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Hello Kay. At this special time of year, I would like to extend to each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas/Happy Holiday greeting. I wish you a healthy, relaxing and spirit-filled holiday season. It is an extreme honor and privilege to serve as the president of our club. However, I could not be effective in this position without the tremendous talents and commitment of the current Board, Committee Chairs, and countless volunteers at our numerous events. I also want to thank **Karen, Meredith and Natalie** for their back-office and other critical staff support every week.

I also want to acknowledge the Past Presidents who so willingly provide their expertise and input - even when not solicited. Seriously, their experience and perspective is invaluable and appreciated.

Our club and our members continue to lead a tremendous volume of programs and efforts throughout the city, and you cannot attend any community event without running into a large contingent of fellow Rotarians. The depth and breadth of our members' civic involvement certainly does not go unnoticed by others in the community, either.

With some great programs and fellowship events scheduled for the next two quarters, and with **President-elect Greg Haeseler** and **President elect-elect Kay Cofield** already fully engaged in planning their years, we are very well positioned for the long-term.

I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year and hope that each of you can start fresh in January with at least close-to-perfect attendance and a renewed commitment to bring a guest and/or new member candidate at least once a month to our meetings. Please check out our updated website, Facebook and Twitter accounts to ensure you are fully up to date about all the great things going on in Long Beach Rotary.

And please don't forget to tune into the Rose Parade on January 2nd to see our very own **Terry Geiling** and **Brian Russell** walking alongside our Rotary International float honoring RI's decades of polio eradication efforts. There will be no meeting on Wednesday, December 28 in observance of the New Year Holiday.

Blake Christian, President

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MEETINGS



Wednesday, December 28 - DARK - no noon meeting. Enjoy the holiday season and we'll see you in the New Year.



Wednesday, January 4 - 11:15 am - Rotary 101 Class with Lew McCullough and Salvador Farfan. Please join Lew and Sal for the first offering of session #7 of Rotary 101 covering Chapters 13 and 14 in the Century of Service book, speaking about Vocational Service and Serving the World Community. Come hear about the history of Rotary International as well as the history of our own Long Beach Rotary Club. Click [[here](#)] to register



Wednesday, January 4 - 12 noon - Michael Josephson will be speaking on *The Power of One*. He is one of the nation's most sought-after and quoted ethicists. Founder and president of Josephson Institute and its CHARACTER COUNTS! Project, he has conducted programs for more than 100,000 leaders in government, business, education, sports, law enforcement, journalism, law, and the military. Mr. Josephson is also an award-winning radio commentator. Come start the New Year right by attending Rotary, invite a guest and make your reservation [[here](#)].



Wednesday, January 11 - 12 noon - Kim Valentine, attorney at law with Wilkes & McHugh, will be speaking on *Elder Abuse*. She has dedicated her career in the practice of law to advocating for the injured and infirm. Her focus is to ensure that individuals are not needlessly exposed to unnecessary harm and that safety rules and regulations are enforced and complied with to keep the public safe. She practices in the areas of elder abuse, medical malpractice, products liability, serious personal injury and government tort claims litigation. Invite a guest and make your reservation [[here](#)].

EVENTS



IN MEMORIAM: JUDY JANKOWSKI 1950 - 2011. Sadly, we have recently lost another dedicated Rotarian. Judy Jankowski passed away unexpectedly last Saturday, December 17 while recuperating from a serious fall that left her with a broken shoulder. We will all miss her bright smile, her friendly cheerful greetings, her winning positive attitude and her willingness to jump in and be a full participant in all things Rotary. She had been dealing with a serious kidney illness for the past 2 1/2 years but never let it get her down. Judy was the General Manager at KLON, which became KKJZ, when she first came to Long Beach in 1994 until Pacific Public Radio was dissolved in early 2007, when she retired. She was loved by all who came in contact with her. Her family is planning a Celebration of Life service for her on Monday, January 9 from 2 to 5 pm at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in their Cultural Center at 5761 E. Colorado St. LB



Tuesday, January 24 - 6:00 pm - 7:45 pm - Rotary Information Meeting. Join us at the home of Tammy Newland. Bring a prospective new member and come find out all the things anyone ever wanted to know about Long Beach Rotary - The Avenues of Service, community projects, Camp Enterprise, International projects, our various foundations, 5th Avenue and networking. Please RSVP to the rotary office at 562-436-8181 or make reservations online in the website [[here](#)]

LAST WEEK

If you had been there . You would have heard **President Blake Christian** open the 4,505th meeting and our Annual Rotary Holiday Party; invite **Dave Woody** to offer a prayer for the invocation; **President-elect-elect Kay Cofield** to start us in the pledge, and **Lew McCullough** to keep us all in the holiday spirit by leading us in singing *Deck the Halls*. [Ed. Note: you can hear it all [here!](#)]

You would have heard **Prez Blake** introduce Rotary First Lady and District Governor, Val and **Greg Owen**; announce this month's well-deserved Rotarian of the Month **Lisa Davis**; Blake thank his lovely wife Vicki for pouring at the Wine Tasting Bar; announce the upcoming open house at the Ronald McDonald House and give kudos to all Rotarians who helped raise \$120,000 from our club alone (especially **Past President Carl Ann Wylie** for her efforts above and beyond the call of duty); present **Michele Wilson** to remind us all of the Salvation Army Kettle Day this Friday 12/16 at the Rite Aid in Belmont Shore and heard **Sergeant-At-Arms Steve "Bullseye" Keesal** roam the room for the last time in his quarter to wish Rotarians **Phil Steuber** (12/30) and **Martin Howard** (12/9) a very happy birthday.

You would have heard **Prez. Blake** ask **Marty Kurner** to the podium to announce that the brand-new Police Foundation Calendars were on our tables and to let us know that the Long Beach Police Foundation Luncheon this year will be on January 28; recognize **Randy Gordon** for his outstanding work chairing the annual District 5320 Foundation Dinner last month and for volunteering to be the auctioneer; Blake then recognized **Mark Schneider** who was honored as one of the top 10 jewelry designers in the United States and whose work was profiled in Long Beach Magazine.

You would have heard **Vice President Steve Kuykendall**, ending his quarter as well, welcome our guests and introduce Robert Frear, Director of CSULB's Brass at the Beach Quintet. This group of young musicians entertained us with a beautiful concert of holiday classics. Happy Holidays to everyone!

by **Mark Turpin**

INTRODUCING OUR 2012-13 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



PRESIDENT - **Greg Haeseler**; PRESIDENT-ELECT-ELECT - **Kay Cofield**; IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT - **Blake Christian**; VICE PRESIDENTS - **Steve Hockett, Steve Keesal, Philip Smith, Mark Turpin**; SERGEANTS AT ARMS - **Dana Buchanan, Julie Kreisler, Sarah Nacarrato, Phil Steuber**; AVENUES OF SERVICE DIRECTORS - **Efren Baca** (CLUB SERVICE); **Don Cochran** (VOCATIONAL); **Pat Davitt** (INTERNATIONAL); **Tammy Newland** (MEMBERSHIP); **Sara Pillet** (COMMUNITY SERVICE); **Brian Russell** (NEW GENERATIONS); **Steve Shaw** (FELLOWSHIP); SECRETARY/TREASURER - **John Romundstad**; ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT - **Theresa Brunella** (not pictured). Audio Recording [[here](#)]

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Long Beach Rotarians participated again this year in the Salvation Army's annual kettle drive, ringing the bells and collecting donations from festive shoppers on Second Street in Belmont Shore. Braving a cold, windy day were **Patricia Lawrence, Natalie Herrera, Past Presidents Bob Graham and Henry Meyer, Steve Shaw, Richard Chung, Vince Attardo, President Elect-Elect Kay Cofield, Petar Sardelich, Marty Kurner, Kermit Hathcoat, Brian Russell, Steve Keesal, Greg Owen, and Tom Scott.**

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- **Dave Freeman** - 12/18 President, Advanced Computer Products (Computers-Retail)
 - **Dick Gammon** - 12/19 Retired (Foundry-Steel)
 - **Tony Chi** - 12/20 Tony T. Chi, DMD (Dentistry-Oral Sugery)
 - **Mitch Dion** - 12/22 Retired (Oil & Gas Industry-Lubricants-Industrial-Oil Field)
 - **Tom Bennett** - 12/25 CEO, Tom's Tire Performance Center (Tires-Retail)
 - **Phil Steuber** - 12/30 Managing Partner, Alta Office Services (Coffee Service)
 - **Rich Wagner** - 12/30 Wagner Palmer, PC (Attorney at Law-General Practice)
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