



## Rotary Club of Laguna Beach

Since 1931

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## Let the Good Times Roll!

*from President Tory Thomas*

I have to admit that this message has been one of the most difficult messages for me to write so far. Since it is my final message to you, I was hoping it would be a lasting one. I was thinking of maybe using a title from a classic song to summarize the past year. At first, the title was going to be Thanks for the Memories and I was going to thank everyone responsible for making my year as your president so special for me and my family. However, I think I've already covered most of this in my last 11 monthly messages. Then, I thought maybe I would go with the title We've Only Just Begun and speak about building on this year's accomplishments and how much I am looking forward to being an active part of the future successes of our club under the leadership of Rick Lang and then Linda Saville. Yet, I think it is more appropriate for me to leave that message for the July Breeze. Since I'm not writing any more messages after this one (Thank God!), I've decided to focus my final message on both my gratitude for the past and my excitement for the future.

I am so grateful that I have had the opportunity to serve our club as president. Thank you! If you are ever given the same opportunity, I would strongly recommend taking it. Being president of the Laguna Beach Rotary Club has been one of the most positive experiences in my life, one that I hope to do all over again some day (of course, after the kids are out of the house). It is an experience that will continue to shape my Rotary life forever. This year has given me a broader understanding of, and a deeper appreciation for, the uniqueness of Rotary International and the uniqueness of each one of you. I feel very fortunate that I have had the opportunity to get to know each of you on a more personal level. The friendships that have rapidly developed throughout this year are priceless to me. As for Rotary International, the message of Rotary's significant global influence based on the spirit of service and the common goal of improving the human condi-

tion has been delivered to me many times over the years from my good friend, Rick Lang. Yet, I guess I had to experience it first hand as president to finally understand the full scope of it.



What makes me really excited about next year is that Rick Lang will be our president, not because that means I won't be, but because he will be. I have had the privilege of working with Rick on many different committees over the last decade or so, and this year has definitely been my personal favorite. He is the original reason I joined Rotary back in 2001, so you can probably imagine what an honor it has been working side by side with him as my President-Elect. Over the years, I have become an expert witness to the capabilities and the big heart of Rick Lang. His passion for service and his love for Rotary are always on display for everyone to see, so much so that it made me curious enough to ask him if I could come to a meeting to see for myself. Therefore, I think I have a pretty good idea of what we can expect for our club next year, under Rick's leadership. Let's just say that our club is in for a great year of service, which is what Rotary is all about. That's exactly what Rick has been preaching to me since day one.

So, if I may, I would like to end my final message to the club with some words for Rick Lang, to let him know a little something about what being president of the Laguna Beach Rotary Club is all about. When I pass the gavel to you at your Installation Dinner on Friday, June 26th, I will not only be passing on the responsibility and oversight of our great club, but I will also be passing on a blessing, a blessing from our club which will provide you with good times beyond your expectations. Once your Rotary year begins, take full advantage of every opportunity to enjoy these good times, as your year will certainly pass as quickly as it arrived. Good luck, my friend, know you'll be great!

### Mark your Calendars

**October 18**  
6th Annual  
Classic Car Show

**Programs**

- June 5** "May Day Tugs of War"  
*Robin Williams, film producer*
- June 12** **Craft Talks**  
*Our best and brightest*
- June 19** **DEMOTION**  
*The usual suspects*
- June 26** **INSTALLATION (TBA)**

**BIRTHDAYS**



**June**

- Marv Drew - 6**
- Jan Herkelrath - 22**
- Dick Loomis - 26**
- Jack Schirm - 1**
- Bob Ward - 16**



**6th Annual  
Classic Car Show Poster  
by  
Tom Swimm**



**June 5**  
Invocation: Kellogg  
\*Greeter 1: Norton  
\*Greeter 2: Judy  
Tickets: Nootbaar  
Cash: Johnson, N  
Badges: Navarro

**June 12**  
Invocation: Andrus  
\*Greeter 1: Shevlin  
\*Greeter 2: Alvarez  
Tickets: Finley  
Cash: Bithell  
Badges: Gillebaard

**June 19**  
Invocation: Campbell  
\*Greeter 1: Heller  
\*Greeter 2: Cheves  
**CAKE\*** Drew  
Tickets: Herkelrath  
Cash: Johnson, C  
Badges: Cler

**June 26** **Installation**  
**Details TBA**

**July 3** **DARK**

**July 10**  
Invocation: Cox, J  
\*Greeter 1: Estes  
\*Greeter 2: Maxwell, H

**CAKE\*** Maxwells, H&P  
Tickets: Finley  
Cash: Maxwell, P  
Badges: Hecht

**July 17**  
Invocation: May  
\*Greeter 1: Herkelrath  
\*Greeter 2: Montonna  
Tickets: Johnson, C  
Cash: Maxwell, D  
Badges: Johnson, N

**July 24**  
Invocation: Navarro  
\*Greeter 1: Judy  
\*Greeter 2: Nootbaar  
Tickets: Kellogg  
Cash: Norton  
Badges: Kreder

**July 31**  
Invocation: Johnson, C  
\*Greeter 1: Lange  
\*Greeter 2: Parrish  
Tickets: Lawler  
Cash: Polzin  
Badges: Loomis



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Please change Rick Lang's email address to:  
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