



**ROTARY MEANS  
FELLOWSHIP – ARTS - BUSINESS - SERVICE**

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**FABS**

**Birthdays**



Jan Hower  
June 21st



Ahmet Atahan  
June 25th



John E. Romundstad  
June 27th



Suman Naresh  
June 28th



Jack E. Hinsche  
June 30th



Jeffrey G. Wimbish  
July 3rd



Robert D. Bond  
July 3rd



Dennis C. Smith  
July 5th

**Club Leaders**



Michele A. Dobson  
President



Gail B. Schwandner  
Assistant to the President



Jean Bixby Smith  
Assistant to the President



Marcelle H. Epley  
Vice President

**THIS WEEK**

**DEMOTION**



# Say it isn't so!

**Roasting and Toasting of  
Rotary Club of Long Beach President #107, Michele Dobson**

**Presentation of Josh Owen Memorial Award**

**The Grand  
Lunch - 12 Noon  
Program - 12:30pm - 1:30pm**

**Reservation Deadline TODAY - Monday, June 17 9:00am**



## 2024-2025 Membership Dues

**If you haven't already, please contact the Rotary office  
(562-436-8181)  
to make arrangements to pay.**

**Thank you!**



**Joseph Wayne Hower PE, DEE**  
Vice President



**Debra Kahookele**  
Vice President



**Sumer A. Temple**  
Vice President



**John E. Romundstad**  
Secretary Treasurer



**Theresa Cornwell**  
Sergeant-at-Arms



**Shel-lee Davis**  
Sergeant-at-Arms



**Shelley Hanks**  
Sergeant-at-Arms



**Debbie Thorpe**  
Sergeant-at-Arms



**Denise Dahlhausen**  
CCO-Club Comm. Offr



**Rayne Sherman**  
Career Service Director



**Robyn Gordon-Peterson**  
Community Service Director



**Stephen B. Shaw**  
Club Service Director



**Lisa Finn**  
Fellowship Service Director



**Matthew L. Kinley**  
International Service Director



**Sarah Soriano**  
Membership Service Director



**Conor Kenneth Weir**  
Youth Service Director



**Alfredo Velasco**  
iPast President



**Steve M. Hockett**  
President-elect

## Presidents' Party

By Michele A. Dobson, RCLB President #107



Congratulations to Steve Hockett, President No. 108, of the Rotary Club of Long Beach. The baton and Gavel have been officially passed to President Hockett. His Board is raring to go and you are in for another fun filled year of fellowship, arts, business and service.

If you missed the Presidents' Party you missed a rare Jedi Council appearance to



install President No. 108, slides showing all this year's services provided to the Long Beach Community and the musical stylings of Higher Education, a band of California State University, Long Beach, Deans, Professors and Retired Professors. On behalf of the Rotary Club of Long Beach, we are grateful to Higher Education for donating their time and talent to making the Presidents' Party one to remember.

As our hosts, the Queen Mary provided exceptional service for the Emerald Club reception, the Party and for me, the highlight was the band joining in with our own Rotarian, Braden Phillips, and his rendition of my favorite tune, 'Mustang Sally'.

This year, we explored the City having meetings in the Ninth District on a Farm, at the Greek Church, in Cambodia Town and visiting the Queen Mary for our special events. As you may have heard, we will have the pleasure of returning home to the Queen Mary for 2024-2025, as #108 takes us back to our roots with our Wednesday meetings resuming in the Grand Salon.

Under the leadership of the Literary Committee, we served more children than ever, and Reading by 9 hit record numbers. Based upon your hard work, we also served the food insecure students at Long Beach City College and California State University, Long Beach, and we formed a connection with Cesar Chavez Elementary in downtown Long Beach as not only the site for "Bikes for Kids" but also purchasing running shoes for several children who wanted to participate in the school's running club but did not have the proper footwear.

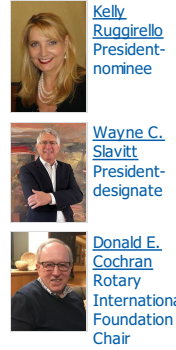
We are really proud of our participation in the Citywide events including the Belmont Shore Christmas Parade, the City's King Day Parade and the City's Cambodia Town Parade. The beauty of these events was when people would run up to us and tell us they were a Rotary Scholar, a Rotary Scholarship recipient and/or so happy to see us out in the Community. Of course, we serve because we are blessed and want to make our community a better place; however, it is wonderful when someone shares with us the impact of our service and how it changed the direction of their lives.

I know I have said it before but the Past Presidents of this Club have been invaluable this year and I appreciate the graciousness of each of you.

The year was celebratory highlighting our members who have been Long Beach Rotarians for more than 20 years (The Emerald Club), the members who integrated the Club in 1987 (Club #87) and the first four women members (The Fab Four). We celebrated Women's History Month, we donned costumes for the Holidays, and we bid Bon Voyage to our beloved Karen Wyrick as she relocated to be near her sons. Finally, we increased our presence within our District with more Long Beach Rotarians serving at the District level than ever. We were also fortunate to have the District Governor visit us three times and hold the District Conference here in our City of Long Beach. It is worth saying again, Assistants to the President, Past President Gail Schwandner and Fab Four Member Jean Bixby Smith, were magnificent helping us plan the Women's History Month Celebration and spending this year leading the charge to honor our Emerald Club Members.

I must say that my staff started clearing my Wednesdays two years ago but I did miss meetings while I was at the Large Club Conference and in Singapore for the Rotary International Convention. I want to thank Past Presidents Steve Keesal, Kay Cofield and Gail Schwandner for taking the Gavel and keeping the trains running while I was away.

Only the demotion is left next Wednesday. On behalf of the 2023-2024, Board of Directors, thank you for supporting us this year and we look forward to serving again if asked. Your support helped us to soar with the singular goal this year of making every Wednesday informative, fun, full of fellowship and making sure we increased Rotary's impact in our Community. Cheers!



## We're looking for a few great Rotarians!

You've read the exciting news that the RCLB is moving to the Queen Mary - not only for our meetings but **OUR OFFICE IS MOVING!!!**

We have 8 file drawers of Member folders - a wealth of history and information.



We are looking for groups of **3-4 Rotarians** to gather at the current Rotary Office **for 2-3 hours, go through**

**ONE DRAWER**, sort the 4 items we wish to later 'scan' for each Rotarian and trash the other items which will be shredded.

Please call a few friends, put together a team and set up a time to come to the Rotary Office to tackle ONE DRAWER. We're looking for 8 teams! Call Madrid or Jennifer (562) 436-8181 to set a time - Available dates and times:

**Rotary Office - 400 Oceangate, Suite 470, Long Beach, CA 90802**

**Anytime Between 8am - 3pm on the following days**

<b>Monday, June 24</b>	<b>Monday, July 1</b>	<b>Monday, July 8</b>	<b>Monday, July 15</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 25</b>	<b>Tuesday, July 2</b>	<b>Tuesday, July 9</b>	<b>Tuesday, July 16</b>
<b>Wednesday, June 26</b>	<b>Wednesday, July 3</b>		
<b>Thursday, June 20</b>	<b>Thursday, June 27</b>	<b>Thursday, July 11</b>	<b>Thursday, July 18</b>
<b>Friday, June 21</b>	<b>Friday, June 28</b>	<b>Friday, July 12</b>	<b>Friday, July 19</b>

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## Feeding the Future: Gift Card Food Drive for College Students June 19

By Leslie Wiberg, Chair



The Rotary Club of Long Beach has long been a champion of education in our community. We believe that every student, regardless of background, deserves the opportunity to succeed. This extends beyond the classroom walls and includes ensuring students have access to proper nutrition to fuel their academic pursuits.

That's where we step in. Our Club's Feeding the Future committee is hosting a gift card food drive to collect donations from any food-related business. These will be especially appreciated as students at Long Beach City College enter finals week and students at CSU Long Beach begin summer enrollment.

**Every contribution, big or small, will make a difference!**

Please reach out to your neighbors, friends, and co-workers and ask for **a gift card, in any amount**, from any location that provides food: Grocery Store - WalMart - Target - Sandwich Shop.

**Gift cards will be collected at the June 19 Rotary meeting.**

A \$25 gift card purchased these items at a local supermarket:



## Rotoastados

DISTRICT 5320 | ROTOASTADOS

Rotary  TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

# '24-'25 Rotoastados Officers Installation

THURS • JUNE 27, 2024 • 5PM PT

 Dan Tapia President	 Natalie Hale VP of Membership	 John Graham VP of Education	 Rachel Massari VP of Public Relations	 Henry Fung Treasurer	 Shelley Hanks Secretary	 Salvador Farfan Sergeant at Arms
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## Meeting Theme: Embracing Diversity

Join us for the Installation of the 2024-2025 Rotoastados Officers. Let's come together to honor the beauty of our differences and the strength in our unity. Please join us for an evening of inspiration, camaraderie, and celebration.



### SAGE REAL ESTATE GROUP

2734 E BROADWAY, STE 8, LONG BEACH, CA 90803

Small bites and beverages will be provided.

**SPACE IS LIMITED, PLEASE RSVP TO SECURE YOUR SPOT IN-PERSON!**




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## Clay Shooting Day Out

By Ian Patton, Event Chair

**Rotary**  Club of Long Beach

**ROTARY OUTING** *2nd Annual* **CLAY SHOOTING DAY OUT**

*For Novices (Learn to Shoot!) & Experienced!*

Saturday, July 13, 2024

9:00 AM - NOON  
Post-Shoot Lunch at NOON

LA Clays Shooting Park  
831 Rosemead Blvd.  
South El Monte, CA 91753  
(up the 605 & just off the 60 Freeway)  
[www.LAClays.com](http://www.LAClays.com)

Cost: \$50 Per Person  
(optional post-shoot lunch not included in the \$50)

For more info, call Ian Patton at (562) 810-9329 or Steve Shaw at (562) 453-5202. To join the shoot, please email Ian at [ispattonyahoo.com](mailto:ispattonyahoo.com), or let us know ideally at least a day or two before the event.


Join your Rotary friends for an exciting Saturday morning of clay target shooting, also known as clay pigeons, a sport which includes the disciplines of trap, skeet, and sporting clays (the latter being the closest simulation to live game bird hunting, with stations in naturalistic settings).

If you've never shot clay targets with a sporting shotgun before, get ready for a fun and exciting experience! It's a little like golf, but with a machine launching your target up in the air for you!

We will have shotguns, shells, and protective equipment available and two terrific instructors, Paul Rybeck and Don First.

Your \$50 includes the cost of paying our instructors, plus use of the equipment (if not bringing your own), plus one box of 25 shells (as well as 25 clays).

Afterward, we'll regroup at reserved tables at the nearby TGI Fridays for a convivial après-shoot repast!



**\* All participants will need to submit waiver forms online prior to the event by going to [www.LAClays.com/range-waivers](http://www.LAClays.com/range-waivers).**

## 5 O'Clock Somewhere

By Natalie Hale, Chair

Rotary  Club of Long Beach | Rotary  Los Alamitos, Cypress & Seal Beach

TOGETHER PRESENTS

# 5 O'clock Somewhere

## Sunset Edition

**TUESDAY, JULY 16 • 5PM**

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL EVENT WHERE TWO CLUBS COME TOGETHER TO FOSTER GOODWILL AND STRENGTHEN FRIENDSHIPS. DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET NEW FRIENDS AND FELLOW ROTARIANS!

 THE BEACH HOUSE RESTAURANT  
15 1ST ST, SEAL BEACH, CA 90740  
LOCATED AT THE TAIL END OF THE SEAL BEACH JETTY  
OFFERS A FULL BAR & A DELICIOUS COASTAL MENU

RSVP WITH NATALIE HALE 562.335.5661 OR VIA EVITE



## Rotary Club of Long Beach Gifts of Books

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Long Beach for their generous gift. Riley Elementary held their book give-away.



**Minerva Juarez**

Teacher Librarian

Long Beach Unified School District

[msjuarez@lbschools.net](mailto:msjuarez@lbschools.net)



**RILEY ELEMENTARY**

 Monday & Tuesday ALT. WED

 562.420.9595



**MCKINLEY ELEMENTARY**

 Thursday & Friday ALT. WED

 562.630.6200 ext. 2110

This is part of the Rotary Club of Long Beach's generous gifts providing a brand-new book for every student in Grades TK-3 to take home and read again and again - coordinated by our Rotary Literacy Committee! The following sites are recipients of the gifts:

Lafayette	Los Cerritos	Mann	Oropeza	Robinson	Smith	Webster
Lincoln	MacArthur	McKinley	Powell	Roosevelt	Stevenson	Whittier
Longfellow	Madison	Muir	Riley	Signal Hill	Twain	Willard





## EVENTS

June 18th, 4:00-5:15 PM

**RCLB Board of Directors Meeting**

June 18th, 6:00-8:00 PM

**Club Assembly**

For FY 2024-2025 Board of Directors

June 19th, 12:00-1:30 PM

**Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting**

Demotion of Michele Dobson  
Roasting and Toasting #107

June 20th, 6:00-7:00 PM

**RoToastados - Rotary Revealed for Toastmasters**

**Speakers:** Roy Jefferson, DG Rotary 5320 & Keith Jackson, DD Toastmasters District 1  
**Subject:** Rotary Revealed for Toastmasters

June 26th, 12:00-1:00 PM

**Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting**

DARK - No weekly meeting this week

June 27th, 5:00-7:00 PM

**RoToastados - New Officer Installation**

New Officer Installation - Hybrid Meeting  
**Subject:** Embracing Diversity

July 3rd, 12:00-1:30 PM

**Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting**

DARK - No weekly meeting this week  
Independence Day Holiday

July 10th, 12:00-1:30 PM

**Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting**

**Speaker:** Fred Claire - former Dodger GM  
1st Meeting for Steve Hockett, President #108

July 11th, 2:00-3:00 PM

**RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club**

July 13th, 9:00-12:00 PM

**Clay Shooting Day Out**

For all levels  
\$50 Optional lunch afterwards

July 16th, 5:00-7:00 PM

**5 O'Clock Somewhere**

Greet Los Alamitos/Seal Beach/Cypress Rotarians

July 17th, 12:00-1:30 PM

**Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting**

Club Program Overview

July 24th, 12:00-1:30 PM

**Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting**

**Speaker:** Paul Carter

**Subject:** Local attorney/author of "Richard Nixon: California's Native Son"

July 25th, 2:00-3:00 PM

**RoToastados - A Rotary Toastmaster Alliance Club**

July 28th, 3:00-5:30 PM

**Ronald McDonald House Sunday Meal**



**Rotary Club of Long Beach**  
meets every Wednesday @ 12 Noon  
**THE GRAND**  
**4101 E. Willow Street**  
**Long Beach, CA 90815**

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