



## This Week's Program

**Wednesday, February 19**

**"Celebrating 50 Years at Full Speed: The Legacy of the Grand Prix of Long Beach"**

**Jim Michaelian**, *President/CEO*  
*Grand Prix Association of Long Beach*

**The Queen Mary - Grand Salon**

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



Who could have known that Long Beach would become the site of the **first modern street race in America back in 1975?**

Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Grand Prix of Long Beach in April, **JIM MICHAELIAN**, will share how one of motorsport's most iconic races is celebrating this major milestone with a look-back to its humble beginnings, to becoming a premier racing event, with more than 200,000 spectators to the City of Long Beach, and millions more watching it nationally, and internationally. Join us as Jim shares defining moments of high-speed action and fierce champions over the race's 50 years. Don't miss out on this celebration of speed, innovation and tradition!

Since 2001, **Jim Michaelian** has served as the President/CEO of the Grand Prix Association of Long Beach, LLC (GPALB). He has been with the organization since its inception in 1975 as a Formula 5000 race, serving in a number of functional areas including finance, operations and marketing. He served as the company's controller prior to the first Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach, and as Chief Operating Officer from 1998-2001.

In his current role, Michaelian is responsible for the overall management of the annual Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach, as well as its subsidiary, Grand Prix Special Events, which specializes in temporary structure rentals for such events as the Academy Awards, Emmy Awards, EDC/Las Vegas, and various other special events.

A graduate of UCLA with a B.S. in Physics and an M.B.A., Michaelian also serves on the board of directors of the Grand Prix Foundation, the Long Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau, and LA Sports Council.

He holds a competition driver's license and has participated in several endurance races including the 24 Hours of Daytona, the 12 Hours of Sebring, Nürburgring, Le Mans, Spa and Dubai. A California native, Michaelian resides in Seal Beach with his wife, Mary, and has two adult sons.

## Rotary Youth Development

By Jon L. Mesko, Youth Service Director-elect



Greetings, Rotarians,

This spring I'm excited to be volunteering at our District's **Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Camp**, April 10-13. You can learn more about that [click here](#)

The most fulfilling experiences of my life have been inspiring youth, and at Rotary we have so many opportunities to invest in the future (our kids):

Just in our Club you could volunteer for **Camp Enterprise** (April 23-25), join the **Literacy Committee** and assure our kids are all reading by 9, speak or volunteer with **Interact** (high school

age) or **Rotaract** (college+), volunteer for **Bikes for Kids**, and more.

At the organization that I oversee, we believe that everyone can benefit from a mentor. All of you have some significant experience that our next generation can benefit from (and likewise, you benefit from this relationship in return). If you would like to be more involved and don't know where to start, I welcome your call ([562.549.1848](tel:562.549.1848)).

Or if you would simply like to see some of the glowing faces of the kids that Rotarians have supported recently, see the photos below. Have a great week!

Jon Mesko, on behalf of President Steve Hockett



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## New Rotarian Exemplifies Service Above Self

By Theresa Cornwell, Sponsor



It's my absolute honor, along with co-sponsor Mark Schneider, to introduce **Bijan Roboubi** to our Club!

I met Bijan through the Long Beach Chamber, and as I got to know him more, I realized Bijan is not just a talented estate attorney who genuinely cares about the clients he serves, but he truly has a heart of service above all.

He hosts free meetings here in Long Beach to educate people on the importance of protecting yourself and loved ones through proper estate planning, teaches yoga, and is active in the Downtown Long Beach Association as well as the Scholars of Iranian Heritage - and he is always looking for ways to give back and help others.

In addition to all of that, he is a newly-wed; and I won't steal any more of his thunder by saying too much, but his life journey is a story I encourage everyone to inquire about! His dedication to making a positive impact in our community, fun loving personality, enthusiasm for getting involved, and his kind heart make him an excellent addition to our Club. Please join me in welcoming **Bijan**!

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## 5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE - Bring a Potential Member!

By Natalie Hale, Fellowship Service Director

**Rotary**



Club of  
Long Beach

**5 O'CLOCK  
SOMEWHERE**

**ANGEL'S SHARE  
WHISKEY LOUNGE**

5110 2ND STREET,  
LONG BEACH

**BEER FOR \$5  
BEFORE 6PM**

**30 BEERS ON TAP  
300 WHISKEYS**



**THURS, FEB 27TH 5-7PM  
JOIN US FOR  
FELLOWSHIP AND BRING A  
POTENTIAL MEMBER**

**RSVP ON EVITE OR**

**[nhale@mediapartnersww.com](mailto:nhale@mediapartnersww.com)**

**(562)335-5661**

**Attention Rotary Golfers**

By Donald N. Serafano and Mike Wilson





Hello Fellow Rotarians,

Our next Rotary Golf event will be at **Navy Golf Course**, in **Cypress** at **11:30 on Friday, February 28th**. We have 3 tee times reserved (12 players total). Regardless of your handicap or tee preference, come and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship.

If you are interested, please let us know:

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

Thank you and looking forward to seeing you on the links.

Regards,  
Michael Wilson and Don Serafano

**SAVE THE DATE:**

We are also scheduled for **Friday, March 28** at **Dad Miller Golf Course**.

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## Save the Date - March 1, 2025

By Linda Josephine Rahn, RCLB Vice President

*Join Rayne Sherman, fellow Rotarians and Friends in an  
engaging, awe-inspiring tour of*

## ***The Nethercutt Museum & Collection***

*15180 Bledsoe St, Sylmar, CA 91342*

***Saturday, March 1, 2025***

***Guided Tour of the Collection Begins Promptly at 10 am***

- *The Collection has more than 50 “Best of the Best” Classic Cars*
- *Restoration Shop*
- *Exquisite Antique Furniture & Glass*
- *Rare Musical Instruments e.g. Mighty Wurlitzer Theater Pipe Organ  
(There will be a live performance of the Instruments.)*

***Delicious Lunch Included (On-Site)***



*Followed by*

***Additional Non-Guided Self-Tour of Museum***

- *Extraordinary, Premium Classic Car Gallery including 250+ perfectly restored  
American & European Classic Cars*
- *1937 Canadian Pacific Royal Hudson Locomotive; 1912 Pullman Private Car*

***Cost of Tour & Lunch \$50 per person***

*Free Parking - Car-Pooling strongly encouraged.*

***RSVP and Pay by February 20<sup>th</sup> to: [Madrid@rotarylongbeach.org](mailto:Madrid@rotarylongbeach.org)***

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## **Touchdown for Football Fun, Fellowship and Fundraising!**

By Natalie Hale and Linda Rahn

The **2nd Annual Rotary Club of Long Beach Super Bowl Party**, held at the beautiful home of Deborah and David Williams, was a **super success!** Thirty-five Rotarians and friends enjoyed a Naples Rib Company feast while watching the Philadelphia Eagles beat down the Kansas City Chiefs in a stunning victory. Four Rotarians vanquished as the winners of our Super Bowl squares. Congrats to:

Q1 - \$250 winner, **Freda Hinsche Otto**  
 Q2 - \$250 winner, **Dennis Smith**  
 Q3 - \$250 winner, **Olivia Maiser**  
 Q4 - \$500 Grand Prize Winner - **Bob Latimer**

Thank You to the 51 individuals who purchased squares, AND to the game-changing support **of Deborah Williams**, who generously hosted us, **Linda Rahn, Natalie Hale, Shel-lee Davis, Marjorie Fleming, and Michele Dobson**, nearly **\$2,500 was generated for our Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation!**

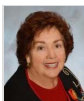
**Plan now to join us next year for Super Bowl LX!**



## Birthdays - Click on a Name and Send Greetings!



[Karen K. Widerynski](#)  
February 19th



[Karen M. Wyrick](#)  
February 19th



[Shel-lee Davis](#)  
February 21st



[Jayne Lastusky](#)  
February 23rd



[Aaron Anthony Blackburn](#)  
February 25th

## Club Leaders - Click on a Name and Send a Message or Question!



[Steve M. Hockett](#)  
President



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Assistant to the President



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Assistant to the President



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Sergeant-at-Arms



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Director



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Membership Service Co-  
Director



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Youth Service Director



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iPast President



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President-elect



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



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



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

## Events - Mark Your Calendar!

February 18th, 4:00-5:00 PM  
[RCLB Board of Directors Meeting](#)

February 27th, 5:00-7:00 PM  
[Rotary Connections and 5 O'Clock Somewhere](#)  
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Meeting for prospective members

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

March 18th, 4:00-5:00 PM  
[RCLB Board of Directors Meeting](#)

March 27th, 2:00-3:00 PM  
[RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club](#)

February 19th, 12:00-1:30 PM  
[Rotary Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
**Speaker:** Jim Michaelian  
**Subject:** Grand Prix

February 28th, 11:30-3:30 PM  
[Rotary Club Monthly Golf Outing](#)  
This month: Destroyer Navy Golf Course

March 12th, 12:00-1:30 PM  
[Rotary Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
**Speaker:** Tyler Caros  
**Subject:** Commercial Drones

March 19th, 12:00-1:30 PM  
[Rotary Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
**Speaker:** Eric Lopez  
**Subject:** Public Works Projects in Long Beach

March 27th, 5:00-7:00 PM  
[Rotary Connections](#)  
Bring a prospective member

February 26th, 12:00-1:30 PM  
[Rotary Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
**Speaker:** Gayl Murphy  
**Subject:** "On Hollywood"

March 1st, 10:00-2:00 PM  
[Nethercutt Collection/Museum: Tour and Lunch](#)

March 13th, 2:00-3:00 PM  
[RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club](#)

March 20th, 8:00-9:30 AM  
[Business Breakfast Roundtable](#)  
**Speaker:** TBA

March 28th, 11:30-4:00 PM  
[Rotary Club Monthly Golf Outing](#)  
Dad Miller Golf Course

February 27th, 2:00-3:00 PM  
[RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club](#)

March 5th, 12:00-1:30 PM  
[Rotary Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
**Speaker:** Port of Long Beach  
**Subject:** Pier Wind

March 13th, 5:30-7:30 PM  
[Rotary Journey](#)  
Bi-monthly 2nd Thurs/mo  
Getting to Know Rotary Better

March 26th, 12:00-1:30 PM  
[Rotary Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
**Speaker:** TBA

March 30th, 3:30-5:45 PM  
[Ronald McDonald House Sunday Meal Prep](#)  
Volunteer to make a Sunday meal for the families at RMDH



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

**THE QUEEN MARY**  
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