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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

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This Week's Program

Wednesday, July 20

Financial Outlook in a Post-Pandemic World

Henry Walker
President, Farmers & Merchants Bank

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

W. Henry Walker is the President of Farmers & Merchants Bank, a regional bank with over \$11 billion in assets and 25 banking offices throughout Orange County, Long Beach, the South Bay and Santa Barbara, which has now climbed into the top 100 banks out of 4,500 in the U.S. Henry is a fourth generation banker and one of only six executive officers at F&M, that includes his brother Daniel, who is CEO and Chairman of the Board. Over the past 2 years, F&M Bank played a major role in sustaining local non-profits and small businesses – keeping workers employed through the SBA's Payroll Protection Program. Through the program, F&M Bank issued 6,534 loans totaling more than \$1 billion in financing, with 99% being fully forgiven while saving nearly 120,000 local jobs.

[Henry's Grandfather Gus Walker served as the 45th Rotary Club of Long Beach President in 1961-1962](#)

Message from our Vice President

By Kelly Ruggirello



So, now you all know my Achilles' heel - I can't turn down a request from a fellow Bruin and UCLA's senior kicker, at that! Besides, who wouldn't want to serve with the amazing President Velasco and alongside fellow Vice Presidents Jean Bixby Smith, Don Rodriguez, and Olivia Maiser! This is one all-star program committee and I'm having an absolute ball.

Our goal is to present interesting, relevant, even provocative topics that educate, inspire and expand awareness of the world around us. Have a topic idea or know a potential speaker? Please relay your suggestion to a program committee member.

Our dynamo team scored touchdowns with our July speakers. Donald Clinebell's inspirational talk on July 13 reminded us about the impact of a life devoted to service and the importance of serving with passion and humility. The next two speakers are extraordinary leaders and visionaries as well and both are committed to creating a better life for members of our community and beyond. On July 20th, F&M President Henry Walker will share his post-pandemic economic insights and on July 27, Virgin Orbit's CEO, Dan Hart, will provide a glimpse into the transformation of space.

We are super excited for this upcoming year of service, camaraderie, and laughter experienced only through the joy and satisfaction of being together in person. Besides, teamwork makes the dream work!

In service,
Kelly

Write a Caption !



WHAT - Submit a caption for this photo

WHEN - by EOD Thursday July 21

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

**Top Winners will be announced
at the July 27 lunch meeting**

Welcome...

By Phyllis Hayes-Reams



Warmest welcome to our new member **Christy Westphal**! Christy has a heart for service and is multifaceted. She served in the United States Army and previously worked as a Physician Assistant in Oregon. Christy credits her military and medical care experiences with teaching her discipline, systems navigation, and patience.

Christy has lived in Long Beach for six years and worked in commercial real estate since 2014. She joined Century 21 Masters Commercial in 2019. When asked to describe which professional accomplishments she is most proud of, Christy shares that she prides herself in her open communication and responsiveness to her clients.

Christy is no stranger to Rotary. She was a member of the Rotary Club of Signal Hill from 2018-2021, where she served as Treasurer and actively involved in service projects. She is a Paul Harris Fellow. She and her wife, Melinda Elmer, are proud parents of a very busy toddler, Caden, and recently added a new puppy to their household.

Congratulations Christy!

In the Spotlight - Mark Bixby Leadership Award 2022

By Lisa Ramelow



The spirit of Mark Bixby was certainly honored when this year's **Mark Bixby Leadership Award** was given to **Daniel Villarreal**. Getting to know Daniel gives one hope for the future of our world.

Daniel was raised in Long Beach by his single mother, and she taught him an important life lesson: to become valuable to your boss. His willingness to learn anything and everything at his job at McDonald's, including coming in when called suddenly at 3 AM, led to a promotion and more hours.

A recent CSULB graduate in Aerospace Engineering, Daniel is passionate about robotics and orbital mechanics; he recently accepted a job at Northrop in Baltimore.

He explained that he once heard if you have to make a decision between 2 options, choose the one that is scarier to you, because that is the one that will provide the most growth and development. As a native Southern Californian, choosing a new job on the other side of the country was definitely the scarier option for him – he has never experienced the cold weather of living on the East coast, and has never even been in the snow!

[Read More](#)

Come One Come ALL !



CALL TO ACTION: Rotary's Got Talent (sort of)

Are you gifted in a way other Rotarians might want to know?

The August 31 lunch program is the 1st semi-annual Rotary talent revue during the year of President #106.

Auditions are simple: Just submit your name and description of your talent TODAY - July 18 to madrid@rotarylongbeach.org

Winners are guaranteed a spot on the next Rotary podcast or TV show—whichever happens first!

Business Breakfast Roundtable



VIA ZOOM: Thursday July 21, 2022

8:30am to 9:30am

"Doing Business in Rotary - The Right Way!"

How to conduct business networking in Long Beach Rotary.

PRESENTER: Mollie Beck and Dennis Smith Past Rotary Presidents

Join us

Virtual Business Breakfast Roundtable!

Reservations Required • Attendance is Limited to 30 Members

RSVP to Madrid at the Long Beach Rotary Office: madrid@rotarylongbeach.org

Zoom Meeting # & Password will be supplied with RSVP

Rotarians to Enjoy Concert in the Park and Each Other's Company

By Steve M. Hockett



Please join fellow Rotarians on **Thursday, July 21** at Marine Stadium. The official muster time is **6 pm**, with the show starting at 6:30.

Bring a chair and your favorite **red cup**.

We will be under the Rotary tent just across Eliot from the park.

See you there for this great Long Beach summer tradition!

Questions? Contact Steve Hockett at stevemhockett@gmail.com

Rotarians Appreciate Wine (RAW)

By Tammy J. Newland-Shisido

RAW- Rotarians Appreciate Wine

July 26, 2022 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Lisa Hopkins Home/Backyard - 249 Campo Dr. Long Beach

This fellowship group is limited to 24 people.

This is a blind tasting with education on different Wine Regions.

Cost is \$20 pp (to go toward a Culinary Scholarship).

Everyone to bring a Bottle of Wine (bagged) and a Dish to share for 6 people.

We vote for Best Chef and Wine. This month's theme is Paso Robles.

RSVP to Madrid 562-436-8181



New Member Proposal

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

Jennifer "Jenny" Cuevas - Owner, Taco Shore Restaurant
 Proposed classification: Restaurants - Mexican
 Proposed by: Michele Dobson and Braden Phillips


















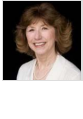





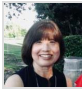

Upcoming Events - Click Title for More Info and for Meeting RSVP

July 19th RCLB Board of Directors Meeting Board of Directors Monthly meeting	July 20th Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Henry Walker - CEO, F&M Bank Subject: Finances in a Post-Pandemic World	July 21st Business Breakfast Roundtable Speakers: Mollie Beck and Dennis Smith Subject: Doing Business in Rotary	July 21st Concert in the Park LB Municipal Band - Hang out at the Rotary tent - contact Steve Hockett
July 26th Rotarians Appreciate Wine (RAW) Paso Robles Wine Blind Tasting and Pot-luck Dinner	July 27th Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Dan Hart, CEO, Virgin Orbit Subject: Transformation of Space	July 31st Ronald McDonald House - Sunday Meal Preparation Ronald McDonald House Sunday Meal Preparation	August 3rd Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Geraldine Knatz Subject: AltaSea

Birthdays This Week - Click Name to Send a Greeting

 Freda Hinsche Otto July 20th	 C. Robert Luskin July 22nd	 Braden James Phillips July 23rd	 Danita Humphrey July 26th
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Club Leadership - Click Name to Send a Message

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