



This Week's Program - Where Do We Begin?



Wednesday, June 4
Demotion Day!

Join us for a glimpse into #108's past,
 before we lovingly sweep him to the curb!

The Queen Mary
Grand Salon

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

Don't Miss Presentations!
'President's Award'
'Josh Owen Memorial Award'

Thoughts from President #108

By Steve M. Hockett, RCLB President



Happy June! This month marks the end of my Presidency of our great Club. So many great leaders have preceded me, and I promise you that the Presidential lineup behind me is also fantastic!

One of the great pleasures of being President is recognizing the outstanding work of three individuals who have done extra-special work this year. These are very difficult to choose from in such a service-driven club. Despite the difficulties, we were able to settle on the winners.

Your Board chooses the **Josh Owen Memorial Award**, and I select the **President's Award**. Both of these awards will be presented at this week's meeting.

The **Cup of Kindness Award** was announced last week, and for those who missed it, our winner is **Jon Mesko**. Despite only being a member for 18 months, Jon has been involved with Reading by Nine, RYLA, Camp Enterprise, Membership, and Rotary Roots. Aside from volunteering in these areas, he has been great at helping me with extra areas that need attention to keep the Club moving forward.

Professionally, he has followed his passions, from a successful restaurant to the CEO of a critical Non-Profit in Long Beach, where he mentors teenagers. That is what I call going from Success to Significance! Jon is an

amazing Rotarian, and I salute him!

Don't miss the fun this week at our annual demotion, where I will be the brunt of all the jokes.

For more serious fun, please join us for the Presidents' Party on June 18th! This party has all my favorite elements at a secret venue where none of us has been. Please be prepared to call in sick for work on the 19th.

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

In the Spotlight... Cup of Kindness 2025

By Steve M. Hockett, RCLB President



Cup of Kindness 2025

Moving to the beaches of Southern California to become a professional athlete at the age of 28 in a new sport is somewhat daring. Becoming the largest franchisee of 6 restaurants takes more than blind faith. Transferring from a world of innovation and potentially high rewards takes a deeper passion, however. It turns out for this person, what is even more fulfilling is the time spent volunteering to help make the surrounding community better. So it shouldn't be surprising that these days our Cup of Kindness recipient dedicates finely honed business skills to direct a nonprofit, which provides academic and personal mentorship to disadvantaged youth in Long Beach.

And because this person never misses an opportunity to be of service, during only 18 months of being a Rotarian, has actively participated in Reading by 9, Rotary Reads, Camp Enterprise, RYLA, Bikes for Kids, Rotary Roots and the upcoming 2028 Summer Olympics. And in these past 11 months in particular, this Rotarian has quietly offered continuous help and support to the President, working behind the scenes to move the Club forward.

Yes, our Rotarian still has time to be found on the beach, picking up trash just as much as spiking a volleyball over the net. And yes, this person continues to inspire teenage entrepreneurs, wherever possible. But mostly, this person just practices every day the passion of kindness to others.





Our **2025 Cup of Kindness** recipient is Mr. **Jon Mesko**.

🎵 Take Note! 🎵

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

By Kelly Ruggirello, RCLB President #109

🎵 Let's Have Some Fun!



Holiday Dinner Celebration with Sing-along and Silent Auction



St. Patrick's Day (**Lack of?**) Talent Show



Enjoy a delicious lunch aboard the beautiful Carnival Firenze ship



And yes, LOTS of music and singing!



Call for Action!

Does your company or organization have swag?

Starting in July, all new members will receive a Swag Bag filled with items from Rotary members' company or organization.

Bring your swag to our June 11 meeting if you'd like to have it included.

Thank you! Membership Committee #109

Recognize Family Graduates!

Please submit by this Wednesday, June 11

By Henry C. Fung, CSULB Professor Emeritis, Biological Sciences (51 years)

The Rotary Club of Long Beach would like to **recognize the 2025 Graduates** who are relatives of our Rotarians in an issue of the RotaryGram.

We invite our Club members to submit the following information by **Wednesday, June 11th** to the Rotary Office madrid@rotarylongbeach.org.

Please provide the following information for each relative who is a **2025 Graduate**:

- **Name of Graduate**
- **Rotarian Name and relationship to the Graduate**
- **Degree Awarded and Area of Study (*in college or professional program*)?**
- **Name of Institution Awarding the Degree**



Thank you for helping to celebrate the accomplishments of this year's Graduates!

Avalon Rotary Club invites the RCLB to Catalina for Joint Meeting!

By Linda Rahn, RCLB Vice President

Catalina-bound Long Beach Rotarians soak in the sun while enjoying lunch, fellowship and a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Avalon at the Catalina Canyon Inn. Avalon Fire Chief Michael Alegria presented on the island's emergency infrastructure and response plans.



Rotary Connections

By Leslie Wiberg, Community Service Director



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Rotary Connections

THURSDAY, JUNE 12TH

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM



BRING A
GUEST

Home of Judy Ross
294 Granada Avenue, Belmont Heights
RSVP: lesliewiberg@hotmail.com

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING A GUEST TO
LEARN MORE ABOUT JOINING THE CLUB

Please bring a beverage or an appetizer.



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!

Join us in saying Aloha to #108 and Aloha to #109 and meet the new board!

Party will be a SECRET location near
Pine Avenue and E. Broadway.

Full dinner with Hockett's favorite dessert.
\$68 per person or \$130 for 2 dinners
(for a spouse or guest).

Hawaiian attire because
"we know how to have a good time."



No-Host Full Bar
including
"Kelly's
Ruggarita"
& "Hockett's
Hurricane"

PRESIDENTS' PARTY

Steve Hockett will be
passing the tiki torch to
Kelly Ruggirello

JUNE 18, 2025 - 5:30PM

Please RSVP via Evite. Check the Rotarygram for details.
Questions? Contact Natalie Hale at nhale@mediapartnersww.com.

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Hello Rotarians,

Our next Rotary Golf Outing is **Friday, June 27** at the **Destroyer Navy Golf Course** and we have **12** spots reserved.

The fees will be collected by the pro shop when you check in. Fees are based on status: retired military, veteran, first responder, etc.

No prepayment is necessary. If you would like to play, email **Don Serafano** dserafano@gmail.com or **Mike Wilson** wilsomik@gmail.com

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

Don & Mike



Birthdays - Click on a Name and Send a Greeting!



[Randall C. Fudge](#)
June 11th



[Gina Rushing Maguire](#)
June 13th



[Sarah Soriano](#)
June 13th



[Richard W. Jordan](#)
June 16th



[Marie O'Kelly-Green](#)
June 16th



[Katherine \(Kay\) Cofield](#)
June 17th

Years of Service - Click on a Name and Send Congrats!

[Stephen B. Shaw](#)
37 Years

[Timothy W. Richmond](#)
32 Years

[Brian Camp Russell](#)
19 Years

[Adriana Lanting](#)
12 Years



[Lynne Wainfan PhD](#)
11 Years



[Don Pierce](#)
6 Years



[Roger Civalieri](#)
2 Years



[Ronald Grimm](#)
10 Years



[Glen Ward Patrick](#)
6 Years



[Marie O'Kelly-Green](#)
2 Years



[Laura Doyle](#)
7 Years



[Nancy Zwiers](#)
5 Years



[Dorian Bolick](#)
7 Years



[David Clark](#)
3 Years



EVENTS - Mark Your Calendar

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

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

June 27th, 11:30-3:30 PM
[Rotary Club Monthly Golf Outing](#)
This month: Destroyer Navy Golf Course

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

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

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

June 18th, 5:30-7:30 PM
[Presidents' Party](#)
Aloha to outgoing President #108 and
incoming President #109

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

June 26th, 2:00-3:00 PM
[RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster
Alliance Club](#)



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meets every Wednesday @ 12 Noon

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