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Rotary Club of Long Beach Announces 2021-2022 Board of Directors

Michele A. Dobson to be Rotary Club President in 2023-2024

Long Beach, CA -- At the December 9th weekly virtual meeting of the Rotary Club of Long Beach, President Matt Kinley turned the meeting over to Dennis C. Smith, co-owner of Stratis Financial. Smith will begin his term as the Club's president in June 2021, and he announced his Board of Directors to his fellow Rotarians:

- Secretary/ Treasurer: Tony Gales
- Assistants to the President: Dana Buchanan & Michele Dobson
- Vice Presidents: Nel Varenas, Dorian Bolick, Dan Lipton, Robyn Gordon-Peterson
- Sergeants at Arms: Gaia Valentino, Aaron Blackburn, Brett Lewis, Greg Burnight
- Club Service: Rich Gibson
- Career Service: Henry Fung
- International Service: Freda Hinsche Otto
- Membership Service: Lisa Hain
- Community Service: Tina Barry
- Fellowship Service: Steve Hockett
- Youth Service: Lisa Finn

As he announced the 2021-2022 leadership, Smith said, "These Board members will join me as we continue to serve our community, just as Long Beach Rotarians have since 1917, volunteering our time and resources to create a better Long Beach."

As is traditional during the annual "Board Reveal", a future president-designee is announced. Smith announced that Long Beach attorney Michele Dobson will become president in 2023-2024. Dobson will be the 107th to hold that position in the Rotary Club of Long Beach.

Dobson's term will follow YMCA President and CEO Alfredo Velasco, who will serve as president in 2022-2023, after Dennis Smith's term.

"The Rotary Club of Long Beach elects our presidents well in advance of their service year," said current President Matt Kinley, "Knowing who our leaders will be for the next three years benefits a Club of our size by giving us the continuity of a strong bench. With Dennis Smith, Alfredo Velasco, and Michele

Dobson in our presidential line-up, our Club can effectively plan and coordinate future community projects.”

The Rotary Club of Long Beach is the oldest service club in Long Beach, the largest Rotary Club in Rotary District 5320, and among the top 50 in the world. The Rotary Club of Long Beach is comprised of approximately 275 Long Beach community leaders.

Photos attached:

Dennis C. Smith, President-elect of the Rotary Club of Long Beach 2021-2022

Michele A. Dobson President-designee of the Rotary Club of Long Beach 2023-2024

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