



**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**

<p><b>Wednesday, March 8</b></p> <p><b>12:00 Noon - LUNCH</b> <b>12:30 - 1:30 p.m. - Program</b></p>	
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"Talent" for ancient Greeks and Romans was a unit of currency. Talent is still valued these days, but is seen more as a natural aptitude or skill that allows you (or a group) to do something well.

Our Long Beach Rotarians do many things well, so it must be due to some hidden talents abound. Be sure to come and cheer on some of your not-always-shy Rotarians who don't mind bringing a little fun to lunch.

And who knows, you might discover you have a little talent of your own!

**Rotary Centennial Park**

By Robyn Gordon-Peterson, Centennial Park Committee Chair



In 2005, Rotary International celebrated their 100th anniversary and to commemorate the historic milestone, Long Beach Rotary, under the Inspiration and Leadership of the RCLB President Mark Bixby, raised money to design and construct a linear, 1.2-acre park that cuts diagonally through the block. This mini park was a joint project of the Rotary Club of Long Beach and the Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation & Marine that features a solar system theme art installation of the planets, benches, trees, playground equipment, and a gazebo. Artist Philip Smith created the concrete planets, along with his wife Robin Smith, and artist Patrick Vogel created the central sundial. The park is located on the former Pacific Electric Railway Right of Way near the corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Junipero Avenue.

Rotarians clean the park monthly on the second Saturday of each month, all park lovers are encouraged to come out, grab a donut, sip on a cup of joe, solve immediate problems plaguing our city and pick up trash.

Club members host the annual Mark Bixby Easter Egg Hunt featuring the Paul Kennard Book Fair for the children living in the neighborhoods that surround the park. The Long Beach Rotary Literacy Committee sponsors and supports the Easter Egg event by providing books for the children's reading pleasure. Face painters treat the children to brightly painted faces, Rotarians read books aloud, photos with the Easter Bunny, and a host of activities to engage children of all ages.

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The Park Committee is currently working on building an operating budget to provide year-round activities. The attached photo features our beloved Easter Bunny, Terry Geiling and Paul Kennard.

**Write a Caption!**





**WHAT** - Submit a caption for this photo  
'Gail Schwandner'

**WHEN** - by EOD Thursday, March 9

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

**Top Winners will be announced  
at the March 15 lunch meeting**

## Don't Miss Out!

By Marnee Brooks



### Rotary Shirts

If you wish to purchase the RCLB polo shirt, or order additional shirts, you can now order directly through the Russell Hampton Co. Simply call 800-877-8908 and press 1 for Customer Service. Be prepared to provide your size, credit card details and the following information:

Men's polo shirt item #: C-594311  
Ladies polo shirt item #: C-594311A

Custom Embroidery is: EMBCALBE1

Cost per shirt is \$31.74 plus tax and shipping. If you order 3-5 shirts, cost is \$29.60. Allow 2-3 weeks for delivery.

We currently have a few remaining shirts available to sell from the original bulk order placed last year. They will be available for purchase at the Rotary lunch meetings. Cost is \$30, payable in cash.

- 1 - Men's Large
- 2 - Men's X-Large
- 1 - Women's Medium
- 1 - Women's Large
- 1 - Women's XXL

It would be great to wear our Rotary shirts when we go to SoFi Stadium for our tour on April 19!

## Membership and Rotary Connections - JOIN US!

By Gregory Haeseler, RCLB President #96

By now most of you have been seeing announcements regarding "Rotary Connections". So what is "Rotary Connections"?

For those who were involved in our Club before COVID, we used to have bi-monthly "Rotary Revealed" meetings. The purpose of Rotary Revealed was to have a casual social meeting at a gracious Rotarian's home where we could invite guests to learn more about our legendary club. Not only were these events a huge success, they were fun!

The structure of Rotary Revealed was to socialize for 30-45 minutes, followed by self-introductions for another 30 minutes, then end with a review of myriad club information that lasted another 30-45 minutes. No doubt attending guests walked away impressed. Yet some were noticeably dazed after being bombarded with all sorts of information ranging from the five requirements to get a blue badge to knowing the differences between our three foundations.

This year at our Membership Development Committee meetings, which includes some relatively new Rotarians, we learned that the new Rotarians could hardly remember the information shared at Rotary Revealed! They could, however, remember clearly the connections made with other Rotarians.

Knowing that our website is replete with Club information, we decided to revamp the Rotary Reveal meetings by eliminating the information sharing portion. Instead, our goal was to create an opportunity for our guests to connect with Rotarians and to reserve some time for them to give a brief self-introduction. With the modifications, we changed the name to "Rotary Connections".

With two well-attended Rotary Connection meetings under our belts, the feedback has been extremely positive. The results equally have been impressive with a high percentage of guests going forward with their membership.

Our next Rotary Connections meeting will be Tuesday, March 21. For more information and to RSVP, please look for the Evite. You can also contact Past President Greg Haeseler at [gregory.haeseler@gmail.com](mailto:gregory.haeseler@gmail.com). We hope you will join us and other fellow Rotarians for some fellowship and connection with our fascinating



### Rotary Connections!

Conference Room #201  
at the new LBCC Aquatic Center (Building W)

Long Beach City College  
Liberal Arts Campus  
4901 E. Carson St.  
*Free parking in Lots P and L  
Entrances on Faculty Way*

Tuesday, March 21  
5:00-7:00

*Do you know anyone who might be  
interested in joining Rotary?  
All are Welcome!  
Come and meet new prospects - and bring  
a bottle of wine!*

*Check your emails to RSVP on the Evite*

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

March 8th  
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
Club Talent Show, Part 2

March 9th  
[Roto5320 Toastmasters](#)

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

March 14th  
[5 O'Clock Somewhere](#)  
Hosted by Aaron Blackburn  
Invitation by EVITE

March 15th  
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
Speaker: John Shadden

March 16th  
[Roto5320 Toastmasters](#)

March 21st  
[Rotary Connections](#)  
For membership prospects

March 22nd  
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
Speaker: Barry Jordan  
Subject: NY Giants neurologist & Olympic  
USA Boxing team physician

March 23rd  
[Roto5320 Toastmasters](#)

March 23rd  
[Board Assembly for FY 2023-24](#)  
FY 2023-24 Board

March 28th  
[RCLB Board of Directors Meeting](#)  
Re-scheduled from March 21  
Joint Board Meeting

March 29th  
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
Speaker: Peter Kareiva  
Subject: Aquarium of the Pacific

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



[Alfredo Velasco](#)  
March 8th



[Shelley Hanks](#)  
March 8th



[Douglas Stephen Coleman](#)  
March 8th



[John W. Hancock III](#)  
March 8th



[James F. Bunnell](#)  
March 8th

#### February Rotary-versaries - Click Name to Send Congrats!



[Russell T. Hill](#)  
49 Years



[Frank R. Newell](#)  
37 Years



[Mark A. Garlington](#)  
30 Years



[Jeffrey G. Wimbish](#)  
18 Years



[Elizabeth Helene Lucas](#)  
16 Years



[Robert G. Foster](#)  
15 Years



[Paul Patrick Scholz](#)  
14 Years



[Dena L. Oatey](#)  
14 Years



[Olivia Maiser](#)  
11 Years



[Donald J. Trojan](#)  
10 Years



[Henry C. Fung](#)  
5 Years



[Leslie Wiberg](#)  
5 Years



[Lisa Finn](#)  
5 Years



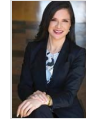
[James A. Ahumada](#)  
4 Years



[Robyn Gordon-Peterson](#)  
4 Years



[Maria Hunter](#)  
New Member!



[Gregory \(Greg\) Magnuson](#)  
New Member!



<p><b>Rotary Club of Long Beach</b> meets every Wednesday</p> <p><i>LB Skyline Photo Credit Long Beach Convention &amp; Visitors Bureau</i></p> <p>March 8, 2023 Vol. 106, Issue 34</p>	<p><b>Club Office</b></p> <p>400 Oceangate, Suite 470 Long Beach, CA 90802</p> <p>562-436-8181</p> <p><a href="mailto:Rotary@RotaryLongBeach.org">Rotary@RotaryLongBeach.org</a></p>	<p><b>Visit</b></p> <p><a href="#">Long Beach Rotary</a></p> <p><a href="#">District 5320</a></p> <p><a href="#">Rotary International</a></p>	<p><b>Visit our Social Media Pages</b></p> <p> </p>
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