



## This Week's Program

Wednesday, November 6

### Annual Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Day

Rotary Scholarship Recipients  
with  
Long Beach Rotarians

The Queen Mary - Grand Salon - 2nd Floor

12:00 Noon - LUNCH

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - PROGRAM



Do not miss this annual event when Long Beach Rotarians have the opportunity to meet recipients of the Scholarship from the Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation.

There will be students at every table - a wonderful time to ask about their goals/dreams, what scholarship(s) they have, what high school did they attend and are they currently attending Long Beach City College (LBCC) OR California State University, Long Beach (CSULB).

This is a day for these extraordinary young people to meet Rotarians, the people who make these Scholarships possible. Share with them our Rotary motto, 'Service Above Self', while also inquiring re: their volunteer interests.

It is a 'feed your soul' day, guaranteed to inspire!

## New Rotarian Brings Good Fortune to Long Beach

By Natalie Hale, Co-Sponsor





I'm excited to Co-Sponsor, along with Sumer Temple, **Paul Forchione**, a new member of our Rotary Family. Pronounced "Fortune," Paul is a remarkable individual whose dedication to inspiring others makes him a perfect fit for our community.

I discovered Paul about a year ago through his motivational Facebook posts, which are filled with positivity and encouragement. This led me to his Podcast, "It's a Long Beach Thing," where he interviews local leaders, including Rotarians, showcasing his commitment to uplifting others. Intrigued, I invited Paul to lunch to learn more about his career as a Mindset and Life Coach. He focuses on helping young student-athletes, especially golfers, succeed through mindset work. His mission is to empower individuals to rewrite their stories and take control of their lives. Paul is passionate about fostering positivity, boosting self-esteem, and eliminating limiting beliefs. He extends his influence through his Facebook group, "Rewriting Your Story," and conducts workshops to enhance work culture.

Paul's journey is inspiring. Born with Cerebral Palsy, doctors initially said he would never walk. However, with his mother's support and his own determination, Paul defied the odds and now leads an active life. He graduated from Cal State Fullerton, spent five years in the mortgage business, and then embraced his calling as a Mindset Coach. Today, he shares his story with clients, helping them pursue their true dreams.

Paul is also the Vice President of the Signal Hill Chamber of Commerce, soon to be President, and has joined the Board of Governors for Long Beach City College. We are thrilled to welcome Paul Forchione to our Rotary community and look forward to the positive impact he will bring.

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## Welcome New Rotarian

By Michele A. Dobson, Co-Sponsor and RCLB President #107



It is with tremendous pleasure that I introduce you to our newest Rotarian, **Lucy Johnson**.

Lucy Johnson is from the City of Long Beach Police Department from their Fiscal Division. In addition to her work as an Administrative Analyst with the Police Department, Lucy is a longtime Collegiate Swim Coach and is known in the City of Long Beach as the utmost authority on all things water-related here in our Aquatic Capital.

Lucy will join the enduring rivalry of schools within the Club as a graduate of USC with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

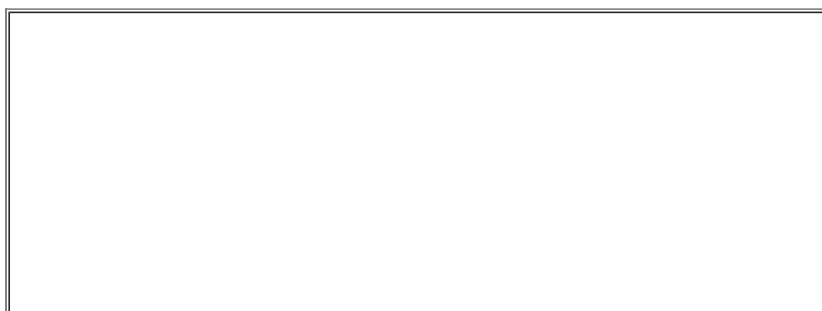
She is a Board Member of the Aquatics Capital of America and a former member of the Long Beach Century Club.

On behalf of the Membership Committee and her Co-Sponsor Natalie Hale, please Welcome Lucy Johnson to the Club.

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## Rotary Holiday 5 O'Clock Somewhere!

By Natalie Hale, Fellowship Service Director



5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE

Rotary  Club of Long Beach

# HOLIDAY WINE TASTING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12  
5PM-7PM

THE WINE COUNTRY  
2301 Redondo Ave., Signal Hill, CA

*Join us for a wine tasting mixer hosted by Wine Country Owner & Rotarian Randy Kemner. Feel free to bring a guest as it's a perfect chance for current members of Rotary Club of Long Beach to connect and for potential new members to learn more about our community.*

*Appetizers will be provided.  
Please RSVP via Evite*



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## Bikes 4 Kids Project

By Jon L. Mesko, Bikes 4 Kids Chair

We are excited to provide Bikes 4 Kids this Holiday season once again. Our high-need school of choice this year is Roosevelt Elementary, located at 1574 Linden Ave. Long Beach.



We've announced an Essay Contest to the three classes, saying that one child in each class will win a new bike. The kids will be working diligently on those essays!

The wonderful surprise is that *ALL* the kids in 3rd Grade will receive a bike! So we have some work to do . . . .

We need 40 people to help build bikes on Dec 6, and 20 volunteers to help fit the bikes and helmets on Dec 10.

### 1. **Build the bikes: Friday, Dec 6 around 6-8 pm**

- o At this event we will build 125 bikes for the give-away
- o This will take place at Roosevelt Elementary (1574 Linden Ave, LB) The bikes will be stored there over the weekend.

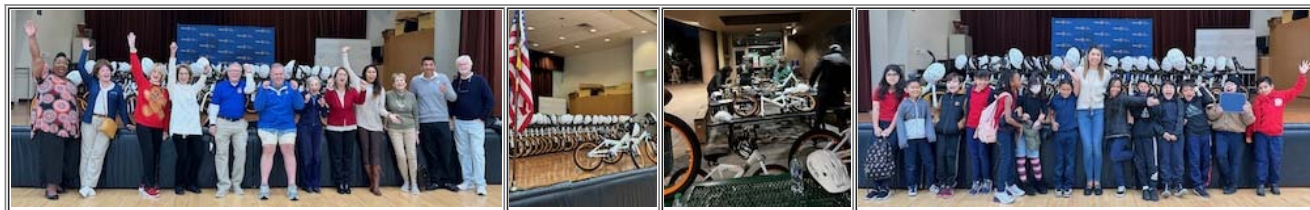


- Experts will be on hand to help with "quality control" of each bike.
  - Pizza provided!
2. **Fit the bikes and helmets: Tues, Dec 10 from 2-5 pm**
- Each child will be fitted with their bike and helmet, along with instructions for their lock.
  - A parent or guardian will need to pick up each child with their bike and sign a release form.
  - This will also take place at Roosevelt Elementary School, at afternoon "pick-up".

Please contact [Jon Mesko](mailto:jon@lbblast.org) by Dec 4<sup>th</sup> if you're interested and for which date. 562.549.1848 or [jon@lbblast.org](mailto:jon@lbblast.org)

**School Assembly to reveal the winners: Mon, Dec 9 at 9 am**

Please reach out to me with any questions, comments or concerns. Thank you, Rotarians!



## Attention Rotary Golfers

By Donald N. Serafano, RCLB President #77



We are excited to announce that Rotary Golf will resume in January 2025! Join us for a friendly round of golf each month. Regardless of your handicap or tee preference, come and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship.

To be added to the notification list, please contact:

- Don Serafano at [dserafano@gmail.com](mailto:dserafano@gmail.com)
- Mike Wilson at [wilsomik@gmail.com](mailto:wilsomik@gmail.com)

Looking forward to seeing everyone for our first outing on January 17!

Best,  
Don Serafano

### BIRTHDAYS



[Robyn Gordon-Peterson](#)  
November 8th



[Whitney Leathers](#)  
November 9th



[Rayne Sherman](#)  
November 10th



[Solimar Salas](#)  
November 12th



[Judy Ross](#)  
November 12th

### CLUB LEADERS



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## EVENTS

November 6th, 12:00-1:30 PM  
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
LB Rotary Scholarship Foundation

November 9th, 8:00-9:00 AM  
[Centennial Park Clean-up](#)

November 12th, 5:00-7:00 PM  
[5 O'Clock Somewhere](#)  
Holiday Wine Tasting  
Hosted by Randy Kemner

November 13th, 12:00-1:30 PM  
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
**Speaker:** Nate Jones  
**Subject:** USS Iowa

November 14th, 2:00-3:00 PM  
[RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club](#)

November 19th, 4:00-5:00 PM  
[RCLB Board of Directors Meeting](#)

November 20th, 12:00-1:30 PM  
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
Lions Automobilia Museum  
**Speaker Topic:** UCLA vs. USC

November 21st, 8:00-9:30 AM  
[Business Breakfast Roundtable : in person](#)  
**Topic:** Best Practices in Recruiting & Hiring

November 24th, 3:00-5:30 PM  
[Ronald McDonald House Sunday Meal](#)

November 27th, 12:00-1:30 PM  
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
**DARK for Thanksgiving Holiday**



**Rotary Club of Long Beach**  
meets every Wednesday @ 12 Noon

**THE QUEEN MARY**  
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