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ROTARY**

Club Meeting

Long Beach
Meets at THE GRAND
4101 E Willow Street
Long Beach, CA 90815
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

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This Week's Program

Wednesday, January 18

The Mental Health of Long Beach

Kelly Colopy
Director, Health and Human Services Department
City of Long Beach

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



Nine years ago, **Kelly Colopy** moved to Long Beach to take on her role as the Director of the Health and Human Services Department for the City. At that time, the Department was approximately 300 employees and \$110 million and has doubled in size since that time to more than 600 employees, a \$220 million budget, and more than 50 programs.

Ms. Colopy has over 30 years of experience working at the Federal, State, County and local levels to design and implement systems and services that build wellness and resiliency for communities, families and individuals.

During her tenure in Long Beach, the Department launched the City's Office of Equity, Office of Youth Development, violence prevention and peacekeeping roles as well as alternatives to incarceration, trauma and resiliency informed efforts, fatherhood programming, early childhood education, the Veteran Commission, mental health supports, and the healthy aging center as well as a number of strategic plans and other initiatives.

In the past couple of years, Ms. Colopy led the Department through the COVID-19 pandemic, an effort leading to nearly a half-million vaccines across the City as well as more than 1 million tests. The City was highlighted nationally for these efforts. She also co-led the early recovery and resiliency planning during the early months of the pandemic leading to a guide for both Cares Act and Long Beach Recovery Act Investments into our Long Beach community.

Kelly holds a master's degree in Public Policy from Duke University, and a bachelor's degree in Political Science, with a minor in Mathematics, from Smith College

What is Club Service?

By Richard Gibson, Club Service Director



Happy New Year everyone. My name is Rich Gibson, I am the Club Service Director for Alfredo's term as President. Actually, this is my third year as the Club Service Director as I held that position for Dennis Smith and Matt Kinley as well. What is Club Service you ask? Well, it is the backbone of every Rotary Wednesday lunch. Club Service is responsible for setting up the greeters at the front door, getting members to sell the lunch tickets, helping with the name tags, set up members to do both the Pledge and the Inspiration, and finally put a team together for the setup, operate and tear down of the audio/visual equipment for the meeting.

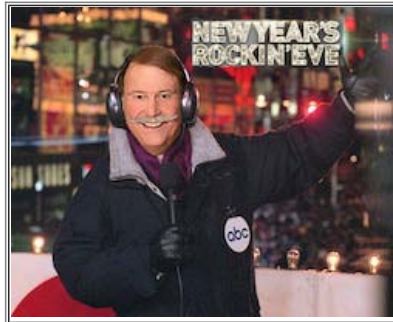
It sounds like a lot of work but when you have a great team of Rotarians it is simple. One of the advantages of being on the Club Service team is it really helps you meet and get to know all the Rotarians. If you are a new member the sooner you get involved in Rotary the more you will enjoy it and the quicker you will get your Blue Badge. Rotary is a service club, but you can also do business here if you spend time to get to know your fellow Rotarians.

I remember when I was new in Rotary, I helped greet so I could meet as many of the members as possible. I then worked on the lunch ticket table and that is where I really got to know everyone. By the time they

get their lunch ticket they already have their name badge on, so I was able to put a name with a face. I remember when we were at the Queen Mary, I would also help Steve Shaw get the speakers and PowerPoint projectors hooked up. The area that I find the most interesting is the audio/visual setup, operation and tear down. This is the area I need the biggest team and at times becomes the most challenging. What I am looking for is a team of at least 4 Rotarians to help set up, a small team of 2 or 3 to rotate operating the sound board and any other technology, and finally an additional team of at least 4 to tear down the equipment. With this set up it would not be a big burden on anyone. If any of you have a good audio/visual background, I would be very interested in talking to you about joining our team. I would like to talk to anyone that wants to be a part of this amazing team. The more we have the easier the job. If you are interested either call me or text me at [562-879-9743](tel:562-879-9743) or email me at richgibson49@gmail.com

Club Service Director is a big responsibility, and I could not do it without my great team. Thank you, Jennifer Sarantos, Tim Aldrete, Deborah Williams, Dan Garrett, Steve Shaw, John Graham and new member Gilbert Maldonado Wenseslao!

Write a Caption!



WHAT - Submit a caption for this photo - 'Rayne Sherman'

WHEN - by EOD Thursday, January 19

Send caption to -
Wayne Slavitt - wayneslavitt@gmail.com

**Top Winners will be announced
at the January 25 lunch meeting**

Welcome New Rotarian...

By Dorian Bolick



It is my pleasure to introduce the newest member of the Long Beach Rotary Club - **Jon Klein**.

Jon is a true Californian, having been born in Harbor City, he grew up in Rancho Palos Verdes and attended San Pedro Magnet High School. The middle child of Gary and Janet Klein, his parents led by example with regards to volunteering. His father created the Challengers Baseball League at Eastview Little League in San Pedro for the mentally disabled, providing an opportunity for children to enjoy the sport. Meanwhile, his mother was involved with distributing groceries for under privileged families through their church.

In 2010, at 26 years old he created and built a hotel brokerage company, procuring and distributing hotel rooms to the wholesale market.

In 2016, while completing his bachelor's in business, he sold his hotel company and then went on to complete his MBA at Arizona State University. In 2017, Jon started working with Occidental Petroleum at the famous THUMS islands as a Facility Operator, his foray into the world of energy production. He currently works for California Resource Corporation managing the Carbon Capture Team and many of you will remember his wonderful presentation on the subject.

His love of all things involving the Beach is highlighted by his two favorite hobbies – Surfing and Beach Volleyball and sees helping with beach cleanups and other environmental events as a natural extension of that love for the outdoors.

Jon is a volunteer with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America and has the joy of being a 'Big' to an amazing seven-year-old named Zach.

He also volunteers with the Long Beach Ronald McDonald House and has volunteered with other youth groups – Do I hear a Camp Enterprise calling??.

I knew Jon was the right fit for Rotary when I asked him – why the interest in participating with our Club. His response:

“When your cup is full and looks to be running over, what do you do? Watch it overflow or choose to share the overflow with others? I choose to share it.” At an age when most of his peers are more interested in their careers or themselves, Jon sees the world and wants to make it a better place.

His personal philosophy comes from the 19th Century English Philosopher John Stuart Mill – come on... who knows John Stuart Mill – I had to look him up!

Anyway, it is:

“Only while the world is in a very imperfect state can it happen that anyone’s best chance of serving the happiness of others is through the absolute sacrifice of his own happiness, **but**, while the world **is** in that imperfect state, I fully admit that the readiness to make such a sacrifice is the highest virtue that can be found in man”.

Let’s welcome Jon to the Rotary Club of Long Beach!

Join Us - ROTO5320 Toastmasters!

By John M. Graham III

Roto5320 Toastmasters is designed to build your leadership and speaking skills as a Rotarian, Rotaractor, or Interactor. Join us as a charter member of this Toastmasters Club. Topics covered include speech crafting, building consensus, collaboration, communication, and team building. **First meeting online January 19th from 2-3pm.**

Register at <http://bit.ly/roto5320-registration>

**ROTO5320
Toastmasters**

**Kick-Off
Meeting**

THURSDAY - JAN 19th
2:00PM - 3:00PM PST
Online

Started by Rotary members for anyone wanting to become effective public speakers and leaders. Club will meet weekly on Thursdays of each month.

Roto5320 Toastmasters Online Meeting Registration:
<https://bit.ly/roto5320-registration>

RSVP TODAY!

For Rotary & Rotoract Members
All Guests Are Welcome to attend

Benefits of Toastmasters

- Enhance communication skills
- Practice leadership skills
- Access Pathways Education program, Benefit from TM & Rotary Alliance
- Network in a supportive environment

For more info contact: John Graham, john.graham@district1toastmasters.org
or Brian Russell, briancampussell@gmail.com

Rotary International Projects for the RCLB

By Freda Hinsche Otto, International Service Director



RCLB INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS OVERVIEW MEETING

WHAT’S HAPPENED? WHAT’S TO COME? HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

Water projects in Mozambique. Polio eradication. Medical services in Caborca, Mexico. Water cisterns in the

Are you interested in finding out more about what the Rotary Club of Long Beach is doing internationally?
Join us for an informational update and project review meeting and find out how you can get involved.

Tuesday, January 24, 2023
5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Rancho Los Alamitos
6400 East Bixby Hill Road
Long Beach 90815
Wine, cheese and appetizers.

RSVP to Freda Hinsche Otto at fhinscheotto@icloud.com or
Madrid at madrid@rotarylongbeach.org

Rotary Connections

By Judy Ross, Membership Service Director



Please mark your calendars for **Tuesday, January 31, 5-7pm.**

Your Membership Committee is hosting a **Rotary Connections** event
at our beautiful **Rancho Los Alamitos!**

This is your opportunity to invite a friend, colleague or neighbor, who might be interested in joining Rotary and check us out! You don't have to bring someone to come, but be ready to let potential Rotarians know why you joined and help these guests assess if this is a good fit for them. Look for an Evite coming to your e-mailbox next week. Hope to see you there!

Are You Able To Be A Host?

By John E. Romundstad, EDF Chair

After a long hiatus due to COVID, our annual **Evening Dinner Focus** (EDF) returns to the Rotary calendar on **Wednesday, February 1.**

For members who are relatively new to the Club, once each year, in lieu of our weekly Wednesday luncheon meeting, we meet instead in the homes of several fellow Rotarians for dinner at which we all discuss a given topic. This year, the topic will be our Rotary Charitable Foundation - where the funds come from; how the funds are invested; to what purposes the funds are devoted; and what changes, if any, should be made to our investment objectives, among other things. A member of the LBRCF board will serve as discussion moderator in each host home.

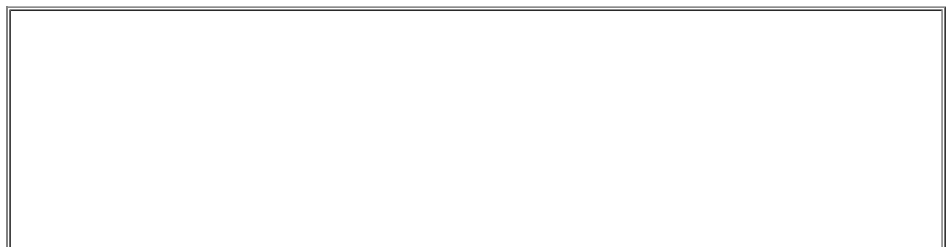
All of which leads me to the central purpose of this article - **we need Rotarians who will open up their homes for this special event. We need approximately 8-10 hosts**, depending on the overall number of attendees. Dinner can be prepared by the host or purchased elsewhere; each host will be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the amount of \$25 per attendee.

So, please contact either Madrid madrid@rotarylongbeach.org or myself jer.attorney@verizon.net if you are willing and able to serve as a dinner host on February 1. EDF is a once a year event, and offers an opportunity for an intimate evening of Rotary fellowship that all members will enjoy.



Operation Santa Claus - THANK YOU, Rotarians!

By Tina Barry





Upcoming Events - Click Title for More Info and for Meeting RSVP

January 17th
[RCLB Board of Directors Meeting](#)

January 17th
[5 O'Clock Somewhere](#)
Joe Jost - Cash Bar
Re-scheduled from Jan 10 to **Jan 17**
Invitation by EVITE

January 18th
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Kelly Colopy - City of Long Beach
Subject: The Mental Health of Long Beach

January 19th
[Business Breakfast Roundtable](#)
POSTPONED
Subject: Invitation by EVITE for LB Rotarians only

January 19th
[Rotarian Toastmasters](#)
Speaker: Alfredo Velasco
Subject: Monthly meeting for Rotarians

January 24th
[Long Beach Rotary International Projects](#)
Overview LB Rotary International Projects

January 24th
[Rotarians Appreciate Wine \(RAW\)](#)
Will be re-scheduled to February
Blind Wine Tasting and Dinner

January 25th
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Johnny Sampson
Subject: Catalina Museum for Art & History

January 31st
[Rotary Connections](#)
For membership prospects

February 1st
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Evening Dinner Focus
(No lunch meeting) Must RSVP by January 25

February 8th
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Leron Gubler
Subject: Hollywood Walk of Stars

February 11th
[Centennial Park Clean-up](#)

February 14th
[5 O'Clock Somewhere](#)

February 15th
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Rene Roberts
Subject: 2020 Paralympic Rower

February 21st
[RCLB Board of Directors Meeting](#)

Birthdays This Week - Click Name to Send a Greeting



[Genevieve Brill Murphy](#)
January 18th



[Timothy W. Richmond](#)
January 20th



[Frank R. Newell](#)
January 20th



[Jesse Rivera](#)
January 20th

Club Leadership - Click Name to Send a Message



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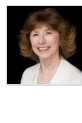
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Rotary Foundation Chair

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