



LEADERSHIP  
LONG BEACH

# CONNECTIONS

## Peter Bostic Appointed New Executive Director of Leadership Long Beach

Peter Bostic, former executive director of the Long Beach Public Library Foundation, has been appointed executive director of Leadership Long Beach (LLB).

Bostic, who has had a distinguished career in non-profit management dating back to the early 1980s, began his new position on February 4, 2008. Bostic worked for the Los Angeles, San Francisco and Orange County YMCAs for more than 20 years administering youth and adult physical education programs, licensed childcare, employment, and camping programs.

"It has always been the mission of Leadership Long Beach to develop and connect principled leaders to strengthen the community. My experience has taught me that everyone has leadership potential and the main skills required for dynamic leadership can be learned," Bostic said. "I will work with the LLB board to enhance the leadership curriculum of our core program for current leaders, and to study the feasibility of developing a K-12 leadership curriculum so that our entire community will grow up equipped with effective leadership skills in communication, cooperation, respect, teamwork and problem solving."

"Peter has the right combination of leadership skills to move Leadership Long Beach into its third decade," said Colleen Bentley, LLB president and the director of special projects for the California State University Office of the Chancellor. "He knows Long Beach, has a passion for the work of non-profits, and has a vision for LLB's future that will strengthen the organization's core programs while expanding our reach into new areas."

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## About Leadership Long Beach

### Our Mission

Develop and connect principled leaders to strengthen the community

### Our Vision

A strengthened community through principled leadership

Leaders for a stronger community

## Bostic Appointed LLB Executive Director

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Leadership Long Beach has already moved into a different direction by accepting a grant from the Long Beach Community Foundation and the Knight Foundation to help connect the neighborhoods, businesses, schools and non-profits along the Atlantic Corridor into a cohesive group that will transform the area that LLB has designated as the "Connected Corridor." (See page 6.)

"A great city is made up of engaged neighborhoods united behind a common mission to improve the quality of life for all. The Atlantic Corridor project is an exciting example of how Leadership Long Beach is engaging local communities to partner with leaders in education, technology, the arts, employment, and business about the future of this city. I am most happy with this new position because it's about transforming the City of Long Beach through local neighborhood engagement. I am committed to generating additional resources toward that end," Bostic said.

More than 50 applications were received for the position, and the LLB search committee selected Bostic after a series of interviews with several finalists.

Search committee members were Chair Denny Moore, and members Colleen Bentley, Carl Kemp, Jim Goodin and Margaret Brewer. Two members of LLB's executive committee, CJ Harmatz and Carolyn Smith Watts, also participated in the process.

Bostic was hired by the Rancho Santiago Community College District to re-activate the Santa Ana College Foundation in 1998. He increased the college's assets to more than \$4 million in six years. He led several successful campaigns for the college including the renovation of the Phillips Hall Theatre and a multi-million dollar campaign to renovate the Tessmann Planetarium. College President Dr. Rita Cepeda named him "Manager of the Year" in 2002.

Born in New York, Bostic came to Los Angeles with his family when he was four years old. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Bostic and his wife, Hiedy, reside in Long Beach with their daughter, Ashleigh. Ashleigh, a National Merit Scholar, is a junior at Wilson High School in Long Beach. Their son Anthony, a new father, lives in North Long Beach.

## Leadership Long Beach Offers Program for Executives

Since 1995, Leadership Long Beach has offered a "quick" training program for busy executives in the Long Beach area. The Executive Quick Start (EQS) program will be offered again in March 2008.

Limited space is still available. The application deadline is February 29.

EQS provides opportunities for men and women to learn about the community and hear from and interact with leaders in business, education, the arts and associations.

The EQS program is conducted on four Wednesday evenings in March – the 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 8. It is an intense, four-part series of

interactive presentations that also includes a city-wide bus tour.

Participants will gain knowledge of the city in four weeks that might otherwise take years to learn. Plus, contacts are made with community leaders.

The cost for the program is \$1,500 per person. To apply, please call Leadership Long Beach at (562) 997-9194 or email Executive Director Peter Bostic at [p.bostic@leadershiplb.org](mailto:p.bostic@leadershiplb.org) or Program Director Michelle Friesen at [m.friesen@leadershiplb.org](mailto:m.friesen@leadershiplb.org).

A brochure explaining more about the program is available on the Leadership Long Beach website at [www.leadershiplb.org](http://www.leadershiplb.org).

## President's Message

Colleen Bentley (LLB '93)



To use the hot word from the current political campaigns, it is all about *change*. I have used that word in each of my previous columns, and will continue to use it as it illustrates what Leadership Long Beach is experiencing. We have a new Executive Director, Peter Bostic, who we feature on the front page of this newsletter

and who has penned a column on page 4. Peter promises to move us forward as we approach our 20<sup>th</sup> year. It will be an exciting journey, so stay tuned and stay involved (but don't play pool with him because he will beat you!).

Thank you to Denny Moore, who headed the search committee, for the extraordinary time and talent he gave to LLB. And thank you to the committee members: Margaret Brewer, Jim Goodin, and Carl Kemp. And thanks also to Executive Committee members CJ Harmatz and Carolyn Smith Watts who participated fully in the search. What a team!

Also in this issue is a column from our outgoing interim Executive Director Margaret Brewer who has served in that position for the past four months. I want to applaud Margaret – actually give her a standing ovation – for what she has done in that capacity. She stepped in and went to work immediately. It was supposed to be a part-time job, but she gave us more hours than you can imagine. She tackled the finances, wrote important grants and spoke eloquently and passionately about our organization always. She helped immensely with the “Connected Corridor” project, and she will continue in that role on the steering committee. LLB is lucky to have committed alumni members like Margaret (from the best class of 1993!) who recognize what they received from LLB and know the importance of giving back. Thank you, Margaret, for all you continue to do for Leadership Long Beach.

When I became president in July of 2007, I said to the board at our retreat that I wanted to focus on two issues – getting our organization back out favorably in the public arena, and reviewing the curriculum. Both

are on their way to being accomplished, and I just want to thank the small group who has been meeting to look at the curriculum: Kim Armstrong, Scott Marshall, Sandy Mayuga, Dennis Smith, Carolyn Smith Watts and Christina Winting. Serious minded, but with a bit of humor too (don't get them started on politics – it will never end!), they carefully have developed a set of recommendations that will be brought to the board for discussion. Their goal has been from the beginning: make the time and experience better for our class members and our community. I am proud to be associated with their vision, character and dedication – thank you in advance for what you continue to do for Leadership Long Beach.

As you can read on page 6 of this newsletter, LLB is continuing its work on the Connected Corridor, [www.connectedcorridor.org](http://www.connectedcorridor.org). This exciting project is part of the way LLB is reaching out into the community. Our project director, Carina Cristiano Leoni, has more energy than any person I believe I have ever met. She is out in the North Long Beach community (the first focus of the project) on a daily/nightly basis listening to what residents, businesses, schools, grassroots organizations, non-profits, etc., say they need to “connect” to each other and make theirs a better community. It is exciting to see what can be done when an organization has enough faith in itself to step out of its traditional way of doing things but continues to adhere to its mission of developing principled leaders – we are doing that along Atlantic Avenue. We help, and they in turn make a difference in their neighborhoods. Thanks again to the steering committee: Margaret Brewer, Carina Cristiano Leoni, Anitra Dempsey, Jerry Miller, and Antonio Ruiz. It is a pleasure working with you.

Let me end by saying that there are many exciting events and issues in the near future – Putt-Putt on Pine returns on May 8, and on June 16 at CSULB the Class of 2008 will graduate and we will celebrate our alumnus of the year. And another fireside chat is in the works. So as I said at the beginning of this message: stay tuned and stay involved – we will all be better for it. Cheers.

*Colleen Bentley*

## Executive Director's Message

Peter F. Bostic



I could not have picked a better day to begin my tenure as executive director of Leadership Long Beach. February 4<sup>th</sup> marked the day when this year's class met on the topic of Arts, Entertainment and Tourism in Long Beach. Facilitated by David Ashman, manager of Special Events and Filming for the City of Long Beach, and Aaron Moore, associate director

of Alumni Relations for CSULB, we were all enriched by the presentations made by Al Williams, founder of the Long Beach Jazz Festival; Chris Pook, executive director of Sea Festival; Jack Fishman, executive director of the Long Beach Symphony; and Paul Garman, executive director of Musical Theatre West, just to name a few.

Leadership Long Beach (LLB) has been educating and motivating leaders for the last nineteen years. As a result, our City is filled with passionate and informed community leaders dedicated to making Long Beach the best city in the world to live, work and play.

Among the many things I shared during my interview process regarding my vision for the future of LLB is that leadership can be taught. I intend to build on the legacy of LLB by incorporating leadership curriculum starting as early as the elementary school level. In doing so our youth will grow up with the same passion and dedication for improving this city as our adult gradu-

ates have. I will be calling on the alumni of LLB to consider staying involved with us by mentoring middle school youth as we reinforce leadership principles through a wide variety of experiences that bring effective leadership to life. I envision our entire community growing up equipped with effective leadership skills in communication, cooperation, respect, teamwork and problem solving.

Working with the board, I hope to roll out an additional component of LLB that embraces the rich tapestry of religions, ages and ethnicities in our city. We could offer development opportunities for small and large businesses on such subjects such as "The New Diversity, Teaching Tolerance and Multi-Culturalism."

A great city is made up of engaged neighborhoods united behind a common mission to improve the quality of life for all. The Atlantic Corridor "Connected Corridor" project is an exciting example of how LLB today is engaging local communities in dialogue and partnership with leaders in education, technology, the arts, employment, and business about the future of this city.

Don't be surprised if you hear from me in support of generating new resources so that in addition to connecting the Atlantic Corridor, we will move on to other major corridors. I invite all of you to join Leadership Long Beach and me in achieving our mission of strengthening Long Beach through principled and dynamic leadership.

*Peter F. Bostic*

## Alumni Volunteer Opportunities – Snow Day or Spring Egg Hunt!

Calling on Leadership Long Beach Alumni – Volunteers Needed!

- **Snow Day in North Long Beach - March 1, 2008**
- **Spring Egg Hunt - March 22, 2008**

Both events will be held at Houghton Park, located at 6301 Myrtle Avenue in North Long Beach. This is part of the "Connected Corridor" project.

Alumni and families are needed from 9 am – 3 pm to assist with game booths, food booths, registration tables, and arts tables. Family events make a difference for our community and your gift of time would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Sunny at Houghton Park at (562) 570-1640 to volunteer for one or both events!

## Immediate Past Interim Executive Director's Message

Margaret Tirza Brewer (LLB '93)



It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your interim Executive Director for the past several months. I am comfortable that as an organization, now it is time for us to move outside of our comfort zone, expand our vision and increase our impact on our city. I am very excited about our future with Peter Bostic at the helm.

I continue to be amazed at the energy and commitment of the board members, the class day chairs, the LLB Class of 2008, the members of the current YLLB class and, of course, the inimitable Michelle Friesen. I look forward to continuing my involvement as an alumnus and as a member of the Connected Corridor steering committee.

As we complete the morphing process from Brewer to Bostic, I turn my focus to income taxes. I love win/win situations and my tenth season with H&R Block provides just that: if you were not a Block client last year,

I will give you a \$25 new client discount on two conditions: 1) you engage me to do your personal tax return this season, and 2) you donate the \$25 to Leadership Long Beach. You get the satisfaction of knowing your return is done right with a great company standing behind it plus a \$25 charitable deduction for next year; I get a new client and grow my business; and Leadership Long Beach receives the additional donation. A triple win! I am at the Marina Pacifica office [562-594-6524]. After April 15<sup>th</sup>, I will be launching a mediation practice, doing both court and community mediations.

I look forward to seeing you at the next Alumni event, at the Class of 2008 graduations and along the Connected Corridor.

Leadership Long Beach is a valuable part of the fabric of Long Beach. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity.

*Margaret Brewer*

## Investment Made Easy

Tom Leary (LLB '07)



**WASHINGTON (CNN) 1/24/08** – "U.S. taxpayers would get checks of several hundred dollars from the federal government under a plan to stimulate the economy, congressional and Bush administration officials said Thursday. The plan would send checks of \$600 to individuals and \$1,200 to couples who paid income tax and who filed

jointly. Checks could be in taxpayer mailboxes by June, according to an Associated Press report."

As you may recall, the LLB 2007-2008 Membership and Giving Campaign offers several levels of investment. They are: Steward (\$100), Builder (\$300), Visionary (\$500) and Trustee (\$1,000).

Uncle Sam will soon be mailing you the cash and I'm suggesting you invest a portion or all of it to help sustain Leadership Long Beach and allow it to continue to realize its vision of connecting and developing principled leaders to strengthen our community. Investment made easy! Plan today and know that this wise investment will produce tangible dividends for years to come!

*Tom Leary*



## Connected Corridor

Anitra Dempsey (LLB '01), and Cecile Harris Walters (LLB '00)

It seems like years have passed since Leadership Long Beach (LLB) applied for and received grant funding from the Knight Foundation and the Long Beach Community Foundation to *transform our community*. Actually, it has only been a few months. We received the funding in October 2007, and have maintained a fast pace from the beginning. Much has been done. And only a LLB crew (led by Steering Committee members Colleen Bentley, Margaret Brewer, Anitra Dempsey, Jerry Miller, Antonio Ruiz) and our Project Manager, Carina Cristiano Leoni, could possibly accomplish as much in such a short period of time.

Known as the Connected Corridor, this exciting and innovative project embarks to design a template that will transform neighborhoods into one community by creating connectivity and empowering stakeholders from the top of the town to downtown. The target area is Atlantic Avenue, with an initial focus from Del Amo Boulevard north to the city limits.

Highlights to date include:

- ◆ Established Leadership Team (October 2007)
- ◆ Recognized relationships among stakeholders and partnership (November 2007)
- ◆ Meet and Greet (November 19, 2007)
- ◆ North PAC Monthly Meeting (November 26, 2007)
- ◆ Round Table Discussion North Annex (December 6, 2007)
- ◆ Small Business Development Center Workshop Dinner (December 17, 2007)
- ◆ Community parties, festivities, museum opening, gatherings, etc.
- ◆ Continued relationship building/strengthening via telephone, e-mail and/or in person meetings
- ◆ Community event at Hamilton Middle School (January 2008), where more than 100 people from all sectors of our community spent several hours discussing issues, resources and recommendations
- ◆ Launched a website to explain the project and its partners, to engage the community and to provide information about ongoing efforts and opportunities. [www.connectedcorridor.org](http://www.connectedcorridor.org)

What's next?

- ◆ Through the Connected Corridor efforts, LLB has the unique opportunity to partner with the Arts Council to bring cultural enrichment to Jordan High School during Smithsonian Week. With a performance and lecture led by the Smithsonian Scholars, this event, *The Message Behind the Music*, will feature an array of local high school and neighborhood talent. Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and plan to support what promises to be an educational and exhilarating event.
- ◆ In addition to various community meetings (see [www.connectedcorridor.org](http://www.connectedcorridor.org)), the Steering Committee is working to finalize a grant application to award monies in the areas of Media and Technology, Small Business Development, Workforce Development, Education and Arts and Culture.
- ◆ In the spirit of the Alumni Council's theme to "*Re-Commit! Re-Connect! Re-Invest!*" we are calling upon all alumni to be a part of an inaugural project developing parent leaders. Jordan High School Parent Action Committee (JPAC) was formed driven by parents who saw the need for their active participation in and around the school. As time passed so has participation. Here is our opportunity to develop a blueprint on engaging and developing parental participation. If you have been moved by this opportunity to join the JPAC Parent Leadership Project Team, your gift of time is appreciated. Your time commitment is not expected to be long. To assist, call Cecile Harris Walters at (562) 570-4788.

We look forward working with each of you as we connect, empower and transform.

*Anitra Dempsey*

*Cecile Harris Walters*

## Youth LLB Class Project a “Super Happy Fun Day!”

Jane Grobaty (LLB '02)

Each year Youth Leadership Long Beach (YLLB) students practice their leadership skills and demonstrate their ability to be community trustees through a class project that solves a problem or enhances the quality of life for residents of Long Beach.

On Saturday, February 9, the YLLB class of 2008 produced a Valentine’s Day social event called “A Super, Happy, Fun Day,” for about 35 children ranging in age from 2 to 12 of Interval House residents. Interval House is a Center that offers programs and services to abused women and their children.

In just two work project meetings, led by Project Day Chairs Jane Grobaty (LLB '02) and Tom Leary (LLB '06) the class planned and organized the entire event. The Decorations Committee focused on streamers, posters, balloons and making the event look great. The Press/Photos Committee wrote and distributed a news release that resulted in feature photos in the Long Beach Press Telegram. The committee also took Polaroid photos of the kids to use in picture frames that the kids got to decorate for their mothers. The Food Committee coordinated a donated lunch from Chick-fil-A on Carson St. in Long Beach. They also worked hard to set up and serve the lunch. The Supply/Goody Bag Committee collected and assembled fantastic goodie bags that included stuffed animals, toys, art supplies, and lots of

donated items that put a smile on each child’s face. The Activities Committee planned and organized supplies for cookie decorating, Popsicle picture frames, face painting, jewelry making, Valentine cards and tote bag decorating.

The Interval House staff was very impressed with the classes’ hard work, and the mothers very much appreciated the thoughtfulness and attention paid to their children. The reaction from the children was very special. While the activities were definitely “super, happy and fun,” the interaction the kids experienced with the caring, creative, and attentive class members was the definitely the highlight of a day they will remember all their lives.

Congratulations to Jonathan Alvarez, Antonio Beltran, Joseph Brooks, Lauren Gimmillaro, Paula Guarneros, Morgan Hamilton, Monida Hean, Elaine Hernandez, Frank Hurtado, Lauren Jones, Dolan J. Kay, Alex LaPenn, Matthew Martin, Megan McDonnell, Joey Mendoza, Lindsay Miles, Aysia NewKirk, Brittany Pratt, Chinda Pres, Christopher Priest, Shirley Romero, Kelly Sloan, Brandon Solem-Kuehl, Chelsii Summerville, Li Thach, David Valencia, Edward Villatoro, Stephanie Viramontes, E’mon White, Christian Winting, Vincent Winting, Marta Wirga, and Elise Zvirbulis – the YLLB Class of 2008 – on their successful class project.



## Breaking Through, Lighting the Way...

Carolyn Smith Watts (LLB '01)

Long Beach history is about to become more inclusive. **Carolyn Smith Watts (LLB '01)** has created a commemorative book and DVD of profiles and an oral history of twelve African American women who have paved the way for others to follow. Some have been the first in their respective positions, and each has made a major contribution to the history in our city. So many black women have pushed through life's challenges, but unfortunately all cannot be listed. However, these twelve ladies answered the call, broke through ceilings, pushed through barriers, jumped over hurdles and still raised their families, worked and fulfilled major contributions to the betterment of our city. You will be in awe of their stories such that it will fill your hearts. The twelve includes Wilma Powell, first African American President for Leadership Long Beach in 1999.

The oral history will be on a local cable show, *Our Own Legacy*, with Sunny Nash, executive producer/publisher. The show also includes a panel of our LLB Alumni **Colleen Bentley, Reggie Harrison, Tonia Reyes Uranga, Sharon Diggs Jackson, Alex Cherin, Annette Kashiwabara, and Sileneka Smith**. In addition there will be a commemorative book. Tuttle Camera's One Camera program will exhibit the photograph of the women this spring. The Book Signing is Saturday, May 1st, at 11 a. m. at the Historical Society of Long Beach. Please call Carolyn for details on pricing of books and DVD. Deadline is March 1st.

### Carolyn Smith Watts

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*Standing:*

*Evelyn Knight, Patricia Lofland, Bobbie Smith, Alta Cooke, Carrie Bryant, Vera Mulkey, Wilma Powell, and Doris Topsy-Elvord.*

*Seated:*

*Autrilla Scott, Maycie Herrington and Dale Clinton.*

*Lillie Mae Wesley is included in the Book and DVD.*

## Putt-Putt on Pine Returns on Thursday, May 8th

Putt-Putt on Pine, that zany miniature golf tournament created by Leadership Long Beach, is back on Pine Avenue on Thursday May 8, 2008. A signature Leadership Long Beach event, this will be the 13<sup>th</sup> time that 300-plus golfers putt their way up and down Pine Avenue and the East Village during the 5 to 10 p.m. fundraising activity.

Stay tuned for details.

But one thing we know now – we need any putters that alumni may have that you aren't using and would like to donate. We love old putters! Please call or email the LLB office (562) 997-9194 or [llb@leadershiplb.org](mailto:llb@leadershiplb.org) and we will take what you have.

Also, we are looking for tournament sponsors, so if you or your company is interested, again call or email the office. Details out soon, but last year's levels are the same:

- ◆ Tenth Hole sponsor – \$1,500
- ◆ Course Sponsor – \$1,000
- ◆ Putting Sponsor – \$650
- ◆ Fairway Sponsor – \$300

All include at least one foursome, recognition in brochures and lots of other goodies.

Individual tickets will be \$50, but after a certain date they will increase to \$60. Each foursome will play one of four nine-hole courses along upper Pine Avenue or lower Pine in the Pike area or along the East Village streets. Whatever the course, it will be a fun evening.

Save the date now!



## LLB and the “Connected Corridor” Sponsor a Smithsonian Week Event

*The '50s Fun, FEAR and Rock 'n' Roll* presented by  
The Arts Council for Long Beach

Ten years ago, Arts Council for Long Beach (ACLB) signed an agreement with the Smithsonian Institution on behalf of the City of Long Beach to bring arts, culture and scholar's from our nation's museums to Long Beach.

Every year, ACLB presents seven days and seven nights of free in-school and community events and presentations and a gala event. This year, the Smithsonian Week theme is *The '50s, Fun, FEAR, and Rock 'n' Roll*.

Topics include paint-by-numbers, product promotion through parade floats and window displays, and the birth of the “jet set.” Fears of the cold war, Communism, and the bomb present the other side of the '50s. School children will discover and adults recall this unforgettable decade.

Scores of community partners join the arts council to support this annual festival of learning.

Leadership Long Beach, through its Atlantic “Connected Corridor” project in partnership with and funding from the Knight Foundation and the Long Beach Community Foundation, has allocated \$5,000 to help with the free March 11 event at Jordan High School.

**March 11: 7:30 – 9 p.m.**

***REBELS WITH A CAUSE: Youth Culture and Music In the '50s***

Jordan High School  
6500 Atlantic Avenue  
Free

Seats 1,000

Free parking at high school

**Reservations required @ [smithsonianweek.com](http://smithsonianweek.com) or 562-489-4658**

Every generation of youth struggles for self-expression that eventually defines its particular place in history. So it was in post-war America as young people rebelled against authority figures and society in general. Join *The B-Sides*, a Washington, DC-based group of Smithsonian history scholars by day, rock 'n' roll musicians by night, as they host an evening of R&B, doo wop, and rock 'n' roll tracing the social causes that impacted the music of this decade.

LLB alums – if you are interested in attending, please call or email the LLB office to reserve a ticket.

For a complete list of Smithsonian Week events, go to [www.smithsonianweek.com](http://www.smithsonianweek.com).



**ARTS COUNCIL FOR LONG BEACH**  
presents  
**SMITHSONIAN WEEK 2008**



TUESDAY  
MARCH  
**11**

Rebels With a Cause  
Youth Culture and Music in the '50s  
**The B-Sides Concert**

**Jordan High School Auditorium**  
6500 Atlantic Ave.  
7:30 – 9 PM Free  
Seats 1000 Reservations Needed

Every generation struggles for self-expression defining its place in history. Join The B-Sides, Smithsonian history scholars as they host an evening of R&B, doo wop and rock 'n' roll.

# Alumni News

## Cecile Harris Walters, Alumni Council Chair (LLB '00)



The entire Leadership Long Beach organization, and especially the Class of 2004 offer their condolences to Rev. Larry Ginn (LLB '04) on the passing of his father on January 18th.

Margaret Durnin (LLB '95) and her husband, Charley, were honored as the first recipients of the inaugural Durnin Family Award from the Long Beach Public Library Foundation. They were honored for their dedicated leadership and passionate volunteerism for the Foundation and its programs. In future years, honorees will exemplify the outstanding characteristics of the Durnins.

Long Beach Redevelopment Bureau Manager Craig Beck (LLB '02) in December was appointed the new director of the Department of Planning and Building for the City of Long Beach. He now oversees the Planning, Building, and Redevelopment Bureaus of the City and serves as Executive Director of the Redevelopment Agency and the Planning Commission. The Planning and Building Department was expanded to include the Redevelopment Bureau, and the new department has been renamed Long Beach Development Services.

Lori Ann Farrell (EQS '00) was named the City of Long Beach's finance director, and will administer the City's financial affairs, managing the City's revenues, expenditures, investments, purchasing, accounting, budgeting and debt.

### *Cecile Harris Walters*

Want to be an active LLB alum? Let us know if you want to be considered as a board member – plenty of benefits that only board members know (plus a secret handshake!).

Do you have news to share with your classmates and fellow alums? Promotions, awards, accomplishments, life changes, new address, e-mail, phone, married last name, etc. - If you've got something to share, we'd like to hear it!

Also, even if it isn't "news," don't forget to send your updated contact info to LLB.

Take a few minutes to send any news or contact changes to LLB. Just write it in below and fax to LLB at (562) 997-9197

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

Change \_\_\_\_\_

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Note from the Editor: We need Alumni News! Please fill out the form here and fax it to LLB or send us an e-mail with your news announcements.

### Participate in these upcoming LLB Alumni Activities!

May 8 – Putt-Putt on Pine Fundraiser

June 16 – LLB Graduation and Alumnus of the Year Awards Dinner at CSULB



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## MASTER CALENDAR

MARCH	3	LLB Class Day at CSU Chancellor's Office (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
	5	EQS Class Day and Dinner Dialogue
	8	EQS Tour of City and Lunch Dialogue
	10	LLB Curriculum Committee Meeting
	12	EQS Class Day and Dinner Dialogue
	12	Executive Committee Meeting at LLB Office (4:00 - 6:00 p.m.)
	15	YLLB Class of 2008 Graduation at Khoury's (Noon - 2:00 p.m.)
	19	EQS Class Day and Dinner Dialogue
	20	Board of Directors Meeting at CSU Chancellor's Office (12:00 - 1:30 p.m.)
26	EQS Class Day and Dinner Dialogue	
APRIL	7	LLB Class Day at Port of Long Beach (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
	9	Executive Committee Meeting at LLB Office (4:00 - 6:00 p.m.)
	14	LLB Curriculum Committee Meeting
	17	Board of Directors Meeting at CSU Chancellor's Office (12:00 - 1:30 p.m.)
	30	Deadline for Class of 2009 Applications
MAY	5	LLB Class Day at Mark Twain Library (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
	5	Deadline for Newsletter Articles
	6	Selection of LLB Class of 2009 Members
	8	Putt-Putt on Pine Fundraiser (5:00 - 10:00 p.m.)
	12	LLB Curriculum Committee Meeting
	14	Executive Committee Meeting at LLB Office (4:00 - 6:00 p.m.)
	22	Board of Directors Meeting at CSU Chancellor's Office (12:00 - 1:30 p.m.)
	26	<i>Memorial Day Holiday - LLB Office Closed</i>
27	Newsletter Distributed Electronically	
June	2	LLB Class Day at TBD (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
	3	LLB Class of 2008 Graduation and Project Practice Day
	9	LLB Curriculum Committee Meeting
	11	Joint Executive Committee Meeting at LLB Office (4:00 - 6:00 p.m.)
	16	LLB Class of 2008 Graduation and Alumnus of the Year Dinner at CSULB
	19	Board of Directors Annual Meeting and Installation at TBD



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1991	Baxter	Hernandez										
1992	Wasick*	Rozner	Rosenburg									
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1994	Epstein	Mathis	Drake	Cochrane								
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2000	Johnston	Samana	Fornell	Gordon	Coburn	Walters						
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2003	W. Heart*	Levine*	McGlynn	Heggeness	B. Emigh	Perez	Hayes					
2004	Ginn											
2005	Armstrong	Hayden	McCluster									
2006	Halter	Sorensen	Nix	Oates	Van Horik	Moore	Brown	Glaza	Hamory	Lewis	Brewer	Killeen
2007	Leary	Stafford	Knight	Miller	Warner	Shelton	Garneff					
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1996	Baker*											
1997	Tucker											
1998	Isozaki											
1999												
2000	W. Heart*	Farrell										
2001												
2002	Ryan	J/D Pednault										
2003	Lingle											
2004	B. Heart											
2005												
2006	Shadle											
2007	Altman	Snow	Williams	Quinones	Ruiz	Holmes	Lewis					