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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

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This Week's Program

<p>Wednesday, November 30</p> <p>'So You Want To Be A Disney Imagineer'</p> <p>Mark Eades Former Journalist and Disney Imagineer</p> <p>12:00 Noon - LUNCH 12:15 (early start) - 1:30 p.m. - PROGRAM</p>	
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Mark Eades is a retired journalist and former Disney Imagineer residing in Southern California.

Mark Eades started his 21-year Disney career while attending California State University, Fullerton. At Disney he spent seven years at Disneyland, three years at the Disney Studios and eleven years as an Imagineer at WED Enterprises – later renamed Walt Disney Imagineering. While at Walt Disney Imagineering he worked on EPCOT, and projects like “Star Tours:” “MuppetVision 3D;” and Paris Disneyland.

After Disney, he worked on theme park projects for Universal and Warner Bros.

Mark switched to journalism in 1997, first at the Orange County Newschannel, then the Orange County Register. During his last eight years at the Register, Mark (in an ironic twist of fate) ended up covering Disneyland and theme parks.

Mark retired in 2017. He has served as the Treasurer of the non-profit charity Disneyland Alumni Club, since 2016 and is also editor of its weekly newsletter.

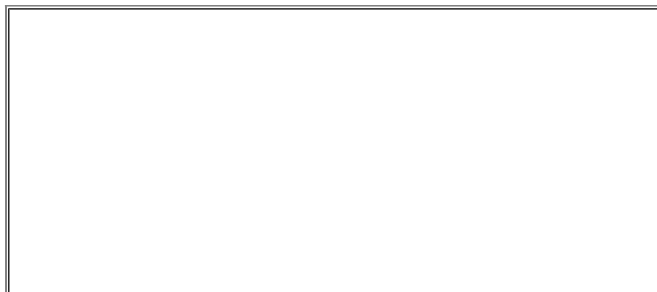
Mark has been married for 45 years, has five grown children and two grandchildren. He and his wife have lived in their Buena Park home for 40 years.

CSULB Rotaract POST

By **Glory Nguyen, Rotaract Club of CSULB President**

Since starting up again in 2021, the **Rotaract Club of CSULB** has been able to make meaningful connections within the Club itself but also with members of the Rotary Club. We have been able to meet Alfredo Velasco, Dennis Smith, Brian Russell, Robyn Gordon-Peterson, Joyoti Banerji, John Mathews, and several other Rotarians who greeted our members with open arms when they came to our general meetings as guest speakers.

CSULB Rotaractors joined a local beach clean-up this fall. Going forward, we plan to go to more service events and find more ways to give back to the community. Before our winter break, Dave Lott will be speaking to us about Rotary's water project in Mozambique. We are also planning to start a long-term project to collect clothes and necessities every month and donate them to a nonprofit organization that our Club selects.





Write a Caption!



WHAT - Submit a caption for this photo - 'Brett Lewis'

WHEN - by EOD Thursday December 1

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

Top Winners will be announced at the December 7 lunch meeting

Welcome New Rotarian...

By Richard C. Dempsey



John Mulvey is a native of Long Beach. At an early age, John and his family moved to Garden Grove to be near his father's work. John has lived most of his adult life in Long Beach. He is a family man, married with children. His wife, Geraldine Knatz, is well known in the community having served at the former Los Angeles Port Director and is currently Professor at USC. She also continues to travel worldwide giving lectures on port management.

John and Geraldine have three sons: John, J.R., and Patrick. The boys went through the Long Beach Area Council Boy Scouts and both J.R. and Patrick attained the highest Scout rank, Eagle Scout.

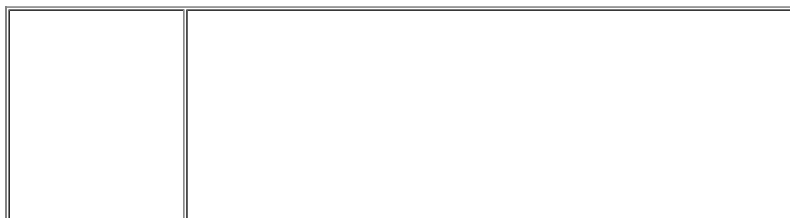
John has had an interesting career in the Fine Spirits business. He began distributing fine wines to upscale restaurants and retailers in the Long Beach/South Bay area. After years in the wine business, John worked for Frank Sinatra and his company, Somerset Distributors, exclusive distributors of Budweiser beer in the Long Beach/South Bay area. John also spent several years working for the California Lottery. After an interesting and varied career, John now is enjoying retired life. He and Geraldine spend much time at their Avalon getaway.

John is a published photographer. As an amateur astronomer he has photographed shadows of the moon's crater with his telescope. He and Geraldine enjoy classic cars and have a beautiful 1957 pink convertible T-Bird in mint condition. He also has a love for motorcycles and his latest acquisition is a candy apple red 2500 cc Triumph motorcycle.

We wish John many good rides ahead and congratulations on joining our Rotary family.

Welcome New Rotarian...

By Olivia Maiser





I am thrilled to welcome **Dawn McIntosh** to the Rotary Club of Long Beach. I know that as members get to know her, they will feel as I do – that our Club is honored to have such an accomplished, personable, and service-oriented new member.

Dawn was recently elected as the City of Long Beach's 14th City Attorney – the first woman to be elected to that position! She will take the oath of office on December 20th, a fitting way for her to also celebrate her birthday that day.

I met Dawn in 2016 when she joined the City Attorney's Office - and in the old City Hall, our offices were on the same floor. You will find, as I did, that Dawn is a pleasure to get to know, engaging and warm with a very positive outlook. Later, I had the pleasure of facilitating the Leadership Long Beach Executive Leadership Series Class of 2020 which included Dawn. During the class projects and exercises, I found her to be a rare combination of being a team player AND a leader and enthusiastically so - she was always "all in."

Dawn grew up in Maryland where she developed a love of the ocean and environment. Her BS from University of Maryland and law degree from UC Davis put her on the path to work in environmental and governmental issues.

Before joining the City Attorney's office, she was senior counsel in a private sector firm representing municipalities, and she also worked for years in the General Counsel's office at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. She is licensed to practice in all state and federal courts in California as well as the U.S. Supreme Court. And now, with 30 years of experience as an attorney, Dawn is still dedicated to improving communities and the environment.

Dawn is an athlete, a former marathon runner who now roller blades several times a week. And as a competitive sailor, she races on a team of eight, usually in the bowman position. Being on the "pointy end" of the sailboat requires mental toughness, balance, agility, and courage. It's a position that must be ready for anything. There are many parallels between successful race boat crewing and her professional success. In the bow position, she is constantly ready to act and react, being aware of others on the team and on the race course -- not to mention the wind -- while being prepared for any possibility, then being ready to execute. Her team sometimes includes sailors who substitute for regular crew members so flexibility and adapting to other people, styles, and strengths is critical to success. Dawn's husband, Doug, is also a sailor and they are often on the same racing team.

Doug met Dawn when sailing in Marina Del Rey, and they've been married for 23 years. He is a software engineer at Boeing. He is also a pilot, and in his spare time, he is building a small airplane in the garage of their Long Beach home! Their two children are in college – Andrew at Orange Coast College and Katie at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland.

Please introduce yourself to Dawn and get to know our newest member of the Rotary Club of Long Beach! You'll probably find that you have some shared interests, especially service to the community.

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, December 17 - 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 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

Operation Santa Claus

By Tina Barry

Operation Santa Claus Returns!

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 a 4-year hiatus, our Rotary Club will be able to connect a member 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 of the gifts: **Dec 16-17**

If you're interested, please sign up at the front table today or contact Tina Barry at tinabarry@barryconsultinggroup.com.

Join Me and Ring the Bell!

By David F. Woody



We have a tradition here at Long Beach Rotary to **Ring the Bell for the Salvation Army** to raise funds for their organization. They take in the indigents & other poor folk, to be able to shower, get fed & have a nice clean bed to sleep in.

I was a little hesitant my 1st time thinking about maybe it was begging for \$. I was with Tom Scott & Greg Owen and after an adult beverage to bolster my courage, soon got into the swing of things and have been doing it ever since.

One year past member, SA Captain Sergio Garcia, brought the SA Band, and we had people stop, sing and dance and we had a great time. We will set it up in **shifts of maybe an hour or two from 10am to 6pm**. We will have red aprons to wear, the red pot for people to put their \$ in and will have our big Rotary sign up. It is satisfying to know it really is for a good cause. Bring your folding chairs. See you there.

Woody

See you **Saturday, December 17** in front of **Chase Bank** on 2nd Street in Belmont Shore - Santa will be there!



Feeding the Future – Grab and Go – Wednesday, November 2, 2022

By Leslie Wiberg

At this time of year, we pause to think about all for which we are grateful. And to give **Thanks**.

Thank you – To all who participated in the RCLB 4th Annual Feeding the Future Grab and Go event during the November 2nd Rotary meeting. The tremendous amount of hard work and enthusiasm was amazing! In just over two hours, you filled 1,500 bags with food and hygiene items for students at Long Beach City College and California State University Long Beach.

Thank you – To our generous donors, without whom this event would not have been possible:

- Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation
- Rotary District 5320 for their matching grant funds
- Long Beach City College Foundation
- Sumer Temple's personal donation
- Kia Patterson, Owner of Grocery Outlet on 7th Street
- Donors who prefer to remain anonymous

Thank you – To the dedicated Committee who met weekly prior to the event to ensure its success: Tina Barry, Diane Donaldson, Desmond D'Sa, Kris Gragson, Solimar Salas, Sarah Soriano and Deborah Williams.

Thank you – To Dan D'Sa for allowing us to access The Grand's Ballroom for the day.

Thank you – To Grant White (Diane Donaldson's son) for creating a video of the event.



Thank you – To Tina and Paul Barry for all the “heavy lifting”, both literally and figuratively!

According to an article on the CSULB website, “Nearly 40% of students in the California State University system experience food insecurity, skipping meals so they can pay for books or rent. Roughly 11% of the students experience homelessness at least once a year, moving from place to place, sometimes living in their cars, in parks or shelters. Those numbers are not going down, given the rising cost of food and housing in the area, and the reason Dr. Rashida Crutchfield continues to push for funding to further study the kinds of barriers college students face when food and housing are scarce.”



Thank you – To everyone who helped to make a difference!



New Member Proposal

The following is being proposed as a member of the Rotary Club of Long Beach. His name is hereby submitted to the membership for a 10-day period as required by the Bylaws. Any comments can be addressed to the President or the Executive Director of the Club during this 10-day period.

Robert "Rob" Gunsalus -President, Long Beach Memorial Medical Foundation

Proposed Classification: Foundations - LB Memorial Medical Center Foundation

Proposed by: Randy Gordon and Braden Phillips

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

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
Holiday Lunch Program

December 17th
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting
Ringing the Bell
...for the Salvation Army 2nd Street Chase Bank

December 20th
RCLB Board of Directors Meeting
CANCELLED

December 21st
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting
DARK for Christmas/Holiday week

December 28th
Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting
DARK for New Year's/Holiday week

Birthdays This Week - Click Name to Send a Greeting



[Dena L. Oatey](#)
December 1st



[Robert Garcia](#)
December 2nd



[Lisa Finn](#)
December 5th



[David F. Woody](#)
December 6th

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