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This Week's Program



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Wednesday, November 1

Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Day
Featured Guest Speaker - **Suzan Al Shammari**

Come Meet our Scholarship Recipients from LBCC and CSULB

12:00 Noon - LUNCH
12:20 - 1:30 p.m. - Program



Suzan Al Shammari, originally from Iraq, arrived in the United States as a refugee in 2010 along with her family. She has always been passionate about human rights and policy as it's very close to home. With over 8 years of professional experience in advocacy, community outreach, and policy, Suzan has made significant contributions in both Los Angeles and New York City. She holds a Master's Degree in Security Studies from University College London and a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Studies from California State University, Long Beach.

Suzan was awarded the 2016 Mark Bixby Leadership Award, and in 2018, she received a Rotary Global Grant Scholarship from Rotary International and District 5320. This scholarship enabled her to pursue her master's degree in London and engage with various Rotary Clubs in the city, where she shared insights about her work and studies.

Currently, Suzan works as a Senior Program Officer at the International Rescue Committee's

Headquarters. In this role, she provides support to 28 program offices across the United States, focusing on refugee resettlement and community engagement strategies. Suzan lives in Washington, D.C., and is an active member of the Rotaract Club of Washington, D.C., continuing her commitment to humanitarian and community service.



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Scholarship Day @ Rotary!



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

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.

Feeding the Future – 5th Annual Grab and Go Event

By **Leslie Wiberg, Chair**



Please join us at our regularly scheduled lunch meeting at The Grand on **Wednesday, November 15** and be a part of our **Fifth Annual Grab and Go** event. Work alongside your fellow Rotarians to assist filling 1,500 string backpacks with food and hygiene items for distribution to the food pantries at our local colleges.

Currently, Long Beach City College's Viking Vault is averaging 2,000 students visits per week. According to Justin Mendez at LBCC, "the food is flying off the shelves and your support is needed more than ever." Christina Limon of the ASI Beach Pantry at CSULB said student visits are "at an all-time high and we can't keep our shelves full."

In addition to filling bags during the lunch hour, we are asking for volunteers to:

- **Arrive early** to help set-up.
- **Stay a little later** to help with the clean-up.
- **Be a "runner"** to restock the assembly tables.
- **Count and pack** filled bags into boxes.
- **Donate** medium-sized packing boxes.

If you are unable to attend, **please consider making a cash donation to the RCLB Charitable Foundation** to assist with food purchases. Every day, college students do their best to improve their lives through education, and they are so grateful for our support.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Leslie Wiberg at 562.252.5391

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Election Committee 2023

By Brian Camp Russell, Chair



Thank you to all of our fellow and eligible Rotarians who voted for this year's Election Committee to elect President #110. This person will become our President-designate, serving as Club President in 2026-27. This person will follow President #109 (*aka President-nominee*) Kelly Ruggirello. A warm thank you to Craig Dougherty for his role as last year's Election Committee Chair along with his Election Committee members. His Committee's last function was to hold this year's election, count the ballots and inform the new Committee Chair, which is me, this year.

This year's Election Committee is as follows: Greg Burnight, Kay Cofield, Steve Hockett, Matt Kinley, Gail Schwandner, and Alfredo Velasco; Dana Buchanan as alternate and me as Chair. A fun fact this year, 6 of the 7 Election Committee members are past RCLB presidents. It is our Committee's primary duty to meet and select President #110 to be announced at President-elect Steve Hockett's Board reveal on December 6th. Your Election Committee is also charged with approving the President-elect's incoming Board of Directors. It's a busy time of the year for our Club. Stay tuned, thank you and keep being the terrific Rotarian that you are 'on the daily'. ~ Cheers

New Member Proposal

The following are being proposed as members of the Rotary Club of Long Beach. Their names are 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.

Kimberly Hall - President/CEO, Goodwill So Cal LA County

Proposed Classification: Non-Profit Organizations - Goodwill So Cal LA County
Proposed by: Randy Gordon and Ken Cecil

Stuart Ledsam - Owner, Contractor - Ledsam Contracting, Inc.

Proposed Classification: Contractor - Environmental (Retired)
Proposed by: Steve Hockett and Alfredo Velasco

Jon Mesko - Executive Director, Long Beach BLAST

Proposed classification: Non-Profit Organizations - Long Beach BLAST
Proposed by: Randy Gordon and Marcelle Epley

Donna Wajid - CEO, Watchitgrow Incorporate

Proposed classification: Non-Profit Organizations - Shelter/Transitional Housing
Proposed by: Randy Gordon and Jeff Levine

Michael Wilson - CEO, WilCo Consulting

Proposed classification: Food and Nutrition - Consultant
Proposed by: Don Serafano and Dennis Smith

Event Calendar

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

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

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

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

Celebrating LBCC & CSULB
Scholarship Recipients
**Scholarship Day @ the
Rotary Club of Long Beach**

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

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**
LB Networking Organizations That
Get You Connected
\$10/person for breakfast (cash
preferred)

November 22nd, 12:00-1:30 PM
**NO Long Beach Weekly Club
Meeting**
**DARK - Thanksgiving
Holiday**
NO ROTARY MEETING



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