



Rotary



Club of Long Beach



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Club Meeting

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

This Week's Program

Wednesday, January 25

Adventures into the Absurd History of an Enchanted Isle

Johnny Sampson
Catalina Museum for Art & History
Deputy Director and Chief Curator

12:00 Noon - LUNCH
12:25 - 1:30 p.m. - Program



Johnny Sampson is the Director and Chief Curator at the Catalina Museum for Art & History. He works closely with artists, collectors, and institutions to create critically acclaimed exhibitions and to strategically build the museum's permanent collection with significant artifacts and works of art. He also engages with the local school and mainland entities to inspire the next generation through community participation with public programs, events, and discussions.

Sampson believes that every work of art or historical artifact contains an inherent narrative of human struggle and inspiration. By nurturing partnerships between artists, organizations, and community members, Sampson strives to create a platform to use these stories as the catalyst for understanding—to enhance neighborhoods, promote economic development, and restore innovation, equity, and opportunity to local communities.

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Rotary Four-Way Test Update

By Lynne Wainfan PhD, 4WT Committee Chair



Your Four-Way Test Committee is excited to share with you our plans for this year.

Committee Members are Greg and Valerie Owen, Brian Russell, Steve Keesal, Adriana Lanting, and Lynne Wainfan.

Our mission last year was:

To increase understanding within Rotary Long Beach of the value of the 4-Way Test

We instituted bi-weekly recitations of the Four-Way Test in our meetings, had speakers talk about the value of the Four-Way Test in their lives, and held a focus group with other Rotarians that guided us to focus our mission for this year:

To strengthen friendships among members of the Rotary Club of Long Beach

Our success is clear: more Rotarians are getting together outside of Rotary events. We personally like get-togethers involving cigars and stories but your interests might be different.

The Committee came up with several ideas to help us strengthen our friendships. Our first two ideas weren't feasible, but undaunted, we have a few more.

In the meantime, how about helping us out with our mission? Pick up your phone and call a Rotarian to check in and ask, How's every little thing? Are you up for coffee after the meeting? Can you make the next Rotary Event?

Let us know what you think of our mission, and if you have any ideas to help us to get there.

-Lynne Wainfan
email: SSDKOF@gmail.com

Honoring Paul Harris Fellows

By Wayne C. Slavitt, Rotary Foundation Chair

Congratulations and Thank You to our New Paul Harris Fellows!

Click on [Paul Harris Fellows](#) for more info!



PHF+1 Ahmet Atahan and Brenden Diette
PHF+3 James Hankla
PHF+3 and +4 Jayne Lastusky
PHF+4 Henry Fung, Randy Gordon
and Phyllis Hayes-Reams
PHF+5 Cam Doherty Killingsworth
PHF+7 Judy Seal
PHF+8 Frank Newell



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 Navajo Nation. Global Grants scholarships. Malaria work in Africa. And much, much more . . .

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

Join Us at RMH Sunday, January 29

By Dorian Bolick, RMH Committee Chair

Hi All,
We have another wonderful Ronald McDonald dinner coming up on **Sunday the 29th**.
Start time is 3:00 - 3:30pm. We usually wrap up around 6:00pm.
I will be coordinating the volunteers and menu for everyone. **Leslie Wiberg** has graciously offered to be the **team leader** on the 29th as I will be out of town for work.
Please let me know DORIANBOLICK@AOL.COM if you are interested in participating this month so I may add you to the list.
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Dorian Bolick
Long Beach Rotary



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. 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.



Rotary Literacy Grants

By Laura Knapp, Literacy Non Profit Grants Committee Chair



This past October, the Long Beach Rotary raised \$130,000 in support of our Reading by Nine Program. Since the inception of the program in 1999, the Literacy Committee -- under the visionary guidance of Frank Newell -- has raised just over \$1 million and donated over 300,000 books, ebooks, and other learning materials to Long Beach area schools, libraries, childcare centers, nonprofits, and other organizations promoting reading and literacy.

The mission of the Literacy Committee is to foster and promote reading at grade level by age nine, right here in and around Long Beach. When children read, they discover new ideas and new places. And they develop the literacy skills needed to continue learning throughout high school and beyond. Higher literacy rates within a community can mean less crime, healthier populations, greater economic growth, and higher levels of employment (Patrinos, Graham, & Kelly, 2017).

The pandemic has impacted California's young students. According to the state's latest Smarter Balanced test, 42.1% of third-graders read at grade level, down from 48.5% in 2019 (D'Souza, 2022). The work we do through the Literacy Committee is more important than ever.

The Literacy Committee oversees two grants each year -- the Paul Kennard Teacher Literacy Grant is for K-3 teachers at LBUSD who are spearheading innovative and creative reading and literacy programs in their classrooms, and the Nonprofit Grant is for organizations supporting the goals of Reading by Nine outside of the classroom.

We invite you to learn more at <https://www.rotarylongbeach.org/long-beach-charitable-foundation>. **Applications are due January 31** and can be forwarded to Madrid Zimmerman. Interested in volunteering for one of the sub-committees? Please reach out to Nelinia Varenas at nelinia@hotmail.com (Teacher Literacy Grants) or Laura Knapp at leknapp@gmail.com (Non Profit Grants).

Join Us on Court for Check Presentation - February 10 !



Friday, February 10th
#3 CSULB vs #2 UCLA Men's Volleyball
Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation - CSULB Check Presentation

Rotary Club Group Special - \$10

Men's Volleyball vs. UCLA

Event Date: Fri, Feb-10-2023
Event Time: 7:00 pm

FIND TICKETS

MORE INFO

Event Date: Friday, February 10
Start Time: 7:00pm - arrive early to park!
Location: CSULB Pyramid

Purchase Special Group Rate **Tickets** through link www.longbeachstate.com/rotary and sit with your fellow Rotarians

Join us on court for the giant scholarship check presentation between sets 2 and 3 !

A Special Thanks for our LBRCF Donation!

Sent to Madrid Zimmerman, RCLB Executive Director

Happy New Year Madrid,

A few weeks ago, one of our new mayor Rex Richardson's first actions was to host a Youth Taskforce Meeting at LBCC. BLAST and others helped him choose a student representative from each school. Our College and Career advisors prepped and empowered their students to step out of their comfort zones and to take on the challenge of representing their peers in such an official capacity. I sat with LBCC President Mike Munoz, our staff and many others in the back of the room as our youth took center stage and collectively voiced their concerns and requests for our future. It was a great evening and a solid example of our community investing in our youth for the future. I've attached a couple of photos.

Please accept our gratitude for the investment you and The Rotary have committed to BLAST with your time, finances, and other resources. I wish you all could see the faces, voices, and changed lives of the youth we work with as often as our staff and I do. Please know how grateful they are for your support.

Happy New Year,
Jon

Jon Mesko
Executive Director



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"We need to stop just pulling people out of the river. We need to go upstream and find out why they're falling in." – Desmond Tutu



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

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

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

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

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 10th
[Rotary Scholarship Foundation: CSULB vs. UCLA Men's Volleyball](#)
 LB Rotary Scholarship Foundation
 Check presentation and CSULB Men's Volleyball game - **SPECIAL ROTARY RATE**

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 16th
[Business Breakfast Roundtable](#)
Speaker: TBA: in-person
 Invitation by EVITE for LB Rotarians only

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

February 21st
[Rotarians Appreciate Wine \(RAW\)](#)
Speaker: Hosted by Mark Guillen
Subject: Blind Wine Tasting and Dinner

Birthdays This Week - Click Name to Send a Greeting



[Dan D'Sa](#)
January 26th



[James M. Morris](#)
January 28th



[Judith A. Vander Lans](#)
January 28th



[Jens Rosmus](#)
January 28th



[Lun W. Hom M.D.](#)
January 31st



[Mabelle Thompson](#)
January 31st

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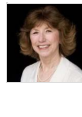
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