



ROTARY MEANS FELLOWSHIP – ARTS - BUSINESS - SERVICE FABS

This Week's Program

Wednesday, October 11

Long Beach: An Autism Certified City?

Meredith Tekin
President, International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCS)

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



Meredith Tekin is the President of the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards. After years working in healthcare, marketing, professional development and nonprofit spaces, she joined IBCCES to help further its mission of improving the lives of individuals with autism and cognitive differences. She has shared the impact of IBCCES' work at many international and domestic industry conferences and is a key liaison for IBCCES partners. By providing training and certification to professionals in healthcare, education, hospitality/travel, recreation, public safety, and corporate spaces, the individuals and communities those professionals serve can thrive.

A Message from the RCLB President-elect

By **Steve M. Hockett, RCLB President-elect**



It is a true honor to be selected to serve as your 108th President. The lead time and training to prepare can be lengthy but welcomed. Our organization has trained many great leaders who have become legacies in our community. With the bar set, we will strive to keep our Club at that high level or reach higher.

We have some fantastic plans for the coming year. A critical ingredient to success for our Club is the dedicated members who have agreed to serve on your Board of Directors in our 108th year. We have a pretty cool presentation planned for our meeting on December 6. You will get a chance to meet the next team.

I have made a point to visit with as many Past Presidents as possible. I want their input and support as we move forward and cherish the past. A common theme of advice is the need to have members devote two hours on a Wednesday to enjoy the fellowship and entertainment each week. The term "Show" comes to mind, and I intend to make our meetings informative, entertaining, and humorous.

Birthdays

-  [Nancy Zwiers](#)
October 10th
-  [Edward W. Arnold](#)
October 10th
-  [Mark Guillen](#)
October 14th
-  [Patrick G. O'Grady](#)
October 15th
-  [Don Knabe](#)
October 15th

Years of Service

-  [Gregory R. Gill](#)
[CCIM, SIOR](#)
09-01-1987
37 Years
-  [Patrick G. O'Grady](#)
09-01-1990
34 Years
-  [C. Robert Luskin](#)
09-06-1995
29 Years
-  [Edward W. Arnold](#)
09-01-1999
25 Years
- [Michael C. Jensen](#)

I spent my career managing private Country Clubs. I recognize many social factors in both a private club and our Rotary Club. Let's all get involved, have fun, and provide our community with exemplary services!



09-16-2000
24 Years

"Rotary Reads" Classroom Reading Program

By Braden James Phillips

ROTARY CLUB OF LONG BEACH "Rotary Reads" Classroom Reading Program

Program Description:

Volunteer Rotarians meet weekly for one hour with a Second-Grade teacher in an Elementary School in the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD). The teacher will match the Rotarian with several students, who need one-on-one instruction to help them achieve grade-level reading skills. Instruction involves reading to and being read to by the student(s). Depending on identified needs, the Rotarian could work with up to three students per session.

Program Requirements:

All Rotarians must apply for and be approved by the LBUSD Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) Program Office. Applications are available online at:

[VIPS Application online \[docs.google.com\]](https://docs.google.com).

The VIPS Application requires the following documentation before you can complete the online form:

- A copy of a TB test clearance.
 - Tests are available at numerous local sites for a nominal fee.
 - They are also available at the Long Beach Health Department, 2525 Grand Ave. for \$32.00. You can make a reservation at (562) 570-7912.
 - TB Tests require two visits: First, the test is administered. Second, between 48 and 72 hours after receiving the test, the results must be read.
 - After the results are read, a Clearance Certificate is issued, which you can copy and paste to the online application.
- A copy of a valid CA photo ID must be attached to the online application.

When the form asks for the name of the school at which you plan to volunteer, select "Other" and type in "Rotary Reads."

Once your application is complete, please email Braden Phillips at bradenp741@aol.com to update your status, and work with LBUSD to coordinate your school/teacher assignment.



[Dana A. Buchanan](#)
09-02-2009
15 Years



[Richard C. Dempsey](#)
09-16-2009
15 Years



[Anthony J. Gales](#)
09-28-2011
13 Years



[Dirk Thomaere](#)
09-06-2017
7 Years



[Christopher Wacker](#)
09-13-2018
6 Years



[Ian Patton](#)
09-18-2019
5 Years



[Tina Barry](#)
09-18-2019
5 Years



[Dan D'Sa](#)
09-15-2021
3 Years



[Debbie Thorpe](#)
09-07-2022
2 Years



[Jeff Levine](#)
09-21-2022
2 Years

Have you voted Ballot #2?

ELECTION COMMITTEE VOTE *(the 7 will select the 2026-27 RCLB President)*

You can vote at The Grand BEFORE the meeting starts at 12:30pm this Wednesday and next - October 11 and October 18



Ballots sent via email/snail mail must arrive in the Rotary Office by **10:00am - October 18**



[Behdod Vaghefi](#)
09-06-2023
New Member!



[Gregory White](#)
09-13-2023
New Member!

THANK YOU ROTARY ROOTS HOSTS!

The Rotary Roots Committee wishes to thank all of our fall site hosts for their gracious hospitality. Each group of visiting Rotarians felt they were at the best site, which is a tribute to all 6 of our hosts!

City National Bank Gilbert Maldonado Wenseslao



Jeff Wimbish

Kensington Investment Counsel



Long Beach Post

Melissa Evans



Dr. Jill Baker

Long Beach Unified School District



Museum of Latin American Art

Solimar Salas



Linda Rahn & Braden Phillips

VA LB Healthcare Systems & Fisher House Southern CA



New Member Proposal

The following is being proposed as a member of the Rotary Club of Long Beach. The name 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.

Felton Williams, Ph.D. - Former President, LBUUSD Board of Education

Proposed Classification: Education - LBUUSD Board of Education (Retired)

Proposed by: Henry Fung and Freda Hinsche Otto

Events

October 11th, 12:00-1:30 PM
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)

October 11th, 5:30-8:00 PM
[Rotary Sunset Cruise](#)
Annual Sunset Cruise and LBYC

October 12th, 2:00-3:00 PM
[Ro Toastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club](#)

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

Speaker: Meredith Tekin
Subject: Long Beach: An Autism Certified City?

Dinner

October 17th, 4:00-5:15 PM
RCLB Board of Directors Meeting

October 18th, 12:00-1:30 PM
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Noel Hacegaba - Port of Long Beach

October 25th, 12:00-1:30 PM
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Anissa Davis - City of LB Health Officer
Subject: The Communicable Disease of Polio Special Member Talk with Mary Zendejas

October 26th, 2:00-3:00 PM
Ro Toastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club

November 1st, 12:00-1:30 PM
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting

Celebrating LBCC & CSULB Scholarship Recipients

Subject: Scholarship Day @ the Rotary Club of Long Beach

November 11th, 8:00-9:00 AM
Centennial Park Clean-up

November 14th, 4:00-5:15 PM
RCLB Board of Directors Meeting

November 16th, 8:00-9:00 AM
Business Breakfast Roundtable : in person
Topic TBA
\$10/person for breakfast



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in the WORLD**

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meets every Wednesday @ 12 Noon
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Long Beach, CA 90815

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