



ROTARY MEANS FELLOWSHIP – ARTS - BUSINESS - SERVICE FABS

This Week's Program

Wednesday, October 25

Know Polio = No Polio

Dr. Anissa Davis
Long Beach City Health Officer

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

Special Member Feature - Mary Zendejas



Dr. Anissa Davis was born in Seattle, WA but considers Long Beach her home, having lived here most of her life. She received a B.A. in History at UCLA, then graduated from Stanford University School of Medicine in 1998. She then completed a Master's in Public Health at UCLA in Health and Human Services (LBDHHS) as a Public Health physician specializing in biological bioterrorism agents from 2002-2005. She completed a Family Medicine residency at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, and a Public Fellowship from the California Department of Public Health. She worked in primary care in Los Alamitos for 11 years and has been the Health Officer for the City of Long Beach since 2016. She enjoys reading, hiking, walking her dog and spending time with her family.

An Update from Michele...

Michele Dobson, RCLB President #107

Greetings from the Rotary Large Club Conference in Baton Rouge. If you are reading this before Noon, "Bonjou," if you are reading this after Noon, "Bonswa." As you know, the Rotary Large Club Conference is hosted once a year by the Association of Rotary Club Executive Directors and presents the opportunity for Executive Directors of the United States and Canada to meet with peers for the purpose of development, motivation, exchange of ideas and training of President-elects of their Clubs. The President-elects have an opportunity to exchange their ideas, plans and develop goals for their year as President. Throughout the Conference, each club's team (Executive Director and President-elect) has the chance to strengthen their partnership as they prepare for the Rotary year ahead. A special thanks to Past President Kay Cofield for helping out during the October 18th meeting and to Past President Gail Schwandner for taking the gavel on October 25th for our Polio Plus Meeting.



Birthdays



[Maria Hunter](#)
October 27th

Club Leaders



[Michele A. Dobson](#)
President



[Gail B. Schwandner](#)
Assistant to the President



[Jean Bixby Smith](#)
Assistant to the President



[Marcelle H. Epley](#)
Vice President



[Joseph Wayne Hower PE, DEE](#)
Vice President



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Vice President



[Sumer A. Temple](#)
Vice President



[John E. Romundstad](#)
Secretary
Treasurer

[Theresa Cornwell](#)

Louisiana's Cajun culture runs deep here in Baton Rouge and it has been a pleasure talking about Long Beach Rotary with the other large clubs from around the country. President-elect Steve Hockett #108 and President-nominee Kelly Ruggieriello #109 are hard at work attending breakout sessions and gathering information from other large clubs to bring back to Long Beach. The excitement is building for the introduction of #108's Board of Directors and the announcement of President #110 which is coming on December 6th. Remember, if you get that call from #108 to serve on the Board, take it, it is a great honor to help lead the Club as a member of the Rotary Board of Directors.

Many of you have talents that our Rotary Means Arts Committee (Rotarians Caryn Desai [Chair], Kelly Ruggieriello and Jan Hower) would like to know about it. Perhaps you sketch, sculpt, compose, sing, dance or you are a poet, do spoken word or you are a thespian; the Rotary Means Arts Committee wants to feature you or hear an original work from you during a meeting. Wouldn't it be nice to see Rotarians art work featured as a Rotary Art Show before and after a Wednesday meeting to see the talent within our Club? Do not be shy, showcase those talents. Reach out to the Committee members and reveal that special gift for all of the Club to see.

November is a whirlwind for the Club as we start the month with the Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation's meeting on November 1st. You will get caught up on all that our Rotary Scholarship Board is doing and get inspired by how the Rotary Scholarships help students achieve their educational goals. I was able to work multiple jobs to pay for undergraduate school at California State University, Long Beach but would not have obtained my law degree without the generosity of various scholarship foundations. Many times, scholarships meant the difference between eating and not eating, gas or no gas, and lights or no lights while I was trying to get through law school. For a little whimsy and on the lighter side, our November 1st meeting is the day after Halloween so feel free to bring your Halloween mask from your wild Halloween Parties to the meeting to take pictures with fellow Rotarians.

November 8th is our Veterans Day celebration with speaker Veteran and Pilot John Howard at the podium and an ensemble of Rotary Veterans is doing the song. Please mark November 15th on your calendars as it is our "Feeding the Future" food assembly meeting wherein we pack backpacks for the food pantries at California State University, Long Beach and Long Beach City College. This is a big "boots on the ground" meeting so come prepared to have a bite and put in some work for students experiencing food insecurity. We are dark on November 22nd for Thanksgiving and return on November 29th to get an inside look at the Boeing Company from Speaker Mark Taylor.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that our Club is engaging in its first ever Strategic Planning Process to plot the way to our future as a Club. I am pleased to report that Judy Ross and Henry Fung have agreed to Co-Chair the Strategic Planning Committee which we estimate will be a multi-year process. As a Club, we thank each of them for taking on this commitment. As strategic planning is a multi-year process, our incoming Presidents Steve Hockett and Kelly Ruggieriello are members of the Committee. Rounding out the group are our Executive Director, Madrid Zimmerman and Rotarians Maria Hunter, Cam Doherty Killingsworth, Leslie Wiberg, Dorian Bolick and myself. As a Club, we will be asking a lot of you as the Strategic Planning Process needs each Club member to participate and provide feedback. "Laissez les bons temps rouler" (Let the Good Times Roll!).

Welcome New Rotarian...

By Laura Knapp and Diane Donaldson



 [Sergeant-at-Arms](#)


 [Shel-lee Davis](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms

 [Shelley Hanks](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms

 [Debbie Thorpe](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms

 [Denise Dahlhausen](#)
CCO-Club Comm. Offcr


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Club Service Director


 [Lisa Finn](#)
Fellowship Service Director

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

 [Sarah Soriano](#)
Membership Service Director

 [Conor Kenneth Weir](#)
Youth Service Director

 [Alfredo Velasco](#)
iPast President

 [Steve M. Hockett](#)
President-elect

 [Kelly Ruggieriello](#)
President-nominee

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

We are delighted to introduce **Ann Heusser** as the newest member of our Rotary community. Through our interactions with Ann in the Long Beach area, we have come to admire her fervent dedication to fostering STEM awareness and knowledge among the youth.

Ann's educational background shines with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Berkeley and a Master's in Education from Claremont Graduate University. Her professional journey has encompassed teaching, technical project management, and curriculum design, all of which she adeptly applies in her executive leadership and information technology consulting practice, Heusser Consulting.

Beyond her consulting career, Ann has actively collaborated with the Sister Cities of Long Beach organization, leveraging her international upbringing, having been born in South Korea and raised in Taiwan. Her profound commitment to the community is exemplified through her instrumental role in the successful execution of the inaugural Newcomb Academy Technology Fair, a testament to her passion for STEM education and youth development.

Outside of her professional pursuits, Ann finds joy in her musical talents as a skilled pianist and a deep appreciation for the arts. She is happily married to a college professor and is a proud parent to two school-aged children.

With her dynamic background and unwavering dedication to service, we anticipate that Ann will contribute significantly to the Rotary Club of Long Beach, and we are thrilled to extend a warm welcome to her!

Scholarship Day @ Rotary!



The **Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation**
will lead the **Rotary meeting**
on **November 1**, at **The Grand**.

Please RSVP

Meet our local scholarship recipients who are attending LBCC and CSULB -
they look forward to meeting **YOU** Rotarians!

The students will be assigned tables so there will be a couple of students at each table.

Please come early -

- **Find a seat and welcome the students**
- **Enjoy lunch with our student scholarship recipients**
- **Ask them about their studies, goals, future...**
- **Tell them about your business!**

November is **National Scholarship Month**, a time to raise awareness of scholarship opportunities for current and future college students.

Make a Difference



Ways to make a philanthropic gift to The Rotary Foundation for POLIO PLUS
and become or up your status for Paul Harris Fellow

- 1) Go to the website www.rotary.org and give online for Polio Plus
- 2) Call RI Customer Service [847-328-4101](tel:847-328-4101) for credit card giving for PolioPlus

3) Make a check payable to "The Rotary Foundation for Polio Plus" (and give or mail to Madrid in our Rotary Office to forward with your giving form).

Calendar Events

October 25th, 12:00-1:30 PM
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Dr. Anissa Davis - City of LB Health Officer
Subject: Know Polio = No Polio
 Special Member Talk with Mary Zendejas

October 26th, 2:00-3:00 PM
[Ro Toastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club](#)

October 26th, 5:00-7:00 PM
[Rotary Connections](#)
 Rotary Connections
 Bring a prospective new member

November 1st, 12:00-1:30 PM
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
 Celebrating LBCC & CSULB Scholarship Recipients
Scholarship Day @ the Rotary Club of Long Beach

November 8th, 12:00-1:30 PM
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: John Howard
Subject: 9/11 Humanitarian Mission Flight

November 11th, 8:00-9:00 AM
[Centennial Park Clean-up](#)

November 14th, 4:00-5:15 PM
[RCLB Board of Directors Meeting](#)

November 14th, 5:00-7:00 PM
[5 O'Clock Somewhere](#)
 Monthly afterhours mixer
 Special Holiday Wine Tasting at The Wine Country

November 15th, 11:00-1:30 PM
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Feeding the Future "Grab & Go"
 Volunteer during lunch to assemble the food bags for LBCC & CSULB students.

November 16th, 8:00-9:00 AM
[Business Breakfast Roundtable : in person](#)




Topic TBA
 \$10/person for breakfast

November 22nd, 12:00-1:30 PM
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)

**DARK- Thanksgiving Holiday
 NO ROTARY MEETING**

November 29th, 12:00-1:30 PM
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Mark Taylor
Subject: From Deep Sea to Deep Space - How Boeing is Driving Innovation in California

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