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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**

 <p><b>Wednesday, August 24</b></p> <p><b>Expanding Park Space</b></p> <p><b>Brent Dennis</b> Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine</p> <p><b>12:00 Noon - LUNCH</b> <b>12:30 - 1:30 p.m. - Program</b> <b>The Grand - Catalina Room</b></p>	
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**Brent Dennis** was appointed as the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine in July of 2020. Mr. Dennis brings over 40 years of experience in various complex park departments in city and county governments as well as non-profit agencies in the Midwest and California.

Mr. Dennis served as the Director for the City of Tucson's Parks and Recreation Department where he led the department through its first successful voter-approved bond ballot initiative known as Proposition 407 that now provides \$225 million of funding and reinvestment in 100 different city parks. During his time with the City of Tucson, Mr. Dennis oversaw the successful launch of many key initiatives such as a new Park Ranger Program and a transformative, non-toxic integrated Weed Management Program.

Mr. Dennis also served as Director of Community Services for the City of Anaheim, Assistant Director of Operations for the Golden Gate Park, Director of San Francisco Botanical Garden and Director of Conservatory of Flowers at San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department.

The Parks, Recreation and Marine Department has an annual budget of \$74 million and has a team of nearly 700 staff during summer season peak programming. Programming occurs within the City's 166 parks, 27 community centers, 3 pool facilities, 5 golf courses, 6 miles of beaches and 3 marinas. Professionally as a landscape architect with a keen eye on quality design, high maintenance standards and a commitment to community engagement, under Mr. Dennis' leadership, Long Beach parks and recreational facilities will be safe, clean and welcoming to all. That's his promise!

**Message from President #106**

By **Alfredo Velasco**



**Summer is So Fleeting**

A new Rotary year began in July and after what seems like just a few meetings, we are already facing the Fall season. Young people are getting their last beach days, college students are leaving for their respective universities, and football season is just around the corner. The seasons keep passing and the Rotary Club of Long Beach doesn't skip a beat.

Our weekly Rotary meetings, our projects, and our collective impact locally and globally effortlessly keep advancing. For the Long Beach Rotary Club, the seasonal cadence of the Fall brings consequential activities. We round out this month's meetings with our talent show led by Wayne Slavitt. An exciting line-up of Rotary Roots meeting locations are being planned for September 14<sup>th</sup>. This will be followed by a stirring speaker on Polio eradication on September 21<sup>st</sup> by my "brother from another mother", Zoot Velasco. No relation that we are aware. We have our Reading by 9 fundraiser on October 12<sup>th</sup> and most momentous, we have our 5,000<sup>th</sup> meeting being planned by Chair Randy Gordon on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

There are so many reasons to attend, engage, connect and stay involved. Keep showing up, submit your captions, take a Rotary Bear and be Rotarians, not just members.

## Write a Caption !



**WHAT** - Submit a caption for this photo

**WHEN** - by EOD Thursday August 25

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

**Top Winners will be announced at the August 31 lunch meeting**

## Welcome...

By Judy Ross



Please meet our newest Rotary Club member, **Deborah Williams**. Deborah is familiar with Rotary from her membership in the Santa Monica Club when she lived in Pacific Palisades. She now lives in Rossmoor, so the Rotary Club of Long Beach is her new "home" and we are lucky to have her as a member!

Deborah has had an amazing career as a civilian employee of the U.S. Navy. She was hired 32 years ago as a Family Support Director to start a program to help Navy families. During her long tenure, she spent time developing and directing programs all over the world that addressed a wide range of quality of life issues, including housing of families and single Navy personnel; morale, welfare and recreation; child and youth services; counseling and advocacy; and dining facilities.

Deborah is married to David and enjoys spending time with her grandkids and her daughter and son-in-law, who live close by. She also enjoys playing piano, yoga, taking walks and meeting new people. And, she's already shown she is ready to jump in and be an engaged Rotarian!! Welcome Deborah!

## Fall 2022 Rotary Roots is coming up!




By Solimar Salas

*Online Registration starts Wednesday, August 24th - be sure to check your email to sign up.*

On **Wednesday, September 14, 2022** Rotarians are invited to participate in **Rotary Roots** - there will be no general meeting at The Grand on this date. We are deeply grateful to this season's hosts:

International City Bank hosted by Janet Nelson;  
Laserfiche hosted by Chris Wacker;  
Long Beach City College hosted by Dr. Mike Muñoz;  
MemorialCare Heart and Vascular Institute at Long Beach Medical Center hosted by Cathy Wieder;  
City of Long Beach, City Prosecutor hosted by Doug Haubert;  
Red Door Living hosted by Dorian Bolick;  
and the Ronald McDonald House hosted by Cheri Bazley.

Register for any of these sites online! If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out.

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<b>MemorialCare LB Medical Center</b> Cathy Wieder	<b>City of LB, City Prosecutor</b> Doug Haubert	<b>Red Door Living</b> Dorian Bolick	<b>Ronald McDonald House</b> Cheri Bazley



## Invitation - Celebrate San Pedro Rotary 100th, a Club the RCLB sponsored in 1922!

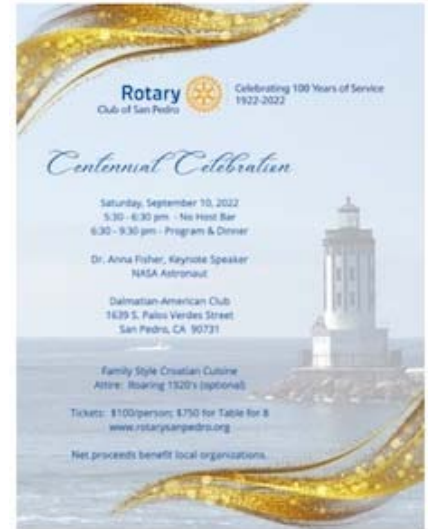
The **Rotary Club of San Pedro** is indebted to the support of the Rotary Club of Long Beach.

In 1921, the rule was that only one club could be established in a city. The Rotary Club of Los Angeles (LA5) was already in existence (*chartered 1909*), and as such, San Pedro could not have its own club.

**Through the dedication and tireless efforts of your Club members and our charter members, San Pedro was finally able to receive its own charter in August 1922.**

We are having our **centennial celebration** on **September 10** and it would be fantastic if you and members of your Club could join us!

[Click here for a larger version of the flyer](#) and consider supporting one of our sister Clubs - one WE sponsored!



## New Member Proposals

The following are being proposed as members of the Rotary Club of Long Beach. Their names are 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.

### **Jeff Levine- Executive Director, Long Beach Rescue Mission**

Proposed Classification: Non-Profit Organizations - Homeless Services  
Proposed by: RandyGordon and Greg Haeseler

### **Ramel "Rock" Lloyd - Founder & Director of Recruitment, conNEXTions, Inc.**

Proposed Classification: Education - Youth Counseling  
Proposed by: Greg Haeseler and Dennis Smith

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

August 24th  
**[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)**  
Speaker: Brent Dennis, Director, LB Parks Rec & Marine  
Subject: Expanding Park Space

August 31st  
**[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)**  
Headliners: LB Rotarians  
Subject: Talent Revue

September 7th  
**[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)**  
Speaker: Don Schwartz  
Subject: Ukraine: Insights and Reflections

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

September 13th  
**[5 O'Clock Somewhere](#)**  
Event: Monthly mixer  
Usually 2nd Tuesday/month Invitation by EVITE

September 14th  
**[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)**  
Topic: Rotary Roots  
Subject: Hosted by 7 Club Rotarians  
Online registration only Aug 24-Sep 7

September 15th  
**[Business Breakfast Roundtable](#)**  
Speaker: TBA  
Subject: For Long Beach Rotarians only

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

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



[Richard C. Dempsey](#)  
August 25th



[Christy Westphal](#)  
August 26th



[Brandon Hovard](#)  
August 28th



[Kevin M. Tiber](#)  
August 29th



[Dale C. Whitney](#)  
August 30th

## Club Leadership - Click Name to Send a Message



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[Steve M. Hockett](#)  
President-nominee



[Madrid Zimmerman](#)  
Club Executive Director  
Club Executive Secretary



[Wayne C. Slavitt](#)  
Rotary Foundation Chair

<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>August 24, 2022 Vol. 106, Issue 8</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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