

#### This Week's Program



Jonathon Bolin serves as the Department of Public Works Acting Business Operations Bureau Manager.

In this role he oversees the budget development of the Public Works operating budget and the citywide Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), including the administration of the Elevate '28 Infrastructure Investment Plan, external and internal communication for the Department, personnel and human resources, and grant and contract management. Prior to this role, Jonathon served as the Department's Budget Services Officer since 2021.

Jonathon is a fourth-generation Long Beach resident, born at Long Beach Memorial, and holds a Bachelor's Degree in History and Religious Studies and Master's Degree of Public Administration from CSU Long Beach.

In his free time, Jonathon enjoys hiking and backpacking, disc golfing at El Dorado Park, trying new restaurants throughout the City, and hanging out with his two kids and wife.

## Thoughts from #108

By Steve M. Hockett, President of the Rotary Club of Long Beach



We are fortunate to be recognized by the St. Mary Medical Center Foundation for one of their **Spirit of St Mary Awards**.

A luncheon is planned for Tuesday. April 1 at MOLAA. (This is not an April Fools joke.)

This recognition is incredibly gratifying and consistent with our fundamental goal of humbly tooting our own horn.

If you want to attend and perhaps host a table, don't hesitate to contact Madrid.

Many thanks to the Foundation for this Award!

How has your attendance been lately? Your Board has worked very hard to provide a great show each week. We had a great meeting with the management of the Queen Mary to do some "mid-course corrections" with the service at our meetings. In my opinion, they listened carefully to our comments and have made some necessary modifications. Please take a moment to RSVP to Madrid and enjoy a great time on the Queen Mary!

I look forward to seeing you soon at the next Rotary Club of Long Beach event!

## Welcome to the RCLB, Jesse

By Steve M. Hockett, RCLB President #108, Sponsor with Lance Kenyon



New Rotarian Jesse Pazdernik has been a career YMCA leader in Irving, Texas and San Diego before coming to serve as Executive Director of the Los Altos Y almost three years ago. Joining the Rotary Club of Long Beach is kind of a homecoming for Jesse because while in Texas he was a member of the Rotary Club of Irving.

Originally from Stevens Point, Wisconsin and active in several sports through his University of Wisconsin years, Jesse continues involvement in community and YMCA sports – basketball, softball, "... almost any sport," as he says.

Jesse has a serious interest in becoming even more involved in our community than he already is through his professional work and involvement with his children's activities. We have appreciated his early commitment to our reading programs and we welcome his wife, Sarah and their children, Zoe, Lucia, and Austin to join us at future RCLB family events!

Please join Lance Kenyon and me in welcoming Jesse to the Rotary Club of Long Beach!



#### Welcome to the RCLB, Duane

By David F. Woody, Sponsor



It is our pleasure to introduce our newest Rotarian, Duane Evans. Duane is a native Southern Californian, graduate from CSULB.

As president of his own company, professionally he specialized in operating, maintaining, and repairing oil refineries and training their employees. As a contractor, he worked at the same company for 50 years and was able to increase the efficiencies in the company's safety and cost. He was also a member of the Elks.

In retirement, he enjoys his daughter and four grandchildren. And the boats in the Long Beach harbor. He has expressed an interest in being involved in charity groups.

Please join us in welcoming Duane Evans to the Rotary Club of Long Beach.



## Rotary Reading by 9 Event Tomorrow!

By Jennifer Stout, Reading by 9 Committee

Greetings, fellow Rotarians!

Have you ever wanted to participate in a Reading by 9 event? If so, now's your chance! On **Tuesday, March 18**, we're gathering a small group of volunteers to read to/with some of the students at **Twain Child Development Center, 4666 Sunfield Avenue, Long Beach 90808**, starting at **9:30 am**.

If you have some room on your calendar (or maybe you'd love a chance to make some room on your calendar), please

contact Jenny Stout, jen.stout@gmail.com, and I'll make sure you're on the list.

These reading events never take too long, but the positivity you'll experience from getting involved will last forever. We hope to see you there!

Cheers, Jenny

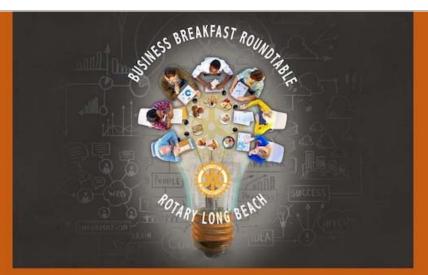




## AI Demystified - Putting AI to Work for YOU is Easier Than You Think (BBR)

By Mary Zerafa Loos, BBR Chair

RSVP to Evite invitation sent to your email NEW Location - The Waterfront at Catalina Landing, 310 Golden Shore, Suite 400



# Business Breakfast Roundtable

## Al Demystified Putting Al to Work for You is Easier Than You Think

To prepare for an engaging session of sharing, each participant RSVPing will receive simple directions to access AI through free ChatGPT to perform a task of their choice. We will take turns sharing our experience with harnessing AI, so we can all learn about possibilities from each other. Every journey begins with a single step!

## Thursday, March 20, 2025

The Waterfront at Catalina Landing 310 Golden Shore, Suite 400 Long Beach, CA 90802 **Cost**: \$10/person for breakfast (Cash preferred.) **Parking:** \$1.25 every 15 minutes To foster discussion, the maximum number of participants is 18.

RSVP: Evite invitation sent to your email Info: Mary Zerafa Loos | maryzerafa@gmail.com

**5 O'Clock Somewhere** 



## **Rotary Night @ Blair Field**

By Lance R. Kenyon, LBRSF Chair of CSULB Committee



## **ROTARY Night at Blair Field CSULB Dirtbags vs USC Trojans Baseball**

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 5:00pm - Pre-Game Reception at 1st Base Pavilion LBRSF Hosted Food and Drink from Legends 6:00pm - Game Time Presentation of Rotary Scholarship Foundation Check for CSULB Scholarships

to President Jane Close Conoley on the Field ! Purchase Tickets through link: www.longbeachstate.com/Rotary Please RSVP to scholarships@lbrsf.org



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



John J. Gilligan March 19th



Christopher Wacker March 19th



Linda Josephine Rahn March 19th



Theresa Cornwell March 20th



Madrid Zimmerman March 20th

Steve M. Hockett

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

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## VENTS - Mark Your Calendar!

March 18th, 3:30-5:30 PM **RCLB Board of Directors Meeting**  March 19th, 12:00-1:30 PM Rotary Weekly Club Meeting

March 27th, 2:00-3:00 PM RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club

April 2nd, 12:00-1:30 PM Rotary Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Antonio Castelan, Dir. Public Affairs Subject: Brightline (bullet train to Vegas)

April 12th, 8:00-9:00 AM Centennial Park Clean-up

April 22nd, 5:00-8:00 PM LBRSF Annual Sporting Event Reception and CSULB Dirtbags vs USC Game Blair Field - First Base Pavilion Light food/ drinks provided by LBRSF

March 27th, 5:00-7:00 PM **Rotary Connections** Speaker: Bring a prospective member

April 8th, 5:00-7:00 PM Rotary Night at MOLAA Tour and Wine Reception for Rotary

April 15th, 4:00-5:00 PM **RCLB Board of Directors Meeting** 

April 23rd, 12:00-1:30 PM Rotary Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Camp Enterprise Kick-off: Thomas O'Learv Pres/CEO of JetZero

March 20th, 8:00-9:30 AM Topic: AI Demystified: Putting AI to Work for You is Easier Than You Think \$10 Continental Product ( \$10 Continental Breakfast (cash preferred) + Parking

March 28th, 11:30-4:00 PM Rotary Club Monthly Golf Outing Dad Miller Golf Course

April 9th, 12:00-1:30 PM Rotary Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Pamela Bozanich Subject: The Menendez Brothers Trial -Prosecutor Perspective

April 16th, 12:00-1:30 PM Rotary Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Alicia Kirkwood Subject: LBCC TTC

April 24th, 2:00-3:00 PM **RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster** Alliance Club

March 26th, 12:00-1:30 PM

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

April 10th, 2:00-3:00 PM RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club

April 19th, 12:00-2:00 PM Centennial Park Easter Egg Hunt/Paul Kennard Book Fair Annual Easter Egg Hunt/Paul Kennard Book Fair - Centennial Park





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

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