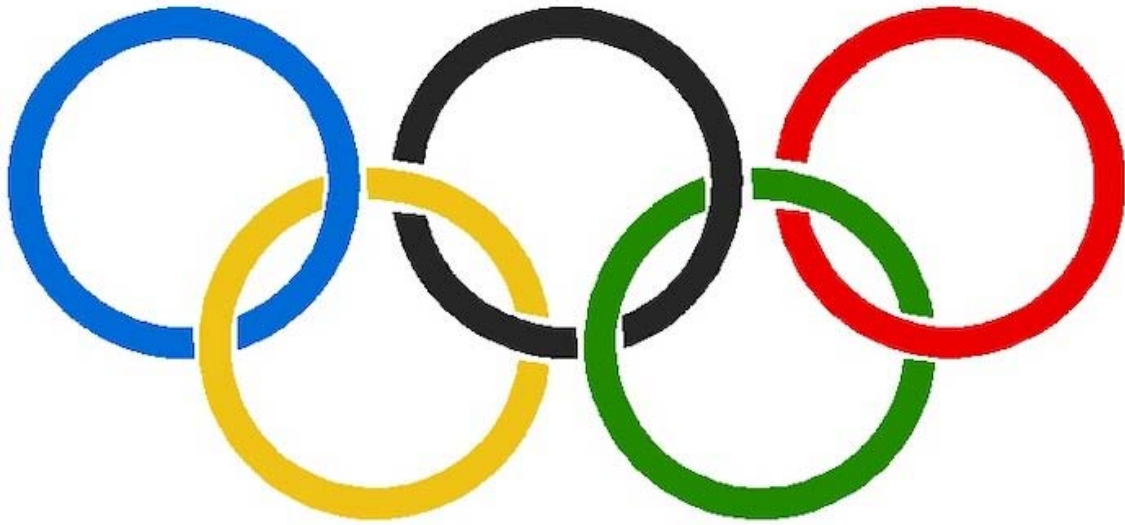




This Week's Program









Wednesday, May 14

"Up Close and Personal with Long Beach Olympians"

The Queen Mary - Queen's Salon (4th Floor)

Regular Lunch Cost \$42 (Meal Plan applies)

5:30pm - CASH Bar -- Program starts @ 6:00pm

Susie Atwood	Ricardo Azevedo	Ryan Bailey	Bruce Bradley	Kathy Heddy	Ed Ratleff
					
SWIMMING	WATER POLO	WATER POLO	WATER POLO	SWIMMING	BASKETBALL

SUSIE ATWOOD

200-Meter Backstroke Swimmer - Participated in 1968 and 1972 Olympics

RICARDO AZEVEDO

Water Polo - Participated in 1976 and 1980 Olympics and this year elected to the USA WP Hall of Fame!

RYAN BAILEY

Water Polo - Participated in 2000, 2004, 2008 (*silver medal*) and 2012 Olympics

BRUCE BRADLEY

Water Polo - Participated in 1968 and 1972 Olympics

KATHY HEDDY-DRUM
400 Freestyle Swimmer - Participated in 1976 Olympics

ED RATLEFF
Basketball - Participated in 1972 Olympics

These Olympians will be joining us for our 'evening dinner focus', sharing their Olympic experiences and perspectives as we anticipate the 2028 Summer Olympics and the exciting fact that the City of Long Beach will be hosting 11 Olympic events!

🎵 Take Note! 🎵

Here's a Sneak Preview of Exciting Changes Coming in 2025-2026!

By Kelly Ruggirello, RCLB President #109

🎵 Sponsorship Opportunities

Join the \$1K Club and sponsor meetings, youth programs,
community and Club events.

Enjoy a robust list of recognition benefits as a valued supporter!



Joe Jost's for 5 O'Clock Somewhere with #108

By Natalie Hale, Fellowship Service Director

Join us on Tuesday, May 13th for 5 O'Clock Somewhere.

Meet with the legend, Steve Hockett at the legendary, Joe Jost's!

Wear your Hawaiian shirt, bring a guest and treat them to a Schooner and Joe's Special!

5 O'Clock Somewhere



**JOIN US AT ONE OF STEVE HOCKETT #108'S
FAVORITE WATERING HOLES**

**May 13, 2025
5PM - 7PM**

SEE YOU IN THE BACKROOM, PLAY POOL, ENJOY PICKLED EGGS,
SCHOONERS OF BEER, AND "JOE'S SPECIAL"!



2803 E. ANAHEIM ST, LONG BEACH, CA

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 - Law Offices of Keesal, Young & Logan
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

LONG BEACH ROTARY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION COMMUNITY GRANTS

By Michele A. Dobson, LBRCF Chair & RCLB Past President #107

It is with tremendous pleasure that the Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation Board is announcing that Community Grant Applications are now being accepted through May 24, 2025. [Click Here for a link to the LB Rotary Charitable Foundation Grant Application](#)

Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation grants are designated to support philanthropy in Long Beach and it is our pleasure to support the good work of local community organizations.

Applications close at midnight on May 24th. Feel free to share the flyer AND the link above with community organizations.

LONG BEACH ROTARY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS OPEN

Deadline to Apply: May 24, 2025 (Midnight)

[Application Link](#)

Rotary Charitable Foundation Community Grants
Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation
1126 Queens Hwy., Sylvania Room
Long Beach, CA 90802
562-499-1752

Rotary Charitable Foundation Community Grants are designed to support City of Long Beach Non-Profit Programs that enrich and improve the quality of life for youth in the City of Long Beach. For 2025, grants will range from \$2,500 to \$5,000 per project. If a Grant is awarded, the recipient must report back with photos (MINIMUM OF FIVE PHOTOGRAPHS) no later than 60 days from the completion of the funded Project. Project must occur before December 31, 2025. If a Grant is awarded, the Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation logo must be placed on any and all marketing and promotional materials for the project/event, on any and all signage for the event and on any and all clothing for the project/event. We welcome you to invite Rotarians to attend your event, just provide us with the date, time and location. Submission Deadline is May 24, 2025.

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Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation

Rotary Golfers - Mark Your Calendars - May 30!

By Donald N. Serafano and Mike Wilson



Hello Rotarians,

Our next golf outing is **Friday, May 30th**, at **Meadowlark Golf Course** in Huntington Beach.
We will be teeing off at **11:34 a.m.**

(We moved it from May 23rd so it's not on Memorial Day weekend.)

The cost is **\$65**, which **includes a cart and small bucket of range balls**.

Again, any skill level is welcome.

Rotary golf is about cultivating friendships, and most importantly, having fun.

If you are interested and/or wish to be added to the notification list, please contact Don Serafano (dserafano@gmail.com) and Mike Wilson (wilsomik@gmail.com) via email.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on **Friday, May 30th!**

Best,
Don and Mike

Rotarians in the Community

Rotary Centennial Park's Mark Bixby Easter Egg Hunt and Paul Kennard Book Fair

by RCLB Centennial Park Committee

A beautiful bright sunny spring day greeted the children and families who attended this year's **Annual Mark Bixby Easter Egg Hunt and Paul Kennard Book Fair**. Held on Saturday, April 19th, the children enjoyed selecting their free books and school supplies and "finding" over a thousand colorful eggs filled with treats, plus the always popular face painting and photo ops with the Easter Bunny himself (thanks to good sport Brian Russell donning the fuzzy white costume again.) And even the Rotary Bear made a surprise visit. Added this year was an exciting Jump House experience, a popcorn machine, and an opportunity to meet members of the Long Beach Police Department.

The RCLB Centennial Park Committee would like to thank the following Rotarians for their work in organizing the successful event: **Kay Cofield, Henry Fung, Robyn Gordon-Peterson, John Graham, Lance Kenyon, Rachel Massari, Janey Roeder, Brian Russell, Solimar Salas, Sarah Soriano, Jean Bixby Smith, Leslie Wiberg, Conor Weir, and Madrid Zimmerman**. Many other Rotarians showed up to help the day of the event, along with several Rotaract and Interact members. This event was also supported by our friends at **Care Closet, Long Beach Parks and Recreation Department, Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation, Reading by Nine Committee**, and new co-sponsor the **Port of Long Beach**.



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THANK YOU!

ROTARY ROOTS HOSTS

Boys & Girls Clubs

CMO Coaches

Halbert Hargrove

Laserfiche

Living in the Heights
Mary Zerafa Loos

Don Rodriguez

Nancy Zwiers

Craig Cross & Russ Hill

Chris Wacker

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.

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Our Rotary Roots group had a special lunch at the **Boys and Girls Club of Long Beach** hosted by **CEO Don Rodriguez**. Senior Club staff toured and briefed us on the amazing programming provided by the Club which truly impacts youth, their futures and their families everyday. We all left activated to support their fantastic work as supporter, donor or volunteer!

Woody Sides



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Thank you, **Nancy Zwiers**, so much for the wonderful experience yesterday. You opened your beautiful home and heart, we learned a lot about you and your business. Despite the power outage, I enjoyed your unique collections, beautiful decorations and the garden. The coaching type of exercises among members are powerful and emotional. Thank you for making people show their true selves.

By Mu Zhang



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We had a very successful Rotary Roots meeting at **Halbert Hargrove**, hosted by **Craig Cross** and his partner, **Russ Hill, Rotary Past President**. Unfortunately, Russ didn't attend as he was under the weather. There were 11 Rotarians including Craig. In addition, many of their staff sat in the rear of the lunch room where we all had wonderful box lunches.

One of the Senior Staff Members told us their history and the Company's objectives. The Company was founded by Russ Hill's father a long time ago. They specialize in providing financial advice to their Clients in many areas, not just stock investing. They have grown over the years and have numerous offices around the Country. The meeting was a very informative and enjoyable gathering.

The Best,
By Steve Shaw

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Dear **Chris, John, Kirsten, Laya, and Jennifer**,

On behalf of the Rotary Roots planning team, thank you for generously hosting 9 visiting Rotarians at **Laserfiche** today. Each one of you contributed to the enjoyment of our visit!

From the delicious lunch spread (**thank you, Kirsten!**) to the overview of Laserfiche's purpose, products, and services (**thank you, Chris!**) to the "making it real" story (**thank you, John!**) to the presentation of Laserfiche in action (**thank you, Jennifer!**) and the wonderful tour of your beautiful headquarters (**thank you, Laya!**) – all of you made our visit one to remember.

We especially loved hearing how Laserfiche aims to improve the quality of life by allowing more time for creativity and innovation through software that empowers people to be more efficient. As I mentioned to Laya, I'm one of the least technologically adept people on the planet, so hearing that you're creating software people love to use was very attractive to someone like me!

Thank you for taking the attached photo for us, Jennifer. I will share it with the visiting Rotarians, too.

With much gratitude from all of us to all of you!

By Janey Roeder, Rotary Roots Chair



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Mary Zarafa Loos set up a festive Cinco de Mayo themed lunch for us and told us all about her hyper-local magazines, **Living in the Heights**, **Bixby Neighbors**, and **Alamitos Bay Neighbors**. Her expertise in the marketing world is next level! It was a wonderful day.
By Paul Forchione



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Celebration of the Young Child Event

RCLB Rotarians participated in the City of Long Beach's Celebration of the Young Child at Lincoln Park in downtown Long Beach. We distributed over 200 books to the brave families who brought their children out in the rain! **Leslie Wiberg**, **John Graham** and I handed out 2 books per child and even more to a few avid readers! This is just one of the several book giveaways we are able to support thanks to your generous donations to the RCLB Reading by 9 program!



CELEBRATION OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Saturday 4/26/2025 10:00 - 2:00

Lincoln Park

Scholastic: 334 ordered + 100 free	434
ELK Fest: 300	300
	734

Remaining Books after Saturday:
GRAY BIN

220

BLUE BIN

173

CLEAR BIN

99

492

Books Distributed

242

Thank you so much for supporting this event with the book donation.
By Sarah Soriano, Young Horizons Child Development Centers Executive Director

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Rotary Route - Walk for Mental Wellness

Natalie and I were grateful to support the Walk on Sunday, May 4th. I think it was an amazing start. I hope we can build on it and grow it.

By Michele Dobson and Natalie Hale



Birthdays - Click on a Name and Send a Greeting!



[Laurence W. Jackson III](#)
May 14th



[Sathya Chey Patterson](#)
May 14th



[Brad A. Willingham](#)
May 15th



[Michele A. Dobson](#)
May 15th



[Gloria Cordero](#)
May 16th



[Stephanie James](#)
May 17th



[Gregory R. Gill CCIM, SIOR](#)
May 18th

Years of Service - Click on a Few Names and Send Them Congrats!!!



[Craig T. Cross](#)
48 Years



[Ronald D. Rand](#)
38 Years



[Matthew L. Kinley](#)
22 Years



[Robert D. Bond](#)
14 Years



[Mary Sophiea](#)
11 Years



[Conor Kenneth Weir](#)
10 Years



[Mark Guillen](#)
8 Years



[Janet M Nelson](#)
8 Years



[Timothy Aldrete](#)
6 Years



[Caryn Desai](#)
4 Years



[Jill Baker](#)
4 Years



[Tanya Adolph](#)
3 Years



[Efen Baca](#)
21 Years



[Jesa Townsend](#)
New Member!



[Monique McCrimmon](#)
New Member!

EVENTS - Mark Your Calendar!

May 13th, 5:00-7:00 PM
[5 O'Clock Somewhere](#)
Speaker: Monthly mixer

May 14th, 5:30-8:00 PM
[Rotary Weekly Club Meeting](#)
 Evening Dinner Focus - NO Lunch meeting
 2028 Olympics in Long Beach - facilitated
 by an Olympian medalist

May 15th, 8:00-9:30 AM
[Business Breakfast Roundtable](#)

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

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](#)
 John Mulvey and Geraldine Knatz hosting

May 28th, 9:00-5:00 PM
[Rotary Weekly Club Meeting in Avalon, Catalina Is.](#)
 OFFSITE - Avalon Rotary Club

Speaker: LB Fire Chief Dennis Buchanan




wine and cheese reception
For those attending the May 28 Avalon
Rotary Club lunch

Catalina Canyon Inn

May 29th, 5:00-7:00 PM
Rotary Connections - POSTPONED
Special meeting for member prospects
Will be re-scheduled for June

May 30th, 11:30-4:30 PM
Rotary Club Monthly Golf Outing
Meadowlark, Huntington Beach
\$65 includes cart/bucket of range balls

June 4th, 12:00-1:30 PM
Rotary Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Radio show host -
Tim Conway, Jr.

	<p>Rotary Club of Long Beach meets every Wednesday @ 12 Noon</p> <p>THE QUEEN MARY 1126 Queens Hwy Long Beach, CA 90802</p> <p><i>LB Skyline Photo Credit Long Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau</i></p> <p>May 14, 2025 - Vol. 108, Issue 40</p>	<p>Club Office Rotary Club of Long Beach The Queen Mary 1126 Queens Hwy. Silvania Room Long Beach, CA 90802 562-499-1752 Rotary@RotaryLongBeach.org</p> <p>Visit Long Beach Rotary District 5320 Rotary International</p>	<p>Visit our Social Media Pages</p> <div></div>
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