



THIS WEEK - Annual End of the Year Celebration

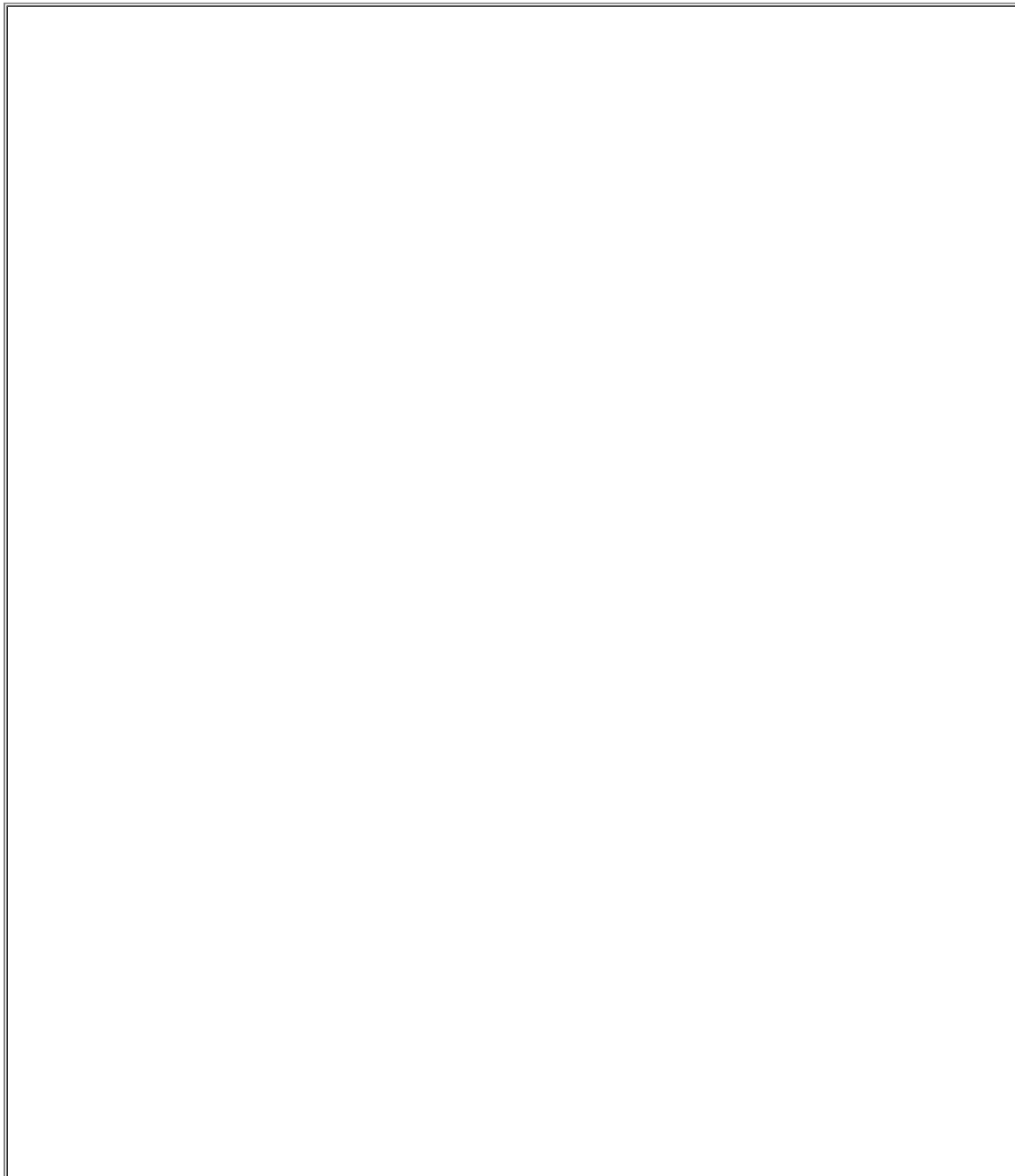
NO NOON MEETING - June 18

EVENING GATHERING - Reservations Closed

Contact Madrid for Wait List

No Walk-Ins

Madrid will send Parking Instructions



Rotary  Club of Long Beach

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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Thoughts from #108 for One Last Time...

By Steve M. Hockett, RCLB President #108

It all started in 2007, when Randy Gordon invited me to a Rotary meeting. I checked in and said "Hi" to Randy, who was never to be seen again as he worked the room. When Brad Willingham started the meeting, I knew then that being the leader of this group was something that I wanted to do. I kept my mouth shut, mind you, as I didn't want to let the cat out of the bag.

When Kay Cofield called me on behalf of the Election Committee, I couldn't help but keep my excitement under wraps, as I was brought up to do, but I took my assignment very seriously.

When the day came, I was well prepared to fill the whole year with all of my silly Hockett-type stuff. Then came the back surgeries and the infections. But I always knew that members of my Rotary Family would be there to have my back. Even later in the year, when other health issues raised their heads, my family took care of me as always.

Thank you, members of the Rotary Club of Long Beach, for the honor. I promise to be a supportive Past President, with my support unwavering and my mouth shut!

I will always consider the Presidency of the Rotary Club of Long Beach as the Honor of a Lifetime!
And to paraphrase Jimmy Buffet once more, "Some of it's tragic and some of it's magic, but I've had a great year all the way!"

Welcome New Rotarian, Nicki Mollet

By Daniel Eufrazio Tapia, Sponsor



Nicki Mollet joins us with over 20 years of experience in education and a lifelong passion for supporting mental health. Originally an ESL teacher, she spent 11 years as Director of Lincoln International Academy in Chile, where she helped grow the school from just 40 students to more than 1,500. Her work there emphasized the importance of emotional wellness in academic success, a theme that continues to define her career.

After returning to the U.S., Nicki founded SELA (Social Emotional Learning Appreciation) and Mollet English Consulting, both dedicated to emotional well-being and learning. She now works with Cadre, a peer-to-peer mental health support platform that helps people access care outside traditional systems.

Nicki holds Master's degrees in both Curriculum & Design and Imaginative Education. She's excited to bring her energy to Rotary and explore how service organizations can support emotional health and resilience in our community.

She is thrilled to be part of our service-minded family, working to make a difference. Welcome, Nicki!

Josh Owen Memorial Award 2024-25

By Steve M. Hockett, RCLB President



The Josh Owen Memorial Award is chosen by the Board of Directors from nominees submitted by Avenues of Service Directors.

The Award is presented to the Long Beach Rotarian who has demonstrated Service Above Self in the past year with his/her active participation in a project or program.

The recipient embodies the 4-Way Test in how s/he thinks, says or does while engaging other Rotarians and members of the community.

This award was created in recognition of a former member, **Josh Owen**, whose parents **Greg and Val Owen** remain such dedicated Rotarians.

The 3 previous winners are:

FY 2021-2022: Robyn Gordon-Peterson - Community Service

FY 2022-2023: David Lott - Mozambique

FY 2023-2024: Frank Newell - Reading by 9

You won't be surprised by the Board's decision, as this Rotarian has actively participated in virtually all of this year's Fellowship,

Membership, and Community Services events. It's not been just attending but the time and attention paid to planning, organizing, coordinating, promoting with fellow Rotarians to make them the most fun events possible.

For the past 2 years, this recipient has been a cheerleader for the Club, promoting Rotary within their personal network and at other organizations' events—even preparing in record time a District Mental Health Walk for which our Club became responsible.

Generous with her time, treasure and talent is this year's **Josh Owen Memorial Award** recipient, **Natalie Hale**.

President's Award 2024-2025

By Steve M. Hockett, RCLB President



JOHN ROMUNDSTAD President's Award 2024-2025

Presented by

*Steve Hockett , President #108
Rotary Club of Long Beach*

This **President's Award** is presented by the current Club's President to a Rotarian in good standing and has performed outstanding service to the Rotary Club of Long Beach during the current year.

For roles in Rotary, you expect the highest standards of integrity, reliability, accuracy, and discretion. It's the nature of the work involved.

So it's not surprising when a Rotarian has earned such high regard, that this person would be asked to assume the same position 10 years later.

This recipient became a Rotarian in 2005 and first became our Club's Secretary and Treasurer in 2012.

This year beyond the normal duties, the Secretary/Treasurer also assumed the role of Chair of the By-laws Committee and Chair of the Finance Committee.

And despite being the proprietor of a private law firm, our recipient stepped up when a thorough review of our current and potentially future insurance liability policies were required in order to complete the requirements for Camp Enterprise.

If you have ever had to read the fine lines of a contract you know that it takes hours of concentration and analysis.

And because he doesn't always just work behind the scenes, you know him best as our faithful, welcoming Greeter every Wednesday when you arrive for lunch.

Our **2025 President's Awardee** is **John Romundstad**.

Congratulations 2025 Graduates of Rotarian Relatives!

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

ACCOLADES to all Rotarians and families celebrating their 2025 graduates

Each year in the months of May and June, *Pomp and Circumstance* rings across our community. The Rotary Club of Long Beach joins in sending **CONGRATULATIONS** to the following Rotarians and their family members who have shared with us that they have a 2025 Graduate.





- ★ **JOSHUA FUNG**
- ★ Grandson of Henry Fung
- ★ Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience
- ★ University of California, Riverside



- ★ **MADELEINE MARIE HACKETT**
- ★ Granddaughter of Cam Doherty Killingsworth
- ★ Bachelor of Arts in Economics / Minor, Interdisciplinary Studies
- ★ Weber Honors College / San Diego State University



- ★ **LOGAN MESKO**
- ★ Son of Jon Mesko
- ★ High School Graduation: Salutatorian & National Honor Society Member
- ★ Rolling Hills Preparatory School



* **CASH OBANDO**

- * Grandson of Freda Hinsche Otto
- * Graduate: Wilson High School
- * Will be attending: CSULB!



* **JENNA SMITH**

- * Daughter of Dennis and Leslie Smith
- * BA in Film and Screen Studies and English with concentration in Creative Writing
- * Pace University, New York



* **SOPHAVY WEIR**

- * Daughter of Conor and Sophois Weir
- * Stanford University - Undergraduate Degree/Environmental Science, Energy Economics focus
- * Will be immediately going into a graduate degree in decision science / Artificial Intelligence



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



New Member Proposal

The following is being proposed as a member of the Rotary Club of Long Beach. He is hereby submitted to the membership for a 10-day period as required by the Bylaws. Any comments can be addressed to the President or the Executive Director of the Club during this 10-day period.

Shaffiq Muhammad - Engineering Project Coordinator, KPFF Consulting Engineers

Proposed classification: Engineering - Structural

Proposed by: Janey Roeder and Conor Weir

Birthdays - Click on Names and Send Greetings!

[Ronald D. Rand](#)
June 18th

[Jan Bess Hower](#)
June 21st

[Ahmet Atahan](#)
June 25th

[John E. Romundstad](#)
June 27th



[Suman Naresh](#)
June 28th



[Jack E. Hinsche](#)
June 30th



Club Leaders - Click on Names and Send Thanks and Appreciation



[Steve M. Hockett](#)
President



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



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



[Richard Gibson](#)
Vice President



[Lance R. Kenyon](#)
Vice President



[Linda Josephine Rahn](#)
Vice President



[Michael Rivard](#)
Vice President



[John E. Romundstad](#)
Secretary
Treasurer



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[Lisa Finn](#)
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[Randall S. Kemner](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Daniel Eufrazio Tapia](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Whitney Leathers](#)
CCO-Club Comm. Offcr



[Lisa Ramelow](#)
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Career Service Director



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Club Service Director



[Leslie Wiberg](#)
Community Service Director



[Natalie Hale](#)
Fellowship Service Director



[Matthew L. Kinley](#)
International Service
Director



[Sarah Soriano](#)
Membership Service Co-
Director



[Debbie Thorpe](#)
Membership Service Co-
Director



[Conor Kenneth Weir](#)
Youth Service Director



[Michele A. Dobson](#)
iPast President



[Kelly Ruggirello](#)
President-elect



[Wayne C. Slavitt](#)
President-nominee



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



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

EVENTS - Mark Your Calendar!

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

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

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

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



Rotary Club of Long Beach
meets every Wednesday @ 12 Noon

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