

Rotary



Club of Long Beach



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This Week's Program

Wednesday, November 8

9/11 Humanitarian Mission Flight

John Howard

Owner/Operator, Chick-fil-A - Long Beach Towne Center

12:00 Noon - LUNCH

12:15 - 1:30 p.m. - Program

Presentation of Schneider Scholarship



John Howard is the Owner/Operator of Chick-fil-A at Long Beach Towne Center, where, in 2006, he was blessed with the opportunity to purchase and open Los Angeles County's very first stand alone Chick-fil-A restaurant, where he currently employs 105 team members.

John grew up in Compton, CA, before moving to Long Beach as a teenager. He completed junior high school at Southern California Military Academy in Signal Hill, then graduated from Brethren Christian High School, and proceeding on to complete a Bachelor's Degree in Aviation from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, FL - where he began piloting airplanes at age 17. After college graduation at age 21, he entered the US Air Force as an officer and served 10 years as a C-130 pilot prior to becoming a franchisee with Chick-fil-A. John is a Distinguished Graduate of both Air Force ROTC and Air Force Pilot Training, an award reserved for only the top 10% of graduates.

John is engaged to his beautiful fiancé, Jaime, has three daughters, and remains active in several local church and charitable organizations to help continue to build this great community of Long Beach.



Birthdays



[Robyn Gordon-Peterson](#)
November 8th



[Rayne Sherman](#)
November 10th



[Solimar Salas](#)
November 12th



[Judy Ross](#)
November 12th



[Matthew L. Kinley](#)
November 14th



[Lisa Ramelow](#)
November 14th



[Jim Better](#)
November 14th



[Jon Klein](#)
November 14th



[Rachel Massari](#)
November 14th

October Years of Service

[Laurence W. Jackson III](#)
44 Years

A Message from the RCLB President-nominee

By Kelly Ruggirello

Club President Michele Dobson, President-elect Steve Hockett and President-nominee (*me*) attended this year's Large Club Conference in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the last week of October. The Baton Rouge Rotary Club certainly pulled out all the stops. Our schedule was packed with interesting speakers, educational breakout sessions, dinners at the Capitol and Museum, and lots of social time as we engaged in many visionary and strategic conversations about all-things Rotary.



We were sad that Madrid was unable to join us (as I hear that's the BEST part of going to conferences!) but Rotary Bear took her place and we managed to enjoy the beautiful southern locale and cuisine and survive a close encounter with a baby alligator!



Kelly

Kelly Ruggirello
President-nominee, #109



[Gina Rushing Maguire](#)
22 Years



[Lance R. Kenyon](#)
14 Years



[Suman Naresh](#)
12 Years



[Cheri L. Bazley](#)
12 Years



[Judy Seal](#)
11 Years



[Marjorie Fleming](#)
8 Years



[Debra Kahookole](#)
6 Years



[Machele Thompson](#)
6 Years



[Danita Humphrey](#)
5 Years



[Lori Dwight](#)
2 Years



[Ann Heusser](#)
New Member!

The Rotary Foundation (TRF)

By Donald E. Cochran, Chair, RCLB's TRF

The Rotary Foundation Mission Statement

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

Dear Long Beach Rotarians:

One of my goals as your TRF (The Rotary Foundation) Chair is to help educate what this international foundation does. The above TRF Mission Statement should give you a good idea.

With over 60 new members joining our Club over the last few years, my other goal is to encourage us all to do our part in supporting TRF's mission. An easy way to do our part consistently and effortlessly is to sign up for **Rotary Direct**, i.e. to have a monthly amount charged to your credit/debit card.

To encourage us further, **Past President Greg Owen** has graciously offered the following incentives to sign up for **Rotary Direct**:

- For anyone who signs up for the first time, they will be given an **extra 100 Foundation points** to their first Paul Harris Fellow. (*Please contact Madrid or me if you need some further explanation on how Foundation points work*)
- For anyone who signs up at the \$85/month level to become a **Paul Harris Society member**, they will be given an **extra 500 Foundation points**.
- For anyone who is already enrolled in Rotary Direct and increases their monthly amount, they will be given an **extra 100 Foundation points**.
- For anyone who is already enrolled in Rotary Direct and increases their monthly amount to \$85/month to become a **Paul Harris Society member**, they will be given an **extra 500 Foundation points**.
- For anyone who designates their monthly contributions to **Polio Plus** (*TRF's signature project that is extremely close to eradicating Polio from this planet*), they will become a **Polio Plus Society member**.
- For anyone who signs up their pet dog (*seriously!*) for Rotary Direct and designate the monthly contributions for **Polio Plus**, they will become a **Kennel Klub Polio Plus Society member** for

Rotary Direct. (see <https://www.rotaryppskennelklub.org/>)

During our Club's 100th year, our Club led the entire world of over 35,000 Rotary clubs in Rotary Direct signups. As of now, our Club has drifted to be the #4 Club in the world with 43 Rotary Direct signups. If we have 25 new signups, we will become #2 in the world! To regain our #1 status, we would need 70 signups. To be #1 again would be huge, but let's at least be like Avis and be #2. :-)

To sign up for Rotary Direct, please contact Madrid Madrid@rotarylongbeach.org, who can sign you up, or call Rotary Contact Center [866-976-8279](tel:866-976-8279) or go to www.rotary.org

Please let Madrid or me know if you signed up so that I can make sure you get the respective Foundation points.

Yours sincerely in Rotary Service,
Don Cochran
Rotary of Long Beach TRF Chair



Rotary Business Breakfast Roundtable

By Mary Zerafa Loos, Chair

We would like to invite members to our upcoming **Business Breakfast Roundtable**.

We'll be talking about networking organizations in Long Beach and how to use them to help propel your business to success. We will have...

- **Rich Gibson representing The Tippers Club,**
- **Natalie Leighton from the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, and**
- **Jack Skovgard from the Executive Association of Long Beach.**

Thursday, November 16th
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
The Grand, 4101 E. Willow
\$10 (cash preferred) for coffee and pastries

We've designed the Roundtable to foster discussion and exchange ideas in an environment where everyone can participate. To that end, we keep the group small, with a cap of 18 people. We meet on the third Thursdays of the odd months at The Grand. We start with coffee, pastries, and informal networking and then delve into the selected topic. Participants select topics for the upcoming sessions, and we reach out to Rotarians in that industry or area of expertise and ask them to join us and contribute to the conversation.

I have recently become Chair of the group, and I would like to have a few more folks join me to put together the breakfast meetings. Please let me know if you are interested.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact **Mary Zerafa Loos** [562.754.2500](tel:562.754.2500) or maryzerafa@gmail.com

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](tel:562.252.5391)

Calendar Events

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

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

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

 <p>CREATE HOPE in the WORLD</p>	<p>Rotary Club of Long Beach meets every Wednesday @ 12 Noon THE GRAND 4101 E. Willow Street Long Beach, CA 90815</p> <p><i>LB Skyline Photo Credit Long Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau</i></p> <p>November 8, 2023 - Vol. 107, Issue 18</p>	<p>Club Office 400 Oceangate, Suite 470 Long Beach, CA 90802 562-436-8181 Rotary@RotaryLongBeach.org</p> <p>Visit Long Beach Rotary District 5320 Rotary International</p>	<p>Visit our Social Media Pages</p>  
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