



ROTARY MEANS FELLOWSHIP – ARTS - BUSINESS - SERVICE FABS


This Week's Program

Wednesday, January 31

**I Coulda Been A Doctor, but Thank God I'm Not!
A Dreamer's Journey in Showbiz**

Michael Lange
TV/ Film Producer

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



Michael Lange is a Television and Feature Film Producer and Director. He's equally adept at directing drama, action and comedy, but likes comedy the best, and drama, and action...you get the picture. He studied theatre with a focus on directing at George Washington University, then spent 8 years in the advertising business producing national television and radio commercials. Finally, he decided to follow his dream of directing out to Hollywood. Two Hundred and Sixty Two episodes, a DGA Award nomination, one Sundance Festival feature, one not quite Sundance Festival feature and two TV movies later, not to mention a couple of TV pilots, he still loves his work and is very happy he decided to become a director instead of the doctor his mother would have preferred.

Fellowship Opportunities for the Spring

By Lisa Finn, Fellowship Service Director



The purpose of the Fellowship Avenue of Service is to promote Club goodwill, and provide opportunities throughout the year to bring established, new and prospective members together in a social and fun manner.

This year we have had some fun get-togethers: A Movie on the Beach, Concert in the Park and of course thanks to Paul Kaminski and Natalie Hale the popular 5 O'Clock Somewhere.

Coming up, in partnership with the Sergeant-at-Arms, will be our first annual Super Bowl Party on February 11th at Belmont Brewing Company. Other upcoming events in the works are a shotgun shoot, and a possible outing to California's own Calico Ghost Town.

But wait there's more, we will be finishing out Michele's term with a fun Family Picnic!

Details for all of these fellowship opportunities are coming soon!

John Hinrichs To Be Honored At January 31 Meeting



A highlight of this week's meeting will be Dan Walker, Executive Chairman, Farmers and Merchants Bank, honoring **John Hinrichs** who is retiring after 60 extraordinary years with the Bank, most recently as its Chief Financial Officer.

Birthdays



Machel Thompson
January 31st



William Albert Grella Jr.
February 2nd



Daniel Eufracio Tapia
February 4th



Diane L. Donaldson
February 4th



Henry C. Fung
February 5th



Marcelle H. Epley
February 6th



Albert F. Parks
February 6th

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In an earlier press release Dan praised John for his wisdom and camaraderie and his outstanding contributions that helped make F&M the \$12.5 Billion bank it is today. Not surprisingly John has been on the receiving end of many prestigious awards in recognition of his achievements in the business community.

John has been a member of our Rotary Club for 42 years joining in 1982. Dan Walker has been a member for 41 years.

Dan recently announced the promotion of our friend, fellow Rotarian, and respected industry leader Kevin Tiber from Chief Investment Officer to President of the Bank. This is a tremendous accomplishment â€” congratulations Kevin.

F&M has been an ardent supporter of Long Beach and our Rotary Club for years. The Bank was founded in 1907 by Danâ€™s great, great grandfather C.J. Walker who also founded, among other things, the Long Beach YMCA.



His grandfather, the legendary Gus Walker, was our RCLB 45th president in 1961 â€” 1962.

Early Learning & Kindergarten Festival

By Sarah Soriano, Membership Service Director



Rotarians **Lisa Hain, Leslie Wiberg, Stephanie James,** and new member, **Kimberly Hall (and son, Kolin),** showed up to support the LB Early Childhood Education Committee's First **Early Learning & Kindergarten Festival** held on Saturday, January 20th at Burcham Elementary School --despite the inclement weather!

The purpose of the Festivals is to provide parents with information about how to prepare their child for school. The Festivals include workshops on LBUSD registration, Literacy, Math, Kindergarten Expectations and Dual Immersion as well as a resource fair of community agencies that provide services to families with young children.

The Rotary Club of Long Beach has supported the Festivals for many years by providing books for all children in attendance. Rotarians are invited to the Festivals to help hand out books to the children.

If you're interested in joining us, the next Festivals will be held this **Saturday, February 3rd at Dooley Elementary,** and **Saturday, March 2nd at Roosevelt Elementary.** Contact Sarah Soriano ssoriano@younghorizons.org to volunteer.



Planning for Tomorrow

By John E. Romundstad, EDF Chair



Please sign up for **Wednesday, February 7,** our annual **Evening Dinner Focus (EDF).**

Our Strategic Planning Committee is asking for member input and feedback. The Strategic Planning Committee would like the Club members to share what they believe are the strengths and challenges within the Rotary Club of Long Beach and the opportunities available and competition in the community which need to be taken into consideration in developing the Clubâ€™s Strategic Plan for the next five years.



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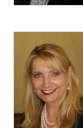
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consideration in developing the Club's Strategic Plan for the next five years.



EDF has been a signature Rotary event for many years, and an evening Rotarians always enjoy.

Please sign up to attend ASAP; **the window closes this Wednesday, January 31**. EDF promises to be a rewarding evening for us all. Thank you!

RCLB Super Bowl Party!

By Lisa Finn, Fellowship Service Director

Join your fellow Rotarians for fun and fellowship at our first annual **Rotary Club of Long Beach Super Bowl Party**

Our inaugural year will kick off at **Belmont Brewing Company**.

Whether you are a football fan or not, there will be chances to get some "œpig"skin in the game by selecting a box on the opportunity grid.

Proceeds will be split between the winners and the Club's unfunded Avenues of Service.



When: **February 11, 2024**

Starting time: **2:00 pm**

Cost: \$40 per person *(includes a wide variety of delicious food)*

(Prior to February 11th, please see a Vice President to make payment for entrance to the party and to purchase grid box(es))

Full, No-Host Bar

Belmont Brewing Company, 25 39th Place, Long Beach

(Parking in the Belmont Pier Parking Lot adjacent to the Restaurant)

Family and Friends are welcome!

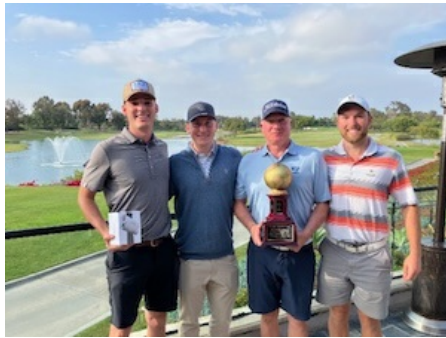
RSVP Now for February 14 Sweetheart Dinner Dance





Rotary World Peace Golf Tournament

By James F. Bunnell, Golf Tournament Chair



2023 Champions



Second Place Team

SAVE THE DATE!

We are excited to announce the upcoming **Rotary World Peace Golf Tournament** taking place on **Monday, May 13th**, at the beautiful **Old Ranch Country Club**. Get ready for a day filled with golf, camaraderie, and the opportunity to contribute to a wonderful cause.

Make sure to mark your calendars and keep an eye out for further updates and details!

Are you interested in being part of the Golf Tournament Committee? We would love to have a chat with you. Our current committee consists of a small yet dedicated group of Rotarians, and we are looking to expand our merry crew. The time commitment required is minimal, and planning this event is an enjoyable experience.

Stay tuned for more information, and don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to make a difference while indulging in a day of golf and friendly company.

Jim Bunnell - jbunne1@totalnetsol.com

Calendar Events

January 31st, 12:00-1:30 PM
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Michael Lange
Subject: "I Could Have Been a Doctor..... (A Dreamer's Journey in Show Biz)"

February 7th, 5:30-8:00 PM
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting - Evening Dinner Focus
 Evening Dinner Focus
 Dinner meeting at individual Rotarian homes

February 8th, 2:00-3:00 PM
RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club

February 10th, 8:00-9:00 AM
Centennial Park Clean-up

February 11th, 2:00-8:00 PM
Super Bowl Party
 Join fellow LB Rotarians to enjoy Super Bowl Sunday
 \$40 for the Super Bowl Party at Belmont Brewing Co.

February 13th, 5:00-7:00 PM
5 O'Clock Somewhere

February 14th, 5:30-8:30 PM
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting - Sweetheart Dance
 Evening Sweetheart Dance
 includes the Not-So-Newlywed Game

February 20th, 4:00-5:15 PM
RCLB Board of Directors Meeting

February 21st, 12:00-1:30 PM
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Robin Thorne
Subject: "Demo Chicks" Women in Engineering

February 22nd, 2:00-3:00 PM
RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club

February 28th, 12:00-1:30 PM
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Dr. Chij West - LBCC
Location: LBCC Aquatic Center - Space is limited

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