



Rotary



Club of Long Beach



IMAGINE
ROTARY

Club Meeting

Long Beach
Meet at Rotarian Places of Business
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

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This Week's Program

Wednesday, September 14

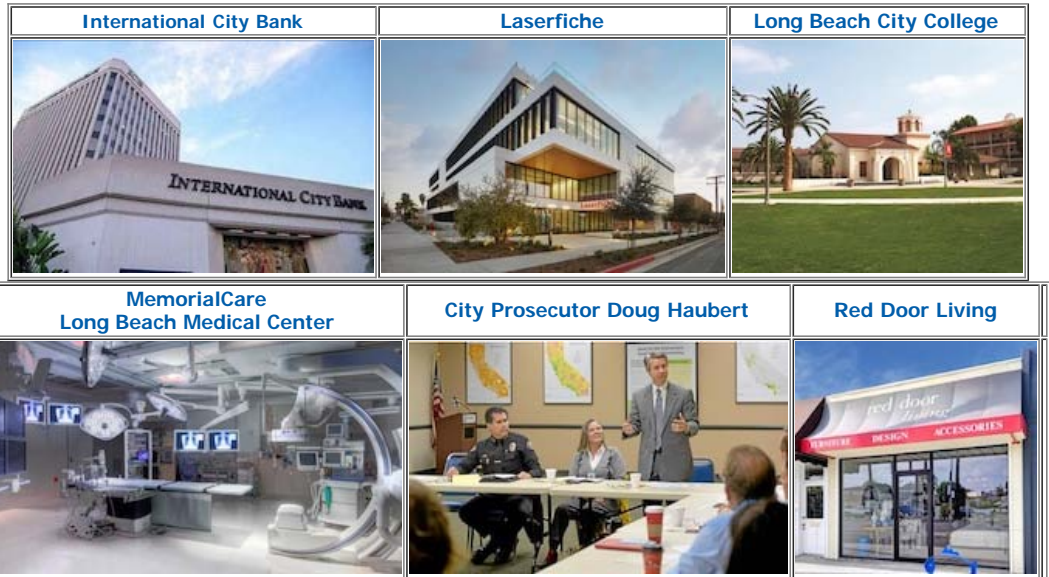
REGISTRATION IS CLOSED

ROTARY ROOTS
Hosted by Rotarians

12:00 NOON - 1:30pm at Rotarian Places of Business

Details for those who registered have been sent separately via email from Madrid
Contact Madrid for Possible Wait List

Reminder - NO Meeting at The Grand This Week



Reading by 9 Returns on October 12th for 24th Year

By Frank R. Newell



Please plan on joining us at the Rotary meeting on **OCTOBER 12th** as we raise funds for the 24th year for our **READING BY 9** Program. New Rotarians, this is always a fun and inspiring meeting as in a few minutes you will see the generosity of our members as hands go in the air and many thousands of dollars are raised to support our goal of having kids read at grade level by age 9. We are thrilled to again be "live" at The Grand as we build to our 5,000th Rotary meeting celebration two weeks later.

Last year we raised a record \$86,500 and over 120 Rotarians and guests contributed to our success. As a result of your generosity over the years we have now raised in excess of **\$880,000** and donated more than **310,000** books and ebooks to Long Beach kids, classrooms, libraries and literacy programs. Our Rotary Literacy Committee is hard at work to maximize our fundraising results and to identify programs that address the early education and literacy needs in our community. Our theme this year is "**March to a Million**" as we are working hard to maximize matching donations, increase Rotarian participation to as close to 100% as possible and try to reach **\$1 Million** in funds raised by our Club's 5,000th meeting. We realize these are lofty goals, but as we emerge from a pandemic that has adversely affected reading progress, providing books to kids (*especially lower income and at-risk kids*) and supporting early literacy endeavors is more important than ever.

Please mark your calendar and join us on **October 12th** at Rotary to be part of our 24th year of fundraising as we seek to increase last year's record and March to a Million! As the date approaches and at the meeting we will provide you with more information on the programs we will be supporting this year, matching grants, fundraising levels and how to donate if you are unable to attend on October 12th. You can be assured that your donations will continue to support our pre-school book program with the Child Development Centers, innovative Teacher and Nonprofit Literacy Grants, and other programs that are priorities with the LBUSD and those that focus on putting books in the hands of kids in underserved areas.

Thanks to all of you for your past support. We hope you will again consider a generous donation that will benefit our local pre-school kids, achieve our fundraising goals and help celebrate our Club's 5,000th meeting and long history.

Welcome...

By Gail B. Schwandner and Olivia Maiser



Welcome Debbie Thorpe

When Debbie Thorpe received her red badge from President Alfredo recently, she became our newest Rotarian; however, she is not new to many Rotarians who have worked closely with her during her decades of service to the Long Beach community. She has been a volunteer and leader in Girl Scouts (*for 30 years!*), Orange County Scottish Fest, Daughters of Scotia (*for 40 years!*), and Leadership Long Beach, among other organizations.

Debbie was on the Board of Directors of the Long Beach Day Nursery for nine years, serving as its Chair three times. When she was introduced to our Club at last week's meeting, Debbie acknowledged the importance of the Rotary Club of Long Beach in the Day Nursery's history. In her remarks, she noted that beginning in 1917, Rotarians rallied to support the Day Nursery with the Club's first community service project, raising funds to purchase land on Chestnut Avenue where the Nursery still operates.

Debbie has been a Realtor for 30 years, currently at Coldwell Banker Realty -- and for the last 15 years her daughter, Tracey, has been working with her. Debbie's husband, Jim Thorpe, is a retired General Electric aircraft engine engineer.

Rotarians who have not yet met Debbie will learn that she is a "doer" -- a talented and committed member excited to be a Rotarian. She is also looking forward to sampling our Club's many diverse volunteer opportunities. Debbie's motto may as well have been "*Service Above Self*" long before receiving her red badge with that inscription.

If you haven't met Debbie yet, don't be surprised if soon after you meet her she asks, "How can I help?"

The Rotary Club of Long Beach warmly welcomes Debbie Thorpe!

Did You Know... How We Elect RCLB Presidents?



VOTE FOR 7 MEMBERS OF THE 2022 ELECTION COMMITTEE

This Election Committee will select the 109th President of the Rotary Club of Long Beach 2025-2026

Please participate - your vote counts

WHAT TO EXPECT:

1. This week you will receive **Ballot #1** via email and postal service.
2. Please cast your vote for **ONLY 7** representatives who will select the future leadership of the RCLB.
3. Email your selection of 7 names to the Rotary office OR print your ballot, mark the 7 names, and mail to the Rotary office (*400 Oceangate, Suite 470, Long Beach, CA 90802*). Either way, ballots must be received by 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 28.

The fine print per the Bylaws:

- *The candidates on the ballot are Active members in good standing for 3+ years as of November 1, 2022.*
- *Previous year's Election Committee members are not eligible.*
- *Honorary members are ineligible to vote or to serve on the Election Committee.*
- *Any ballots received after the deadline will be disqualified.*
- *Ballots with more than 7 votes, fewer than 7 votes or more than 1 vote cast per candidate will be disqualified.*

WHAT COMES NEXT:

Following the tally of Ballot #1, you will receive **Ballot #2** via email with the 14 names with the highest votes. You will again vote for

ONLY 7, and follow the instructions that will accompany Ballot #2.

THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

Ballots will be counted by three members of the outgoing Election Committee.

The Election Committee serves for one year, Nov. 1 - Oct. 31. The most senior Past President, determined by year of presidency, shall serve as Chair. Should no Past President be elected to the Committee, the longest serving member of Rotary shall serve as Chair. The Chair may relinquish leadership to the next most qualified member. No person shall serve as Election Committee Chair more than twice in a six-year period.

Should any of the 7 elected members desire their name be included in the nominating process for President-designate, they will relinquish their position on the Committee. Any vacated position will then be filled with the Rotarian receiving the next highest votes from the membership.

The newly composed Election Committee (*7 Rotarians*), plus the President, Immediate Past President, President-elect, President-nominee and Club Administrator will meet to discuss eligible President-designate candidates and related matters. Members of the Election Committee shall not be eligible to be elected as President-designate.

The Election Committee not only selects the President-designate but also approves the proposed directors and officers of the Club for the succeeding fiscal year. Notice of the results of the election of officers and directors by the Election Committee shall not be given to the members until the RCLB annual meeting, customarily the 2nd Wednesday in December, when the President-elect announces the future Board of Directors, concluding with the announcement of the President-designate.

2021 RCLB Election Committee

Kay Cofield, Chair
Greg Haeseler
Cam Doherty Killingsworth
Matt Kinley
Frank Newell
Gail Schwandner
Wayne Slavitt

SAVE THE DATES - District Special Events!

By Dan Ouweleen, District Governor

Save The Date!



**District 5320
Foundation Dinner Gala
October 14, 2022**

Old Ranch Country Club in Seal Beach

Join your fellow Rotarians in a night to remember – an evening filled with fun and inspiration at beautiful Old Ranch CC.



Silent Auction – Jazz and
Big Band Entertainment Guest
Speakers - And More!



Each Club – Please bring invite 2-3
organizations you support in your community
that your club has helped with District or
Global Grants.

*We look forward to a great event and seeing you
there! Tickets are \$150 per person up until Sept
30th and \$175 after that. Registration is live
and accessed by going to our District Calendar
and clicking on the event link.*

Join us at District Conference 2023

May 5-7th at

The Marriott Renaissance Irvine

WHERE

TOGETHER.

We Create A Better World



Doing More Do Good

While Creating Memorable Fun Times and Fellowship

Featuring a weekend of

Good Times

Club Projects

Great Speakers

House of Friendship

Awards and Learning Opportunities

Stay tuned for more to come

District Conference 2023

Marriott Renaissance Newport



**Newly
Remodeled**

**Bring the Family and Community Partners
and
Enjoy a Fun Getaway Weekend!**

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 Bylaws. Any comments can be addressed to the President or the Executive Director of the Club during this 10-day period.

Lori Dwight - Agent, Lori Dwight State Farm Insurance

Proposed Classification: Insurance - General

Proposed by: Vali De Vries and Don Cochran

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

September 13th

5 O'Clock Somewhere

Speaker: Monthly mixer

Subject: Usually 2nd Tuesday/month
Invitation by EVITE Phil Trani's this month

September 14th

ROTARY ROOTS Lunch Program - Fall 2022

Rotary Roots - individual member hosts

September 15th

Business Breakfast Roundtable

Speaker: Juan Huizar

Subject: YouTube Business Leads 101
For Long Beach Rotarians only

September 27th

RCLB Board of Directors Meeting

September 21st

Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Zoot Velasco

Subject: 117 Years of Rotary Unabridged

September 27th

Rotarians Appreciate Wine (RAW)

Blind Taste Testing and Pot-luck Dinner

Wine selection TBA

September 28th

Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Larry Stewart

Subject: L.A. Times Sportswriter

October 8th

Centennial Park Clean-up

Birthdays This Week - Click Name to Send a Greeting



Judy Seal
September 17th



Tammy J. Newland-Shisido
September 18th



Michael L. Soutar, AIA
September 19th



Randall S. Kemner
September 19th

Tanya Adolph
September 20th



Club Leadership - Click Name to Send a Message



[Alfredo Velasco](#)
President



[Mollie Beck](#)
Assistant to the President



[Mark Guillen](#)
Assistant to the President



[Olivia Maiser](#)
Vice President



[Don Rodriguez](#)
Vice President



[Kelly Ruggirello](#)
Vice President



[Jean Bixby Smith](#)
Vice President



[Anthony J. Gales](#)
Secretary
Treasurer



[Virginia Baxter](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Sathya Chey](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Andy C. McFarland](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Nancy Zwiers](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Dana A. Buchanan](#)
Communications Director



[Rayne Sherman, FIIDA, CID, CSI](#)
Career Service Director



[Richard Gibson](#)
Club Service Director



[Tina Barry](#)
Community Service Director



[Brett Lewis](#)
Fellowship Service Director



[Freda Hinsche Otto](#)
International Service Director



[Judy Ross](#)
Membership Service Director



[Brian Camp Russell](#)
Youth Service Director



[Dennis C. Smith](#)
iPast President



[Michele A. Dobson](#)
President-elect



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



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



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

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