable Foundation Board of Directors for supporting it.

Look for a lighthouse on the Rotary badges of these generous Rotarians for supporting the work of the Charitable Foundation. If they have a lighthouse, you know, they are "Beacon Society" Members.

Thank you to these generous Rotarians for supporting the work of the Charitable Foundation.



RCLB Membership Drive *(in case you missed it)*

By Sarah Soriano, Membership Service Co-Director

Making a Difference



Together!

Vision #2

So, you have a Membership Prospect. Now what?

Rotarian Dr. Lynne Wainfan reached out to me with this exact question and suggested we share these steps with Rotarians – especially given the fact that we are in a **Membership Drive!**

Here is a very simplified version of the steps:

1. Identify a Candidate.
2. Tell them why you like Rotary and why you think they would – this is a very important step to explaining the work we do as the Rotary Club of LB.
3. Invite them to a meeting or to Rotary Connections – getting to know other Rotarians is a great way to show a Candidate what you have learned and know about the benefits of serving in Rotary. Getting to know other Rotarians will help you select a Second Sponsor.
4. Once the Candidate is ready to join, has attended a Lunch Meeting and/or Connections event, complete the Membership Proposal Form. You will need to sit down with the Candidate to answer the questions and have the Second Sponsor complete their portion. This Form is then submitted to the Rotary Office and Madrid takes it from there.

Still have questions? Please reach out to either of the two **Membership Co-Directors, Debbie Thorpe** or **Sarah Soriano**, or any Committee Member (*see below*) of the Membership Committee. We want our Membership Drive to be a huge success!

Deborah Williams, Gail Schwandner, Judy Ross, Leslie Wiberg, Lori Dwight, Matt Kinley, Mollie Beck, Natalie Hale, Raymond Cervantez, Tina Barry, Diane Donaldson, Michele Dobson, Steve Hockett and Madrid Zimmerman.

Birthdays



[Lisa Finn](#)
December 5th



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



[Ronald Grimm](#)
December 7th



[Virginia Baxter](#)
December 8th



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

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



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Club Director
Club Executive Secretary



[Donald E. Cochran](#)
Rotary International
Foundation Chair

Events

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



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meets every Wednesday @ 12 Noon

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