



**IMAGINE
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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Fellow Rotarians,

I am sad to share with you that Rotarian **Vic McCarty** passed away over the weekend. He celebrated his 95th birthday last Friday. He served as the Administrative Partner of Windes & McClaughry and later as Managing Partner from 1973-1986, retiring in 1988.

Vic was a long time (**54+ years**) dedicated Rotarian, Club President #68 in 1984-85 and was an annual donor to the LBR Scholarship Foundation. Through each of your service, his Rotary contributions endure. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Patty, his daughters Lindsay and Kelly and son Victor.

Blessings,
Alfredo

"Truly the end of an era - our last President from the Greatest Generation. His common sense counsel was of immeasurable value to all of us lucky enough to know him."
Craig Dougherty
Past President #71

This Week's Program

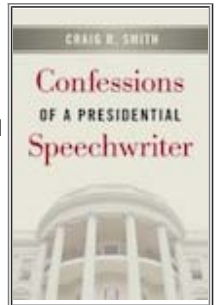
<p>Wednesday, October 19</p> <p>Confessions of a Presidential Speechwriter</p> <p>Craig Smith Director Emeritus, Center for First Amendment Studies California State University, Long Beach</p> <p>12:00 Noon - LUNCH -- 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. - Program In Memoriam - Terry Geiling, Past President #90</p>	
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Craig Smith is an Emeritus Professor at California State University, Long Beach where he won the Outstanding Professor Award along with Outstanding Teaching, Research and Service Awards.

He has won many awards from the National Communication Association for his 23 books, one of which, "Confessions of a Presidential Speechwriter," is the subject of today's talk.

Craig has been a consultant to CBS news for its coverage of conventions, election nights and inaugural addresses.

He was a full time speechwriter for President Ford and Chrysler CEO Lee Iacocca. He was a consulting speechwriter for President George H. W. Bush.



The World of Polio Is Changing Daily

By 'Mollie' Owen



In September, a new country, the United States of America, appeared on the official list of countries with a case of circulating vaccine derived Polio. This is the case of a New York man whose case was first reported in July but identified in June.

It now appears on the official list as "circulating" as wastewater sampling has identified the virus is also circulating in nearby counties. The US CDC also announced today that they will be doing additional wastewater sampling in other communities across the nation, with low rates of vaccination.

The USA uses IPV (**Injectable Polio Vaccine**) for its Polio immunizations and has a high rate of around 90% coverage. Thus, the concerns are tempered somewhat.

But we still have areas in the United States and around the world where there are low rates of Polio vaccination coverage and this case reminds us that until we eradicate Polio, any country in the world can see a resurgence of Polio.

Rotarians and friends, our Rotary PolioPlus program intends to reach every last child and that together we will end Polio.

Rotarians financial support remains crucial as well as advocacy to promote Polio vaccinations in every community. It is also hoped that all Rotary Clubs, Rotaractors, and Interactors will undertake activities during October and November to reemphasize to members and the community that Polio eradication is Rotary's top humanitarian priority and Polio could return to any community.

Together we can end Polio, please consider a donation today to support our efforts, join the thousands of Rotarians and friends who have joined the PolioPlus Society to donate \$10.00 per month; or, \$100.00 or more annually until the World is declared by the World Health Organization to be Polio Free. EndPolionow.org/donate

Write a Caption!



WHAT - Submit a caption for this photo

WHEN - by EOD Thursday October 20

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

Top Winners will be announced at the October 26 lunch meeting

RCLB 5000th Meeting!

By Randy W. Gordon

Our **RCLB 5,000th meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, October 26** at The Grand.

Our program will consist of approximately 12-14 Past Presidents giving historical moments of our Club from our 105-year history.

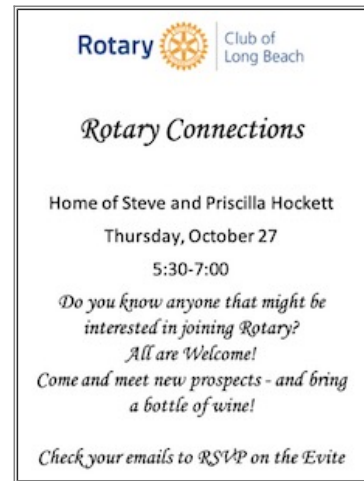
This commemorative coin will be given out "free" to all attendees that Day, courtesy of our Rotarian sponsors. We also need a few more sponsors.

Contact Randy Gordon 562-843-0945



Rotary Connections - JOIN US!

By Gregory Haeseler



RB9 March To A Million – Mission Accomplished

By Nel Varenas

Thank you, Members of the Rotary Club of Long Beach, for enthusiastically supporting this year's Reading by 9 (RB9) Program as you have done for the past 24 years but with even more conviction than ever before.

If you have not yet donated, it is not too late. Please contact Madrid and let her know of your wish to contribute and join the more than 100 who value literacy as you do. In a week's time, we will be celebrating our 5,000th Rotary meeting, and a contribution would be a fitting way to recognize the significance of that historic event as RB9 is one of our longest running programs.

Together, we have accomplished our mission and have raised over \$1 Million since RB9's inception in 1999 under Frank Newell's committed leadership. The funds are used to provide books, reading materials, and reading programs to enable young students to read at grade level by the age of 9, so they will develop better reading skills and a love of reading.

At our October 12th meeting, the ambitious milestone was not only met but surpassed. It was a very good day! The ambitious \$120,000 goal was exceeded by \$3,000, and this year's fundraising surpassed last year's record setting \$86,500 by 42% and donations continue to flow in.

The giving magic was in the room at last Wednesday's meeting -- the culmination of the coordinated efforts of the Literacy Committee with Frank Newell at his best, graciously orchestrating and eloquently acknowledging everyone's contribution. After the last donation was added and the audience patiently awaited the results, an uproar was heard as \$123,000 was announced as the amount donated by the Rotary Club of Long Beach members and friends to date. More donations are expected to flow in and are

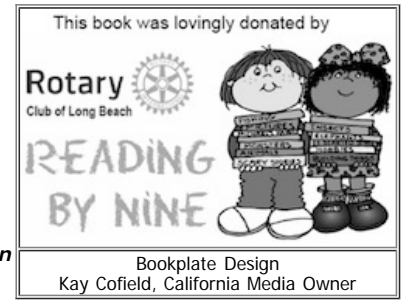
encouraged as we also strive to involve even more than the 100-plus members who have participated as of October 12th.

ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU, ROTARY CLUB OF LONG BEACH!

We look forward to effectively using the funds to support young kids in our community and provide them with reading skills and a love of reading that will form a strong foundation in their lives.

From the Literacy Committee

Tina Barry, Don Cochran, Kay Cofield, Theresa Cornwell, Shel-lee Davis, Desmond D'Sa, Marcelle Epley, Veronica Garcia Davalos, Dan Garrett, Cassandra Geoghegan, John Graham, Phyllis Hayes-Reams, Laura Knapp, Dan Lipton, Frank Newell, Braden Phillips, Mike Rivard, Judy Ross, Brian Russell, Solimar Salas, Sarah Soriano, Nel Varenas and Leslie Wiberg.



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

October 18th
[RCLB Board of Directors Meeting](#)

October 19th
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Craig Smith
Subject: Confessions of a Presidential Speechwriter

October 26th
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: The 5,000 Meeting of the Rotary Club of Long Beach

October 27th
[Rotary Connections](#)
For membership prospects
Connect with Long Beach Rotary

October 30th
[Family Friendship Potluck Picnic - POSTPONED](#)
Date - TBD

November 2nd
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Topic: Feeding the Future
Assemble the bags for CSULB/LBCC students during lunch

November 8th
[5 O'Clock Somewhere - The Wine Country](#)
Wine Tasting for the Holidays
Hosted by Randy Kemner

November 9th
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
LB Rotary Scholarship Foundation Day
Speaker/Topic: Dr. Beth Manke - Creating Opportunities for Local Students

November 12th
[Centennial Park Clean-up](#)

November 15th
[RCLB Board of Directors Meeting](#)

November 16th
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)

November 23rd
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
DARK for Thanksgiving Holiday

Birthdays This Week - Click Name to Send a Greeting



[Don Pierce](#)
October 20th



[Jennifer Cuevas](#)
October 20th



[Leslie Wiberg](#)
October 22nd

Club Leadership - Click Name to Send a Message



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