

## **Community News**

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## **Rotary Club Welcomes Incoming President**

On July 8, The Rotary Club of Long Beach kicked off its 2020-2021 year by welcoming Matt Kinley as its 104th president. To comply with current restrictions on gatherings, the meeting was held in cyberspace – by video conferencing.

"Rotary is an organization that embraces the wisdom of reinvention," said Kinley in his first message to Club members as he announced the theme of his presidential year, "Reimagining Rotary."

"We had been planning some exciting new meeting format changes, and COVID-19 stepped up our timetable," said Kinley. "Even before the pandemic, we had been considering hybrid meetings, a combination of in-person and virtual streaming to accommodate members who couldn't attend our weekly meetings on the Queen Mary. Whenever social distancing restrictions are lifted, we will continue to offer the choice of virtual attendance at face-to-face meetings."

The club has a 103-year history of helping the local community, and Kinley plans to continue that legacy with giving and service projects for the immediate needs of the Long Beach community.

Kinley emphasizes that Rotary's mission and goals remain steadfast, and members of the Rotary Club of Long Beach will continue to serve their community and stay true to Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self."