

Update



COMMITTEE OF 300

MAY 2023

2022-2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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COMMITTEE OF 300 OF LONG BEACH, INC.

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CONGRATULATIONS ED KLOTZ

Annually, the Grand Prix of Long Beach presents an award to an individual that has delivered preeminent service for the Grand Prix. The yearly award is called "The Allen Wolfe Spirit of the Grand Prix Award" which is named after Allen Wolfe, an iconic auto racing writer for the Press-Telegram who covered the Grand Prix from the first race to 1998.

The recipient receiving this award has proven to the Grand Prix Association of Long Beach their commitment to carry out outstanding service during race weekend and has lived up to the essence of Allen Wolfe and his love for the Grand Prix.

Saturday, April 15th 2023 Jim Michaelian presented the award to our fellow Committee of 300 member, **Ed Klotz**. Ed has been with the committee for over 40 years and was the director of Press and Media for a little over 15 years. As of this year Ed has respectfully step down from Press and Media Director, but he is not leaving the Committee of 300. He will still be part of the subcommittee for Press and Media and mentor his successor, Sandra Ma. This is a well-deserved award for Ed Klotz and on the behalf of the Committee, Congratulations!



Photos by Howard Freshman, Contributing Photographer

My Fellow Governors:

We've completed the 48th Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach Race Weekend! It was wonderful for Doreena Daniel and myself to visit the entire circuit over the course of the race weekend to present you my President's pin, and most importantly, to thank you in person for your active participation. Your commitment made all the difference!

Since our February Membership Kickoff at Outback Steakhouse we've been on fire recruiting new members. Hopefully, you saw it translate into many more new Grandstand Ambassadors. Many were also volunteers, so please reach out to them to help us convert them into full C300 Members. Be Open, Inviting, and Inclusive!

There is strength in numbers. We have ample opportunity to grow our Membership ranks back to 300 again in our future, attracting like-minded individuals interested in being a part of the fantastic opportunity we provide. To sustain ourselves long term, we must continually replicate ourselves through the addition of new Members.

Our revised C300 Mission Statement and By-Laws were overwhelmingly approved by our general membership on April 8th. Our new guiding principles far more accurately reflect our 501(c)(4) community service focus, with our Grand Prix affiliation being our reward for our Community Service throughout each year.

Hopefully, you were able to attend The CW Network's '100 Days to Indy' World Premiere on Wednesday (4/12) at the Long Beach Terrace Theater. If not, please catch each episode on the CW Network leading up the Indy 500 on Memorial Day.

While it was a battle with the City of Long Beach, we were ultimately successful obtaining the much larger Club C300 footprint and amenities. It will be interesting to see how it goes next year once Gaucho Beach has officially opened for business. Major thanks go out to both Jim Michaelian and Dwight Tanaka for advocating on our behalf.

Lance Woods, Doreena Daniel, and I were at the Seal Beach Pier this past weekend for the Seal Beach Classic Car Show. We have 12 more member applications for our Board of Directors to approve. We have strengthened the foundation for our future, so now it's time to vote for our new leadership team. We're two weeks away from our **2023-2024 C300 Election Night at Outback Steakhouse** on Shoreline Drive! Voting for our new **President-Elect and 2023-2024 Board Members will begin at 6:30 pm sharp.**

We look forward to seeing you there.

Derek Brown

President 2022-2023





Since the Grand Prix occurred, our Biggest Event, I almost want to say, "It's a wrap," but before I do, I want to think about some of the events that we've had. This will allow those of you who attended those events, to reminisce with me and smile just one more time about the fun time you had with other Redcoats and friends who joined you. Here's a short list of some of the activities we had this past year: Bistro St. Germain Café in Seal Beach, the Halloween Party at Jade Restaurant in Long Beach, Glory Days in Seal Beach, the Annual Christmas Party, Legends in Long Beach, and finally, Panama Joe's in Long Beach. Those who went to the restaurants listed here enjoyed the company of their fellow Redcoats, dinner, and drinks. Each event was a great time! By far, our highlight event for the year was the Annual Christmas Party at the Long Beach Yacht Club! I know most of you went to that most special affair so you will agree just how wonderful it was!

Well, I would like to round out the balance of the year with another activity back to Bistro St. Germain at 302 Main St., Seal Beach. We can meet there on Wednesday, May 10th at 6:00 pm. There's talented young vocalists and musicians who provide the live music on Wednesday, and dinner and wine specials are available as well. It is a no host bar with food and drink for purchase. There is a small parking lot and off-street parking available. I was recently there and it was so much fun! I hope you Redcoats will mark your calendars and come to these next couple of activities. I know you'll have a great time! Looking forward to seeing you there..

Susan Mrock - **Activities Director**

YOU ARE

★ ★ **INVITED** ★ ★



WEDNESDAY- MAY 3, 2023 @ 6PM

PHIL TRANI'S - 3490 Long Beach Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90807

MEET THE CANDIDATES

FOR OUR

2023-2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

PHIL TRANI'S

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No host bar. Food will be available for purchase.

This is an opportunity for those who are running for the Board of Directors for 2023-24 to meet your fellow C300 members and introduce yourself along with why you will be a beneficial candidate to the committee. Remember, for those who are running for the Board of Directors, must be a member for least 6 months, and your membership dues are up to date (your status has to be a member, not spouse.) Deadline for names on ballot will be May 7th, 2023.



Here today, gone tomorrow. It comes in with high anticipation every year, then leaves me hangin'. It's like, What, it's over already? Now what?! Like fireworks on the 4th of July or New Years Eve where you always want just one more.

Ah fuggit-about-it. It's just my annual post race withdrawals but I'll be fine. I have plenty of things to do. First on that list is to thank each and every one of you for stepping up and participating at a high level. In last month's Update, I wrote that every position and every person on this team is important and essential to the outcome. Well, in addition to record setting referrals for the first quarter, your efforts have helped create what is being described by the Grand Prix, as their best event- Ever! That is large, my friends. Let it sink in.

So, although the 48th running of the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach is in the history books, it might also go down in our books as the best one yet.

Nice work, everyone! Chris Gehman - **Race Management Director**

Vote in May for your 2023 – 2024 Board of Directors...



Election Night

~ Save the Date ~

WED. May 17th



2023-2024 Board of Directors Election
Location is Outback Steakhouse . Your Vote Matters



MAY 2023

05/03/2023 (WED)	MEET THE CANDIDATES	PHIL TRANI'S RESTAURANT	3490 LONG BEACH BLVD
05/10/2023 (WED)	ACTIVITIES	BISTRO ST. GERMAIN	302 MAIN ST. SEAL BEACH
05/13/2023 (SAT)	COMMUNITY SERVICE	BEACH CLEAN UP	BOLSA CHICA BEACH 12pm-2pm
05/14/2023 (SUN)	MOTHER'S DAY	HOLIDAY	
05/17/2023 (WED)	BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION	OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE	LB - THE PIKE -5PM- 7:30pm
05/29/2023 (MON)	MEMORIAL DAY	HOLIDAY	

C300 Merchandise for Purchase!

- Shirts - \$25.00 each ("xx" - \$30.00)
- Jackets - \$113.00 (add \$5.00 per "x")
- Caps - \$25.00 (one size fits most)
- Visors - \$20.00 (one size fits most)
- Ladies Sunglasses - \$10.00
- Cold Cups with Logo - \$30.00
- Coffee Cups - \$ 10.00

Contact - Phyllis (562) 981-9200

Happy Birthday!

- 5/1 - Michael Kerlegon
- 5/4 - Derek Brown
- 5/5 - Cheryl Le Mmon
- 5/17 - Phyllis Covey
- 5/23 - Gary Gordon
- 5/23 - Marti Shelton
- 5/23- Greg Van Hof Wegen
- 5/25 - Christopher Hazboun

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