



The Breeze

Rotary Club of Laguna Beach

District 5320

May/June 2022

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President's Message

Hello Rotarians! Wow, it is hard to believe I only have two months left of my presidency. This has been an incredible year. Thank you to my Board and fellow Rotarians for making it such a fun year. May 1st is here, and we are so excited to be hosting our annual LBHS and LCAD scholarship fundraiser, Grapes for Grads®. We love seeing our city come together tasting the best wines, eating good food with good company, and all for a great cause. Shout out to Jeff Redeker and his team for coordinating the biggest Grapes for Grads® in 15 years!

I would like to look back and recap all the amazing achievements from this year so far. In November we celebrated our 90th anniversary as Laguna Beach Rotary Club. At the beginning of my presidency, we had 61 members and now we proudly have 65 Rotarians. Because of our amazing members, the Food Pantry donation drive raised \$4,200 and the Guatemala Literacy Project surpassed it's \$1,200 goal and raised \$3,000. Thank you to Peter Freeman (Food Pantry drive) and Kati Moss (Guatemala Literacy project) for heading these wonderful campaigns. We proudly marched at the Patriots Parade and enjoyed our community and highlighting our community fundraisers.

Thank you to Ward Blackburn for creating our club's "Breeze" to share with our members. Thank you to my Board for believing in me and making my presidency a successful one. I could not have done it without all of you. Thank you to all the members that joined us in our meetings every Friday. We are looking forward to our new incoming **President Ed Gould** who will take us to the next level!



*Grapes for
Grads
Special Feature*



BIRTHDAYS

May

- Nick Clark - 4
- Katy Moss - 10
- Rick Cirelli - 17
- Dick Maxwell - 26
- Ted Alvarez - 28
- Jerry Tankersley - 31

June

- Bob Ward - 16
- Gail Duncan - 21
- Tom Alvarez - 22
- Jan Herkelrath - 22



When and what brought you to Laguna?

I first learned about Laguna from the grandparents of my best friend Carol. They had an antique shop in Sausalito and good friends in antiques in Laguna. Carol and I drove cross country from Baltimore with them in their camper and relocated to San Francisco in 1965. I lived and worked in SF at PAC TEL till 1971 when I transferred to ATT in NYC and then New Jersey. Whenever my travels took me to SOCAL, I would fly into John Wayne, hotel in Laguna and commute to my business meetings.

In 1986 Rockwell made me an offer I couldn't refuse: the plant was in Newport Beach which meant I could live in Laguna Beach. And, I have been here ever since!



What motivated you to join Rotary?

Gil Thibault and Bruce Willis invited me to lunch (I think Harry Bithell was involved?) The Four Way Test of what we say and do expressed well my own beliefs and actions. And the mission of using my business skills to benefit the community both locally and internationally.

What have you gained from Rotary?

Good friends and trustworthy business relationships. A great break for lunch to refresh in the middle of a demanding (often hectic) day.

What are some of your other community interests?

Dance: SCFTA, NCI National Choreographers Initiative, Laguna Dance Festival, Wooden Floor, Festival Ballet, Susi Q, etc.

Veterans: American Legion Auxiliary, National Veterans Creative Arts Festival and NRA.

Arts: LOCA, CAP, LAM, Laguna Playhouse Youth, Beach walking & Bobbi Cox Realty.

New Member Profile



Please welcome our newest member, **Adrian Lynn**. Adrian and his parents emigrated to this country from Burma. He is a Laguna resident, has a degree in Finance from Chapman University and works as a Realtor for Sotheby's International.



New Dining Buffet!



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ROTARY PROGRAMS

5/6/22 Mike Garcia - L.B. Fire Chief
 5/13/22 Interact Club
 5/20/22 Katy Moss
 5/27/22 DARK - Memorial Day Weekend
 6/3/22 Ken Sadler - Planning Commission
 6/10/22 Louis Weil - Design & Review Board
 6/17/22 TBA
 6/24/22 Demotion/Installation



ROTARY DUTIES



DATE	GREETER 1	GREETER 2	BADGES	CASH	TICKETS	INSPIRATION	PLEDGE	FINE MASTER	BIRTHDAY CAKE
5/6/2022	Udo Stoeckmann	Jay Andrus	Tom Alvarez	Michael Cook	Gail Duncan	John Campbell	Keith Matassa	John Nootbaar	
5/13/2022	Angela Shipp	Sharon Plumley	Bobbi Cox	Ed Gould	Andy Turner	Rene Williams	Michael Laux	Peter Freeman	Rick Cirelli
5/20/2022	Adrian Lynn	Kerri Redeker	Jeff Redeker	Katy Moss	Michael Mahoney	Ward Blackburn	Pam Estes	Stan Carmichael	
5/27/2022	DARK	DARK	DARK	DARK	DARK	DARK	DARK	DARK	Memorial Day
6/3/2022	Michael Laux	Sharon Plumley	Jeff Redeker	Wayne Stroscher	Imer Bauta	Ted Alvarez	Harry Bithell	Rod Hatter	
6/10/2022	Adrian Lynn	James Tehranchian	Kerri Redeker	Tom Alvarez	Michael Cook	Gail Duncan	David Cler	Diana Cimino	Udo Stoeckmann
6/17/2022	Tory Thomas	John Nootbar	Jay Andrus	Bobbi Cox	Adrian Lynn	Sharon Plumley	Ed Storke	Rick Cirelli	
6/24/2022	Rene Williams	Jeff Redeker	John Campbell	Sharon Plumley	Noel Johnson	Lynn Gregory	Stan Carmichael	Keith Matassa	

Please bring small bills for your luncheon, exact change is appreciated.

"Service Above Self"





Birthdays

Grapes for Grads

2022

Wine
WITH
Friends
IS CHEAPER
THAN
Therapy
Life is Grape!

Grapes for Grads

Rotarians at Work





The Grapes for Grads committee sincerely thanks all Rotarians and volunteers for going the extra mile to make this one of the best events ever! Your feedback is welcomed!