



## Spring 2025 Rotary Roots!

**Wednesday, April 30**

**REGISTRATION IS CLOSED**

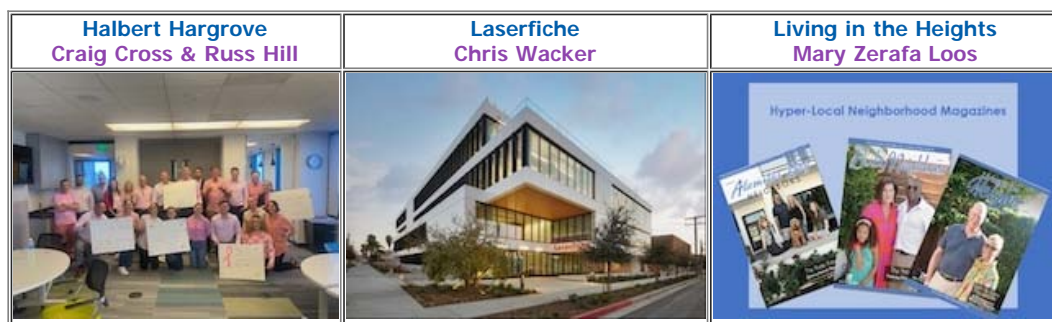
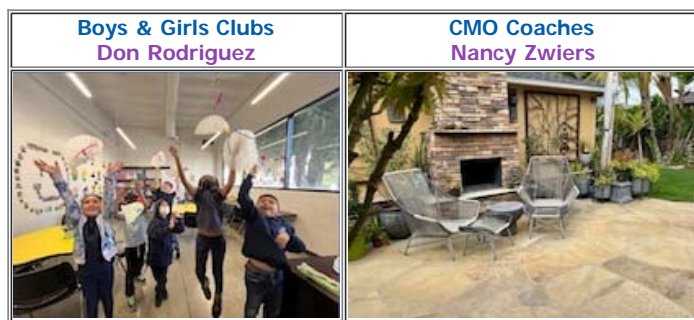
**Contact Madrid for Possible Wait List or Openings**

**ROTARY ROOTS**  
**Hosted by Rotarians**

**12:00 NOON - 1:30pm at Rotarian Places of Business**

*Details for those who registered have been sent separately via email from Madrid*

**Reminder - NO Meeting at The Queen Mary This Week**



The Rotary Roots Committee is grateful to our spring site hosts for creating an opportunity for a small group of Rotarians to get to know one another, build relationships, and learn about their host's organization on April 30. In addition, Rotary Roots pays homage to the "roots" of Rotary's early years, when meeting locations rotated among members' businesses. We look forward to seeing your photos!

## Camp Enterprise and Polio Plus

By Steve M. Hockett, RCLB President #108

I am writing this on my phone at **Camp Enterprise**. I am so proud of our Club for this tradition.

The awakening of these young people as they develop a business plan for presentation is an experience all Rotarians need to see. We had an amazing testimony from a Camp Enterprise 2010 alum at our last meeting. His words detailed his life from welfare to owning his own record label. David Diaz has quite a



success story.



I'd like to thank all of our members who contribute to **PolioPlus**. This is a signature program for Rotary International and our District. Every dollar contributed eventually turns into \$4.50, through matching. Our Club has always been very generous and we have set a goal of \$12,500 in contributions for our last quarter of our Rotary year. Please keep this on your mind moving forward.

In the words of Jimmy Buffett,  
'It takes no more time to see the good side of life than it takes to see the bad.'  
B+ *(Be Positive)*

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## Welcome New Rotarian, Monique McCrimmon

By Katherine (Kay) Cofield, RCLB President #87



Along with co-sponsor Lynne Wainfan, I am delighted to introduce **Monique McCrimmon** - who will be a wonderful addition to our Club.

Monique is an accomplished professional with a strong commitment to service and personal growth.

Professionally, Monique is a tax resolution advocate, earning top ratings from clients, handling high-pressure situations with empathy and professionalism, demonstrating strong interpersonal skills – and, most importantly, treating people with kindness and respect.

Her interest in community service was sparked by her long-time dedication to volunteering for over a decade with the Denver Rescue Mission and assisting with her family's nonprofit. Since moving to Long Beach three years ago, she is a volunteer for the Long Beach Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Monique also embodies perseverance and commitment in her personal life. She has participated in triathlon relays, bodybuilding competitions, and "14er" mountain climbs.

Locally, she took on the challenge of learning to dance for the "Dancing For Our Stars" fundraiser. And in a mere five months, she went on to win the "Top Performer" award! Her personal dedication raised over \$60,000 for Memorial, and she continues to volunteer in the hospital gift shop.

Both Lynne and I are impressed by Monique's passion for service, discipline, and enthusiasm. I know she is excited about becoming a Rotarian.

With her strong work ethic, community-focused mindset, and drive to make a difference, Monique is a perfect fit for Rotary. In fact, we believe she has been a Rotarian in her heart for a long time and just didn't know it.

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# April is Student Food Gift Card Drive

By Leslie Wiberg, Community Service Director

Thank you to those who have already provided gift cards and cash to support our **Club's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Feeding the Future' (FtF) community project**. The cards are provided to the Food Pantry managers at LBCC and CSULB, who then distribute them to their students who are most impacted by food insecurity.

Recently, the Grunion Gazette printed an article written by Dr. Jane Close Conoley, President of CSULB. She highlighted the number of students who are food insecure; many don't know where their next meal will come from, many others survive on Cup of Noodles.

**Every contribution, big or small, is greatly appreciated!** Please reach out to your neighbors, friends, and co-workers and ask for a gift card in any amount from any location that provides food, e.g. Ralph's, Vons, Target or Chic-fil-A or Canes.

**Gift cards can be brought to your Rotary Roots host and we will collect them.**

If you prefer to donate to the Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation/FtF, we can purchase gift cards on your behalf. **Send a check to the Rotary Office or contact Madrid with your credit card number.**



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## Rotary Route - Walk for Mental Wellness

By Natalie Hale, Fellowship Service Director

Join us for a walk on the beach to create awareness for **Mental Health-Sunday, May 4th, 9am**, followed by a no host brunch at **Belmont Brewery**. **RSVP to Natalie at [562-335-5661](tel:562-335-5661)**. Bring a friend, your kids and furry friends. All proceeds will be donated to mental health services in our community. We are seeking non-profit organizations and all applicable businesses to have booths at the **Health and Wellness Fair**.





## MENTAL WELLNESS WALK & Fair

**Sunday, May, 4th | 9AM**

**Granada Beach "ROSIE'S BEACH"**

**5100 E Ocean Blvd, Long Beach**

Join us for a community walk to raise awareness about mental health. Walk solo or with a team—every step makes a difference. Bring your friends and family. Let's walk for change.




<https://bit.ly/SLAwellnessWalk>

**REGISTER NOW**



**Be a Walker | Build a Team  
Be a Sponsor**

**Everyone welcome!  
Walk and join the Health Fair 9a-1p**

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Signal Hill, Newport/Irvine,  
Westminster

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## ANNUAL INTERSERVICE CLUB LUNCHEON

By Madrid Zimmerman, Club Director & Executive Secretary

The **Kiwanis Club of Long Beach** is excited to host this year's May 21 Wednesday event (*in lieu of our RCLB meeting*), which is just over a month away! It is being held at The Grand, with **Fire Chief Buchanan** as the **Keynote Speaker**.

**RSVP deadline** is **Wednesday, May 7** - email Madrid to RSVP - [madrid@rotarylongbeach.org](mailto:madrid@rotarylongbeach.org)

Let's work on a great turnout from the Rotary Club of Long Beach!!!



# 55th ANNUAL SERVICE CLUB LUNCHEON

Hosted by the Long Beach Kiwanis Club

Contact Beth Roach: [beth4kiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:beth4kiwanis@gmail.com)

Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

The Grand, 4101 E. Willow, Long Beach

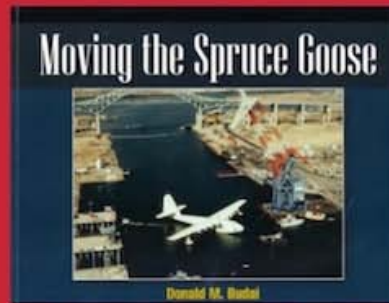
Lunch \$45 / Free Parking

RSVP to your club by May 7, 2025



**Our Guest Speaker:**  
**Long Beach**  
**Fire Chief**  
**Dennis Buchanan**

Kiwanian and Author, Don Budai will share an important part of Long Beach History with his new book, "Moving the Spruce Goose".



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## SERVICE CLUBS

Altrusa \* Assistance League \* Century Club \* Kiwanis Club \* Lions Club  
Meals on Wheels \* Rotary Club \* Salvation Army \* Soroptimists \* Y Service Club

## Rotary Journey... NOW, "Rotary 101"

By Tina Barry, Rotary 101 Chair

Two things to announce -

**First**, we've made a change to clarify our Rotary orientation session - it's now called "**Rotary 101**" (There seemed to be some confusion from our other Rotary meetings, like Rotary Connections).

**Second**, our next meeting is **Thursday, May 8 from 5:30-7 pm.**

It will be held at the State Farm Office of Steve and Lori Dwight at **4625 East Anaheim Blvd** in Long Beach.

As before, anyone is welcome to join us but we particularly want to invite our new members. We'll discuss our Rotary Club



activities and foundations and try to answer all of your questions.

Please RSVP to Tina Barry [tinabarry@barryconsultinggroup.com](mailto:tinabarry@barryconsultinggroup.com) and we'll see you soon.

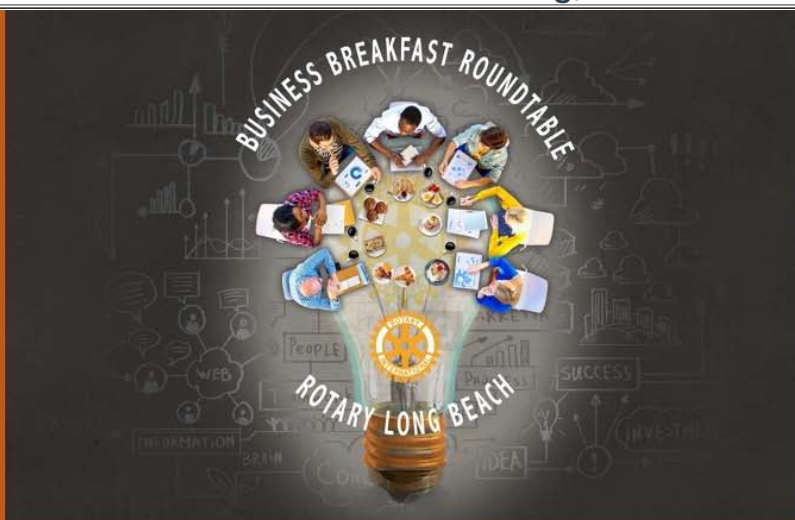
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## Opportunities in Uncertainty: Adapting to a Shifting Tax, Tariff, and New Business Landscape (BBR)

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

### Opportunities in Uncertainty: Adapting to a Shifting Tax, Tariff, and New Business Landscape

To set the stage for a dynamic conversation, each participant who RSVPs will receive a thought-provoking article offering insights on navigating business in today's evolving landscape. During the roundtable, we'll invite everyone to share their own experiences, challenges, and strategies for adapting to change.

**Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 8am**

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](mailto:maryzerafa@gmail.com)

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## Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation Annual Check Presentations

By Cam Doherty Killingsworth, Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation Chair

Presenting checks to Long Beach City College (LBCC) and California State University Long Beach (CSULB) is one of the many annual highlights for the Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation (LBRSF).

The presentation to LBCC was made on the day the Rotary Club of Long Beach met at the City College Trades, Technology and Community Learning Campus for an exciting tour! The Rotary Club of Long Beach began financial loans in 1929 to LBCC students in the Trades. It was a significant experience this year for the Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation to present a \$125,950. check providing 101 scholarships to LBCC students.



The next week, Rotarians gathered at their annual visit to a CSULB athletic event - this year at Blair Field with the Dirtbags vs. USC. Prior to the game, the Long Beach Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation presented a \$328,250. check providing 137 scholarships to CSULB students.



And, our own Past Rotary President #87, Kay Cofield, threw the 1st pitch! Special thanks to Rotary President #71 and LBRSF Past Chair, Craig Dougherty, for generously winning the 'auction to pitch' and gifting Kay the opportunity to pitch. Kay was presented the ball and she graciously gave it to Craig!



*Caught in the Moment Photography*

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



[Mollie Beck](#)  
April 29th



[Betty J. Martin](#)  
April 29th



[Laura Knapp](#)  
May 1st



[Janet M. Nelson](#)  
May 2nd



[Kelly Ruggirello](#)  
May 3rd

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



[Steve M. Hockett](#)  
President



[Katherine \(Kay\) Cofield](#)  
Assistant to the President



[Braden James Phillips](#)  
Assistant to the President



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Director



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iPast President



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President-nominee



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



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

## EVENTS - Add to your calendar!

April 30th, 12:00-1:30 PM

[ROTARY ROOTS Lunch Program -  
April 30, 2025](#)

Rotary Roots - individual member hosts

May 4th, 9:00-1:00 PM

[Rotary District #5320 Mental Health  
Walk](#)

May 7th, 12:00-1:30 PM

[Rotary Weekly Club Meeting](#)

**Speaker:** Mark Whicker

**Subject:** Author of Don Drysdale  
biography "Up and In"

May 8th, 2:00-3:00 PM

[RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster  
Alliance Club](#)

May 8th, 5:30-7:30 PM

[Rotary Journey \(aka Rotary 101\)](#)

For newer members

**Subject:** Getting to Know Rotary Better

May 10th, 8:00-9:00 AM

[Centennial Park Clean-up](#)

May 13th, 5:00-7:00 PM

[5 O'Clock Somewhere](#)

Monthly mixer

May 14th, 5:30-8:00 PM

[Rotary Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Evening Dinner Focus - NO Lunch meeting

**Subject:** 2028 Olympics in Long Beach -  
facilitated by an Olympian medalist

May 15th, 8:00-9:30 AM

[Business Breakfast Roundtable](#)

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May 15th, 4:00-5:00 PM

[RCLB Board of Directors Meeting](#)

May 21st, 11:30-1:30 PM

[Rotary Weekly Club Meeting - Annual  
InterService Club Luncheon](#)

Hosted by LB Kiwanis Club

**Speaker:** LB Fire Chief Dennis Buchanan

May 22nd, 2:00-3:00 PM

[RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster  
Alliance Club](#)

May 27th, 6:00-7:30 PM

[Special Reception for those attending  
May 28 lunch in Avalon](#)

**Hosts:** John Mulvey and Geraldine Knatz  
hosting wine and cheese reception  
For those attending the May 28 Avalon  
Rotary Club lunch

May 28th, 9:00-5:00 PM

[Rotary Weekly Club Meeting in  
Avalon, Catalina Is.](#)

OFFSITE - Avalon Rotary Club  
Catalina Canyon Inn

May 29th, 5:00-7:00 PM

[Rotary Connections](#)

Special meeting for member prospects

May 30th, 11:30-4:30 PM

[Rotary Club Monthly Golf Outing](#)

Meadowlark, Huntington Beach

\$65 includes cart/bucket of range balls

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

**THE QUEEN MARY**  
1126 Queens Hwy  
Long Beach, CA 90802

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