



**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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**This Week's Program**

**Wednesday, November 16**

**'Preview - The Big Game'**

**Matt Stevens, UCLA Radio Analyst**

**12:00 Noon - LUNCH  
EARLY START 12:10-1:30 p.m. - PROGRAM**

*IN MEMORIAM for Vic McCarty, Past President #68  
by Jack Hinsche, Past President #79*



Since 1996, former UCLA Quarterback, **Matt Stevens**, is currently the UCLA Radio Color Commentator. In addition, he is the Pre & Post Game Host for all UCLA Football games. In 1997, Stevens was nominated as the "Best Radio Color Commentary of the Year Award" voted by the Southern California Broadcasting Association. He has been a finalist nominee eight times. In 2019, Stevens was inducted into the Southern California Broadcaster Hall of Fame.

Since 2005, Stevens has been a Heisman Trophy voter. During that same year he was the Color Commentator for the Arena Football 2 team, the San Diego Riptide. In 2003, he was a NFL Sideline Reporter for Sports USA Radio Network. From 2000-06, Stevens was an analyst, field reporter and studio host covering UCLA Football on Fox Sports Net Television.

From 1982-86, Stevens was a Quarterback at UCLA and participated in three Rose Bowls, a Fiesta Bowl and a Freedom Bowl, all victories. In 1987, Stevens played in the Japan Bowl All-Star game. Stevens professional football career consisted of one-year stints with the Kansas City Chiefs, Los Angeles Cobras (Arena Football) and the Legnano Frogs (Milan, Italy). Consequently, he can say, "Set Hut" in Italian.

Currently, Stevens is the Managing Director for Greystone which provides Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, FHA, Bridge and CMBS Multi-Family Loans nationwide and has funded over \$1 billion.

Stevens lives in El Cajon, CA (San Diego) with his wife, Andrea. They have a son, Matthew; two dogs, Andros and Chewie; three cats, Homie, Jayden and Zena; and six turtles.

**Thankful for Rotary**

**By President Alfredo Velasco**



While witnessing the 5,000<sup>th</sup> meeting and our Rotary history unfold before us, the enormity of Rotary's impact was truly profound. The strong connection between our Rotary past, our present, and our evolving future was palpable and strongly felt by all those in attendance. All of our projects today (*Reading by 9, Camp Enterprise, Centennial Park, Scholarship Programs, International, Community Grants and more...*) are intricately connected to our history and currently shepherded by the present Rotary.

Our current Board holds the baton at this moment, but in a few short months, that baton will begin to be handed off and elevated by the next Board. The success or the dawning of a program, the heights of our financial strength, a large club membership and millions of dollars for reading comprehension and scholarships and our intense International service is not a one-year proposition but connected by 105 years of history. Success is a shared responsibility by Rotarians who dreamed, inspired, and initiated these projects and linked them to every year since.

These Rotary miracles happen because of a few constants. We show up, we engage, we invest, we lead, and we do it together. Our schedule calls on us to have one more Past Presidents' Day and although it will

be formatted closer to a regular meeting, it will serve as another opportunity to celebrate our Rotary past, present, and future. Happy Thanksgiving wishes to all.

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## Write a Caption!



**WHAT** - Submit a caption for this photo - 'Yoga Dog'

**WHEN** - by EOD Thursday November 17

Send caption to -  
Wayne Slavitt - [wayneslavitt@gmail.com](mailto:wayneslavitt@gmail.com)

**Top Winners will be announced at the November 30 lunch meeting**

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## Business Breakfast Roundtable

By Kristian Gragson



Join the next Long Beach Rotary's **Small Business Breakfast Roundtable**, a virtual session on **Thursday, November 17th** from **8:30am - 9:30am**.

Guest speaker, **Jeremy Harris, Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce President/CEO**, will host "How Election Results Will Affect Your Business." From this Roundtable, you can expect to learn who was elected, what measures were passed and how this will affect business in Long Beach going forward.

As a member of the Rotary Club of Long Beach, you have the opportunity to join the Business Breakfast Roundtable events. This informal networking event is a great way to meet new like-minded individuals while having the ability to share more about your business. Space is limited, so make sure you reserve your spot today *via* EVITE RSVP link <http://evite.me/6x2Ejbc9cQ>

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## Thank You...

... for being part of our annual **Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation Day at Rotary**.



## SAVE THE DATES for December Holiday Events



### Operation Santa Claus

*Saturday, December 3 - Belmont Shore Christmas Parade*

*Wednesday, December 14 - Rotary Holiday Lunch, The Grand*

*Saturday or Sunday, December 17 or 18 - Bell Ringing for Salvation Army*

Another great step in getting back to normal is our Club's participation in the **Belmont Shore Christmas Parade** on **Saturday, December 3rd**. The parade starts at 6 pm and our Committee will be busy decorating our float from 3 pm on. The parade route starts on Livingston Dr., and our float location will be announced beforehand

The balance of our Club members will muster at David Lott's Belmont Brewing Company before the parade, decorate our float and walk the parade route down Second Street. Lance Kenyon's band The Hammered Nails will be entertaining from our float with Christmas songs, followed by as many Rotarians as possible in our new Rotary shirt and then by our President, Alfredo Velasco in a vintage convertible.

More information to follow, but please mark your calendars for the return of this outstanding Rotary tradition.

If you have any questions, suggestions or snide remarks, reach out to Steve Hockett @ [stevemhockett@gmail.com](mailto:stevemhockett@gmail.com)

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## Operation Santa Claus Returns!

By Tina Barry



Imagine for a moment a child who awakens on a Holiday morning, excited to open presents. But there aren't any gifts waiting to be opened.

Now imagine the child's parents ... unable to provide gifts for their child. The heartbreak they feel because there aren't enough resources for presents this year.

Our Rotary Club can make a difference this year for this child and others in their situation. After 4 years, our Rotary Club will be able to connect a Rotarian with families in need by providing gifts and toys for children during the Holiday season.

Here are the details:

- There are three organizations we are working with:
  - Long Beach Day Nursery
  - Bethune Homeless Education Program
  - Edison Elementary School
- There are a total of 26 families to provide gifts for and we'll receive details of each child's name, size and the desired toy or gift items.
- We'll have the information by mid-November for you to purchase and wrap the gifts
- Deadline for delivery: December 16-17

If you're interested in helping one of these families or if you have questions, please contact Tina Barry at [tinabarry@barryconsultinggroup.com](mailto:tinabarry@barryconsultinggroup.com)

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## Did You Know...

... about our Rotarian Veterans



*With sincere appreciation to all who responded to our request for your military background. We recognize there may be some who were unable to respond. Please send your service facts to Madrid so we can honor all members who have served.*



**GERALD BLOESER** - Army Reserve stationed in the City of Commerce (rank of Sergeant) - 8 years

**CRAIG DOUGHERTY** - Army Reserve and Arizona National Guard - 6 years

**STEVE KEESAL** - Specialist - Served 3.5 years - C Co., 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regt. (Airborne), United States Army Special Operations Command - Afghanistan 2002 Iraq 2003 - Combat Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, Ranger Taab; MOS 11B1V (Airborne and Ranger Qualified Infantry); Ecuadorian Jungle School Graduate

**B. RAMER SPURR** - Chief Warrant 4, Served 23 years most everywhere

**CLOY (Mike) J. WALTER** - 1953-1954 in Newberg, NY - Private in Adjutant General's Office

**CHRISTY WESTPHAL** - 1991-2007 - 2 Tours overseas, Afghanistan and Iraq - 2nd Lt attached to a combat medic unit

**KURT WOOD** - Spec 4 - 6 years - San Pedro

**DAVE WOODY** - PFC - 3 years - Korea, New Jersey, Oklahoma - Good Conduct Medal



**DR. WILL GRELLA** - LCDR/US Navy, Major/Army Reserve (Current) - Navy (10 years) - Army Reserve (current) - Pendle, Yuma, Bangladesh

**BOB LATIMER** - Lieutenant Junior Grade (LTJG) - 1953-1955 - All the Pacific theater, Japan, Hong Kong, Korea, Philippines, Guam

**PAT MADDEN** - STG-3 (Sonar Technician 3rd Class Petty Officer) - 1967-1968 Active Duty - USS Leonard F Mason (DD 852) - Western Pacific (inc the Philippines and VietNam & USS Wiltsie (DD 716)

**BRADEN PHILLIPS** - Captain - 31 years - All Over the World - 3 Legion of Merit medals, 3 Meritorious Service medals, 1 Navy Achievement medal, 2 Combat Action ribbons, 1 Armed Forces Expeditionary medal and medals related to the Vietnam and Gulf wars - Certifications including Naval Aviator (Pilot), Naval Surface Warfare Officer, Financial Management Sub-specialist

**RAYNE SHERMAN** - Aviation Boatswain Mate 3 (ABH-3) - 8 years (2 Active Duty, 6 Reserve) - USS Hornet (CVS-12 Home Port-Long Beach; (1) Tour WestPac (Vietnam Campaign); Recovery Ship-Apollo 11 and 12 - National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/one Bronze Star, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal w/Device, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea), Letter of Commendation (Admiral D.C. Davis) for Apollo 11 and Recovery Ship planning and execution, Golden Dragon-Member of the "Silent Occult Mysteries of the Far East"-Oct 21, 1968 @ Latitude 35.50N, Shellback-Member of the "Solemn Mysteries of the Ancient Order of the Deep"-Feb 23, 1969 @ Longitude 105.20E

**DAN TAPIA** - Electronics Technician/Reactor Operator, LA class submarines - 1998-2004 - South Pacific - SSN723 Oklahoma City (submarine)



**ANDREW BARBER** - Sergeant - 6 years/Reserves - Mainly 29 Palms, CA

**DAN GARRETT** - April 1982-December 1984 - MCRD San Diego: Camp Pendleton; Okinawa, Japan; Camp Lejeune, North Carolina - Heavy Equipment Mechanic, 2nd Battalion

**JOHN HINRICHS** - Corporal - 1956 -1958 - Camp Pendleton & 29 Palms

**LAWRENCE W. JACKSON III** - Sergeant, 3rd Marine Air Wing - 1970-1977 (Active 2 years, Reserves 5 years) - Camp Pendleton, MCAS El Toro, MCAS Cherry Point, MCAS Iwakuni Japan during Vietnam war



**JOHN G. 'JAY' BEELER** - Airman (E3/Minuteman ICBM Missile Electronics Analyst) - 1962-1965 - Montana and North Dakota

**DON SERAFANO** - Captain, Medical Corps - 2 years - Davis Monthan AFB, Tucson, AZ



**BOB LUSKIN** - US Coast Guard, E-2, Second Class Gunners Mate - 1965-1971 (1 Active, 5 Reserve) - Groten, CT and Long Beach Terminal Island

**FRANK NEWELL** - US Coast Guard, Petty Officer - Active (6 mts) - Reserve (5.5 yrs) - Alameda, San Diego & Terminal Island

**LEON SHOAG** - 6 months Active (1961-1962)/5.5 years Active Reserve/2 years Inactive Reserve - US Ports inc Long Beach, CA, Pittsburgh, PA, Roanok, VA, Alamitos, CA

**BOB STEUBER** - US Coast Guard, 2nd Class - Reserves (6 yrs) - Concord, Alameda and Long Beach, CA

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While we honor those in our Club, we are grateful for family members and friends who have served and are serving. We are indebted for their sacrifice, bravery and the example they set for us all.

**Happy Veterans Day to our soldiers, both past and present.**

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

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

November 16th  
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
**Speaker:** Matt Stevens - UCLA Radio Analyst  
**Subject:** Preview - The Big Game

November 17th  
[Business Breakfast Roundtable](#)  
**Speaker:** Jeremy Harris - CEO, LB Chamber  
**Subject:** How Election Results Will Affect Your Business

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

November 30th  
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
**Speaker:** Mark Eades  
**Subject:** So You Want to Become a Disney Imagineer...

December 3rd  
[Belmont Shore Christmas Parade](#)  
Rotary Club of Long Beach Flotilla  
Join us in marching down 2nd Street

December 7th  
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
**Speaker:** President-elect Dobson's Board Reveal

December 10th  
[Centennial Park Clean-up](#)

December 13th  
[5 O'Clock Somewhere](#)

December 14th  
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
**Speaker:** Holiday Lunch Program

December 20th  
[RCLB Board of Directors Meeting](#)

December 21st  
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
**Speaker:** DARK for Christmas/Holiday week

December 28th  
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
**Speaker:** DARK for New Year's/Holiday week

**Birthdays This Week - Click Name to Send a Greeting**



[William V. Ridgeway Jr.](#)  
November 16th



[David Sommers](#)  
November 19th



[Angel Macias](#)  
November 20th



[Stephen B. Shaw](#)  
November 25th



[Nelinia 'Nel' Varenas](#)  
November 25th



[Juan Huizar](#)  
November 26th

**Club Leadership - Click Name to Send a Message**



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Rotary Foundation Chair

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