



This Week's Program



Wednesday, August 21

"Navajo Water Project"

Anne-Marie Jones
DigDeep Chief Operating Officer

The Queen Mary
12:00 Noon - LUNCH
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - PROGRAM



Rotary Club of Long Beach: Making a Difference

This year, the Rotary Club of Long Beach hosted a community event that successfully raised \$20,000 for DigDeep's "Navajo Water Project." This initiative, led by Indigenous communities, provides an innovative solution for bringing hot and cold running water to homes without access to water or sewer lines in the Navajo Nation, covering areas in Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah.

Incredibly, more than 2 million people in the United States still live without running water or plumbing. Among them, approximately 30% of Navajo families must haul water over long distances just to meet basic needs. DigDeep addresses this critical issue by installing off-grid home water systems and delivering water directly to these families.

To learn more about the Navajo Water Project, visit [Navajo Water Project](#).

At this week's program, come hear from DigDeep's Chief Operating Officer, Anne-Marie Jones. Ms. Jones started her career in Los Angeles working with families experiencing homelessness to provide services and permanent housing. As a leader within organizations and as a consultant, Anne-Marie has had the privilege of concentrating on organizational strategy and operations; program design; and grant-making for private foundations; community-serving nonprofits; and local municipalities.

Prior to joining DigDeep, Anne-Marie served as the Chief Strategy Officer for the LA84 Foundation, focusing on youth development. She is a graduate of the University of Southern California and earned her Masters degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

President's Remarks

By Steve Hockett, RCLB President #108



I never thought in my wildest dreams that I would miss three of my first meetings. It's OK. I have a note from my Mom that I have turned in to Madrid.

Considering how bad my voice and those seated around me were, it was easy to postpone the singing part of our meeting and replace it with one of my true passions: Long Beach history. When we asked for volunteers, four great Rotarians raised their hands to make a 2-3 minute presentation to the membership. The presentations will pass the 108 test; they must be entertaining and funny. If we do any singing, I'll have to go through the Jimmy Buffett catalog and choose something.

Thanks to everyone for the well wishes. The 5-hour procedure on my spine was noted as a complete success, and aside from the infection I am battling, I am so happy to be able to stand up straight and get around with no pain.

Dr. Mundis at Scripps at Torrey Pines and his staff are truly fantastic. After my surgery, Dr. Mundis went to Brazil to teach new spinal surgery techniques.

Thanks to all of you for helping to make the Rotary Club of Long Beach the finest service club in Southern California!

Congratulations... Cochran Family Scholarship Recipient

By Lisa Ramelow, CCO-Club Communications Officer



ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION AWARDS COCHRAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

It is always so wonderful to speak with an uplifting young person. Today I got to interview the next recipient of a Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation Scholarship, and he was absolutely delightful.

The young man is named **Bastian Sáez**, and he came to the United States from Chile, just two years ago. His father had a promising job, but shortly after they arrived, the job disappeared. They were really struggling, and wondered if they should return, but because they believe deeply in prayer, they felt like God would show them the way.

Very soon after, his mother got a job at a cleaning service, and he accompanied her every day when he returned home from school, to work alongside her.

After a while, his father also found a job.

I asked Bastian what it was like to go to school without knowing any English at all. He said the students were very kind, and on group projects they encouraged him and found a way to translate back and forth.

Bastian mentioned that he loved sports, especially soccer. He wanted to be on the team, but he did not try out because he spent his hours after school helping his mother. His favorite class in school had been Forensics, and he also became completely interested in Kinesiology, the study of human body movement. He said he learned all about the body, and he hopes to one day be in a profession where he can help athletes.

After I learned all about Bastian's schooling and aspirations, I had some other questions for him. I wanted to know if it was a huge culture shock to come to the USA from Chile, what he found different or surprising.

His immediate answer was that everything here was bigger. He noticed it on the first day at Long Beach's Millikan High School. He said in Chile there was just one classroom for each grade, and all the classes were held in that same room. He also said even the malls and freeways were bigger.

I asked if it was hard to adjust to different foods. He said, no, not at all - they had plenty of burgers and fries in his home country. But he noted there is almost no "fast food" with drive-thru windows - you have to go inside, and sit down to eat.

And the biggest surprise of all, was when his family had gone into a WalMart soon after arriving. It was so big, that they got lost inside!

What a wonderful and deserving young man Bastian is; he definitely earned this scholarship. But what will propel him forward and make him into a success will be his kindness, strong work ethic, and his deep faith. I can't wait to see what he accomplishes in the future!



Marcelle Epley - Shelly Castanza (Daughter of Don Cochran) - Patricia Lepique Núñez (Mother) - Bastian Sáez Lepique - Don Cochran - Jean Bixby Smith - Amelia Sáez Lepique (Sister) - Edel Sáez Montecinos (Father) - Cam Doherty Killingsworth
David England Photography

*COCHRAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Don Cochran made a generous gift to the Foundation to fund scholarships for LBUSD high school graduates who reside in North/West Long Beach where Don and his wife, Maria, grew up. The scholarship is awarded to one (1) graduating senior planning to attend **Long Beach City College**. The scholarship is in the amount of \$1,500 (\$750 per semester). The scholarship is renewable for up to six (6) semesters at LBCC and can be transferred to CSULB in the amount of \$3,000 (\$1,500 per semester) for an additional four (4) semesters if student maintains eligibility criteria.

Rotary Connections

By Natalie Hale, Fellowship Service Director



Thursday, August 22, 2024
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

At the Home of Nancy Zwiers
5310 East Broadway, Long Beach, CA 90803

Join a community, where you will be surrounded by friends
that want to make a difference in their community, helping
others, while having "fun with a purpose".



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Please bring your
favorite beverage and
"Please bring a guest"

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via evite
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EVENTS

August 20th, 4:00-5:00 PM
[RCLB Board of Directors Meeting](#)

August 21st, 12:00-1:30 PM
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Anne-Marie Jones
Subject: Dig Deep Navajo Water Project

August 22nd, 5:00-7:00 PM
[Rotary Connections](#)
Special meeting for member prospects
Hosted by Nancy Zwiers

August 28th, 12:00-1:30 PM
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Jeff Hoffman
Topic: "From the Community to the Magic Kingdom and Back"

September 4th, 12:00-1:30 PM
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Presentation: Queen Mary Dark Harbor

September 10th, 5:00-7:00 PM
[5 O'Clock Somewhere](#)
Phil Trani's
After hours mixer

September 11th, 12:00-1:30 PM
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Jim McDonnell
Subject: Reflections on 9/11

September 14th, 8:00-9:00 AM
[Centennial Park Clean-up](#)

September 17th, 4:00-5:00 PM
[RCLB Board of Directors Meeting](#)

September 18th, 12:00-1:30 PM
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Also annual Rby9 Fundraiser

September 22nd, 3:00-5:30 PM
[Ronald McDonald House Sunday Meal](#)

September 25th, 12:00-1:30 PM
[Long Beach Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Rotary Roots
Sign up to visit individual member's place of business Details to follow



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meets every Wednesday @ 12 Noon

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