

# ROTARYGRAM

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*[This Week's Lunch Program - December 11, 2019](#)*



## **The Great Reveal: FY 2020-21 Board of Directors and President #106**

**Matt Kinley**

### **DON'T MISS PRESIDENT-ELECT MATT'S PRESENTATION OF THE 2020-21 BOARD AND PRES.106!**

Come to this highly-attended, special day on our Rotary calendar, the day of the **REVEAL!**

Here are three reasons you should come:

1. The REVEAL is highlighted by the announcement of your 2020/2021 Board of Directors.
2. The REVEAL is the only place where you can witness the unveiling of President #106, our President for 2022-2023!
3. The REVEAL will spotlight the heroes among us, and will answer the question of who is answering the call to serve on the Service Above Self League!

## Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, Dec 11, 2019 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Meeting  
President-elect Matt Kinley Board Reveal and Announcement of President #106  
Queen Mary, Grand Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802)
- Saturday, Dec 14, 2019 - 8:00am-9:00am - Centennial Park Clean-up (2nd Saturday/month)  
Park entrance on E. Pacific Coast Hwy. (near Junipero)  
Contact: Robyn Gordon-Peterson
- Wednesday, Dec 18, 2019 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Meeting  
Holiday Lunch includes the Clash of the Carolers and Gift Exchange (\$10 value)  
**RSVP deadline: December 11 -- this is not a buffet --- accurate headcount for exact plates needed**  
Queen Mary, Queens Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802)
- Wednesday, Dec 25, 2019 - DARK, no lunch (Christmas Holiday)
- Wednesday, Jan 1, 2019 - DARK no lunch (New Year's Day Holiday)

Next Rotary lunch  
meeting -  
Wednesday -  
December 18 -

## Holiday Lunch - Queens Salon

Program starts at 12 noon



You're Never Heard Holiday Music Like This Before!  
Clash of the Carolers will be featured at the Rotary Holiday Lunch next week. **Sign up by December 11** to celebrate the holidays at the annual Rotary Holiday Lunch--this year scheduled for December 18. As this is a plated, served meal ---and not a buffet -- **we need an accurate headcount to order the short ribs.** Enjoy the fellowship with Rotarians and guests in the beautiful Queens Salon. Participate in the Gift Exchange (\$10 value). And rise to the challenge of the Clash of the Carolers.

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### **This Week's Birthdays**

Dec 10 - **Mike Walter** (CSULB, CSULB - Business)

Dec 14 - **Mark Kachigan** (Pabst, Kinney & Assoc., Real Estate - Residential Income & Investment)

Dec 17 - **Conor Weir** (Retirement Benefits Group, Financial - 401K)



### **President's Message**

I have to admit, I was skeptical. So skeptical in fact that my budget did not include anything for the Belmont Shore Christmas Parade. But Lydia Vincenty-Lowell convinced me that the parade was important and in fact, so important that she even obtained financial backing from Matt Kinley, Greg Haeseler and Lance Kenyon. The moral of the story....always work with people who are smarter than you!

This year's parade was a HUGE success. In no small part because Lydia also took pains to make our group look more cohesive so Rotary looked like more than just "another rag-tag group" in the parade. She designed and funded signs for Rotarians to carry that said things like "Bringing Water to Mozambique", "\$300,000 donated to LB Library", "280 Members Strong" and more. PERFECT because....then the Rotary Magic happened. A woman came up to me and asked "are you still

Plan Advisor)

Dec 20 - **Tony Chi** (Tony T. Chi, DMD, Dentistry - Oral Surgery)

Dec 21 - **Laura Doyle** (LB Dept. of Public Works, Government - Municipal - Public Works)

Dec 24 - **Jeremy Harris** (LB Area Chamber of Commerce, Associations - Chamber of Commerce)

Dec 25 - **Joyoti Banerji** (Great Culture to Innovate, Consultant - Human Resources & Management)

### [Operation Santa Claus](#)

Here's your chance to "adopt" a family for Christmas. If you'd like to shop for a gift for each family member and perhaps a meal gift card, contact Gabrielle Canale at [gabrielle@raindancelongbeach.com](mailto:gabrielle@raindancelongbeach.com). The Millikan Interact Club is also available to shop for those who prefer avoiding the Christmas mall crowd.



### [Youth Exchange??](#)

accepting donations?" She read one of our signs and handed me five \$1 bills asking that it go to "Reading by 9-Reading to Elementary School Kids". Then, another random act of Rotary Magic occurred...Leslie Davis asked if we had more Blue Santa Hats (another Lydia idea to create cohesiveness) as a student in a nearby band was the only one without a blue hat. Leslie gave her own hat to the student. Rotary Magic is real.

A big shout out to the good sports for last week's inaugural **Rapid Fire Recognitions**. Lisa Ramelow, Bond Nichols, Steve Finch, Kay Cofield, Steve Hockett, Dennis Smith and Joyoti Banerji wrote checks their hearts can cash made payable to the LB Rotary Charitable Foundation in a fun new format suitable for certain recognitions. And Mark Guillen...well, we're still looking for him and when we find him.....

Recently, Leslie Wiberg graciously participated in a little known event called "Youth Mentoring Committee Pilot Program". Leslie spoke on behalf of Rotary to Millikan High School students last week about credit cards. Talk about information teenagers should know! Thanks, Leslie!

Have you considered a "Short Term Youth Exchange" for your son, daughter or grandkids!? We have awesome options for youth to consider and possibly become an ambassador from SoCal. Rotary offers a fabulous opportunity to try a short-term homestay, family-to-family!

The Rotary Youth Exchange program is open to students ages 15-19. To qualify, applicants should be above-average students who have demonstrated leadership in our community. Long Beach Rotary can help complete a written application and in-person interview. See Dee Wood for more information.



Youth Exchange Claudia from Italy and Kinsey Wood with Host Dee Wood

### [New Member Introductions](#)

Two new members were introduced last week to LB Rotary.

This week is bittersweet for me. It signals the mid-way point of my Presidency. But the good news is that Matt Kinley introduces us to his BoD and reveals the name of President #106! Best kept secret in town.

*Mollie B. #103*



Even with Leif Hertzog's corrective surgery, the US Coast Guard missed their chance to recruit **Josh Rand**. So he turned his attention to Morgan Stanley working with father Ron. Josh is especially interested in literacy/education and relaxes on the green with golf. His sponsors are Ron Rand and Greg Burnight. **Don Burdge** tried to retire. But even joining the audience at The Voice or Transpace sailing just isn't enough. Besides working with Vistage as an executive coach, Don records his weekly podcast, *My Company Story* for business owners aboard his yacht. His sponsors are Mark Kachigan, Bob Luskin, and Steve Shaw.



Rotary Club of Long Beach usually meets every Wednesday  
at 12:00 noon on the Queen Mary (1126 Queens Hwy., Long Beach, CA 90802)  
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