



This Week's Program

Wednesday, May 21

55th Annual InterService Club Luncheon
Host - Long Beach Kiwanis Club

Recognizing Long Beach Service Clubs/Contributions to the Community

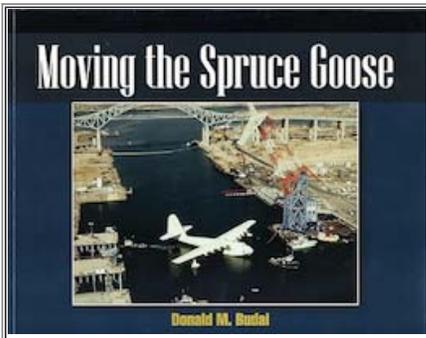
Altrusa * Assistance League * Century Club * Kiwanis Club * Lions Club * Meals on Wheels *
Rotary Club * Salvation Army * Soroptomists * Y Service Club

The Grand (4101 E. Willow)
11:30 - 1:30pm

Reservations are closed - NO walk-ins - Wait List only

Guest Speaker

Long Beach Fire Chief Dennis Buchanan



ALSO:

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

♪ Take Note! ♪

Another Sneak Preview of Exciting Changes Coming in 2025-2026!

By Kelly Ruggirello, RCLB President #109

New Membership Tiers



We're making it easier for young professionals and families to join.

Are you interested in sharing the Rotary experience with a partner, child or grandchild?
Do you know of any young professionals under the age of 35 who would be great Rotarians?

Once vetted by our Membership Committee, they can now ALL join at half price
and pay no application fee!



LONG BEACH ROTARY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION COMMUNITY GRANTS

By Michele A. Dobson, LBRCF Chair

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

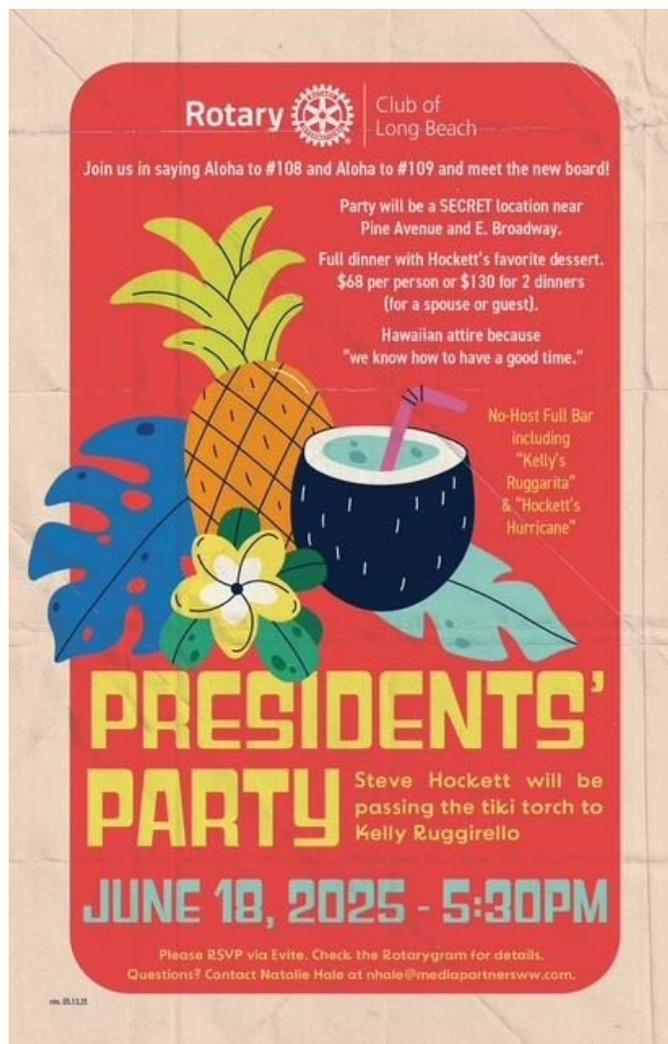
Rotary Charitable Foundation Community Grants are designed to support City of Long Beach Non-Profit Programs that enrich and improve the quality of life for youth in the City of Long Beach. For 2025, grants will range from \$2,500 to \$5,000 per project. If a Grant is awarded, the recipient must report 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.



Presidents' Party

By Natalie Hale, Fellowship Service Director

Don't miss the party of the year -
The Presidents' Party, honoring 108 and 109!
Please submit payment to Madrid by June 5th.
See you there!



Feeding the Future – Food Gift Card Drive

By Leslie Wiberg, Community Service Director

A big Thank You from the Viking Vault food pantry at Long Beach City College and the Lauren Chalmers '83 Beach Pantry at CSU Long Beach for the Food Gift Cards. To date, 190 gift cards totaling **\$6,885** were donated! Just think - you just made a **positive impact on 190 students!**

Words can't express the reaction we received upon delivery of the cards. For those students who don't know where their next meal will come from, you made a difference. Special appreciation to **Mollie Beck, Don Cochran, Doug Coleman, Natalie Hale, Cam Doherty Killingsworth, Jayne Lastusky, Olivia Maiser, Betty Martin, Linda Rahn, Kelly Ruggirello, Steve and Meredith Shaw, Michele Dobson** and **all the members of the Wine Appreciation Club**. And to **each and every one of you who donated** (voluntary or not) **to the Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation**.

If you have any interest in helping to organize and prepare for our 7th Annual Feeding the Future project, please contact:

Tina Barry or **Jennifer** in the **Rotary office**.

Your generosity and time are greatly appreciated!



Thank you from Theresa Lutke - TK class at MacArthur Elementary School

Dear Rotary Club of Long Beach,

Thank you so very much for awarding our TK class at MacArthur Elementary a \$500 grant toward reading development. The money was able to cover a brand new library of books that the children were excited about in subjects that they were interested in. We were also able to buy them fun reading pointers to identify sight words, and track read, as well as magnetic letters and a magnetic easel to promote sight word learning, and a reader's theater to demonstrate reading comprehension. I am excited to announce that this year our classroom library was very popular at choice time and 95% of my students were able to read all 15 TK sight words by May. This is a large jump from previous years at 80% in May.

Thank you for your dedication to our students learning and your generosity of spirit. I have included some photos I hope you'll enjoy as well.

Most sincerely,
Theresa Lutke
(TK- MacArthur Elementary)



Head Start Thanks the Rotary Club of Long Beach

Thank you again from the Head Start Family! We appreciate the book donation, your time and energy that is placed in this important event of visiting our classrooms to read, and bring literacy awareness. Special thanks to Rotarian Readers **Bob Bond, Veronica Garcia Davalos, Lisa Hain, Mike Jensen, Anna King, Jon Mesko, Frank Newell, Braden Phillips, Judy Ross, Meredith Shaw, Sumer Temple, Leslie Wiberg AND 2 Rotary Bears** who joined in the fun!

Amanda Kanbar, Early Learning Center Manager
Head Start Program - LBUSD



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Birthdays - Click on Lucy's Name and Send a Greeting!



[Lucy Johnson](#)
May 27th

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



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Club Executive Secretary



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

EVENTS - Mark Your Calendar!

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](#)
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
Speaker: Chief Michael Alegria - "Fighting Fire on an Island with Water All Around Us"

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.

June 11th, 12:00-1:30 PM
[Rotary Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Demotion of President #108 Steve Hockett

June 12th, 2:00-3:00 PM
[RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club](#)

June 12th, 5:00-7:00 PM
[Rotary Connections](#)
Special meeting for member prospects
"Hosted by Judy Ross"

June 14th, 8:00-9:00 AM
[Centennial Park Clean-up](#)

June 17th, 4:00-5:00 PM
[RCLB Board of Directors Meeting](#)

June 18th, 5:30-7:30 PM
[Rotary Weekly Club Meeting](#)
No lunch meeting
Subject: Evening Presidents' Party

	<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 21, 2025 - Vol. 108, Issue 41</p>	<p>Club Office Rotary Club of Long Beach The Queen Mary 1126 Queens Hwy. Sylvania 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>  
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