

# Update



COMMITTEE OF 300

JUNE 2023

## 2022-2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Derek Brown**  
President

**Jessica Badran**  
President - Elect

**Anthony Gonzales**  
Past President

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COO / Secretary

**Dale Arakawa**  
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Race Management Director

**Sandra Ma**  
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**Karen Pasion**  
Membership Director

**Charlie Aroz**  
Promotions Director

**Doug Akins**  
Community Service Director

**Susan Mrock**  
Activities Director

**Brandon Riddle**  
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Meet Troy Ferguson 9, who is slowly building a reputation for himself in the Go-Kart racing world. He is a Formula 1 race enthusiast with a dream of being a professional race car driver. Troy has competed and won in national events and has achieved multiple podiums, such as 2nd place in the Rotax West Motor series.

His passion started when he was just two years old. He was able to identify every single exotic car and Hot Wheel before he could read. Troy and his family were also featured on a reality show called "Baby Drivers" that aired on Discovery Plus in May of 2022. He currently has a national race coming up on the June 10th and 11th weekend in Utah. Wishing him the best of luck!

While Troy continues to thrive in the racing world for kids, Ron and Jenny, Troy's parents, have recently joined the Committee of 300. They are frequent regulars at the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach and when they discovered us at the Seal Beach Classic Car Show, they were eager to sign up as members. Let's all give a warm C300 welcome to Troy and his parents.

Follow Troy on his Instagram [@troyleeracing](#) and watch him on his amazing journey.



My Fellow Governors:

The 48th Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach marked our 3rd Grand Prix weekend in an 18-month span of time, after having had no races in the preceding 2 ½ years due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Doreena and I had a wonderful time interacting with each of you throughout Race Weekends, our promotions, community service events, and various activities these recent terms. Thanks so much for your active participation. Your commitment has made all the difference to the C300!

Congratulations go out to Charlie Aroz, Doreena Daniel, and Lance Woods specifically, for their exceptional efforts over the past three months building our membership back up to well over the **100+ member** threshold. A monumental achievement considering where our Committee of 300 membership was in late February. Being open, inviting, and inclusive made ALL the difference!

Please continue your outreach to our many volunteers and encourage them to become full C300 members. We have ample opportunity to increase our membership rolls back up to 300 again, by attracting like-minded individuals interested in being a part of the fantastic opportunities we do provide. We must continually be replicating ourselves through our addition of new members.

Our new C300 Mission Statement and revised By-Laws far more accurately reflect our 501(c)(4) community service focus, with our Grand Prix affiliation as our reward for community service. Much like the moral lesson of Luke 21:1-4 "Our faith helps us to sacrifice more of what we have because we understand and believe in the value of helping others and helping our community."

Our 2023 Club C300 footprint and amenities were a vast improvement for this year's race. It is going to be very interesting to see how Club C300 is structured next year with the GPALB and the City of Long Beach now mandating our relationship with the new Gaucho Beach restaurant.

Hopefully, you've been watching CW Network's '100 Days to Indy' series. You can view each episode on the CW App. Doreena and I sat in Turn 2 on Indy 500 Race Day in our C300 jackets. We will post photos of the Indy 500 weekend festivities shortly.

Our foundation for the future is set. A remarkably high bar is established for incoming Presidents to advance our organization forward. Allow me to leave you with these three following ideals:

Seek, don't Skim. Otherwise, you will miss too much of the context of our C300's true mission.

Soak, don't Sprinkle. The goodness of the C300 comes from our participation in the complete process, not by simply 'showing up' on the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach race weekend.

Speak, don't be Silent. The Committee of 300 is all of us. Hold our leadership team accountable. Our Board serves you, not the other way around. The needs of the many, outweigh the needs of the few, or the one! And, anything worth having is worth sacrificing for.

Thank you, Governors for giving of your time and talents to continue this legacy of over 49 years.

*Derek Brown*

President 2022-2023





We appreciate all of your participation and communication this year. Being the C300 Membership Director for the past few years has been fun. We were able to remain a unit despite the pandemic. That demonstrates strength and loyalty. The sky is the limit now that the restrictions have been removed! Without you, we wouldn't have been able to finish as well as we did.

Now is the moment for me to proceed. I'm excited to serve as your President-Elect alongside incoming President Jesica Badran and as your President from 2024 to 2025.

**Karen Pasion** - Membership Director



The Grand Prix is over, and we are moving along to the end of our fiscal year. It appears that the Committee of 300 will be in satisfactory financial position to keep our organization moving along with the 2023-24 goals, including include new and exciting ideas the new board may wish to share and work on with the general membership. Our CPA firm submitted the latest tax return to us, and we have complied with their suggestions and directions in dealing with governmental agencies.

Looking forward to a fun new year starting on July 1, 2023 – lead by the incoming President and her new board.

**Judie Johnsen** - 2022-23 CFO



This is the last Update for 2022 - 23. July brings us into our 2023 - 24 fiscal year, new board members, and a new President with plans to keep us moving forward. That along with the wisdom to recognize and keep the systems in place that made us successful this past year while improving or removing those that did not should be a winning combination.

With The Big Event 2023 behind us, my department will go quiet for a while. I find it is a good time to reflect on the previous year and, in particular, the previous race weekend. I will analyze our methods and consider the results to determine where we can improve to operate more efficiently and maintain our high level of performance.

Each year prior to the race, we receive a manual from the Grand Prix. It clearly defines our roll and our duties and responsibilities to the GPALB and to the fans. Primary goal is to make sure the fans have a great time and go home happy.

If I told you, the Grand Prix has sold out of everything and packed the house 2 years in a row and, for the first time ever, concessions sales exceeded \$1M, would you say we might have had something to do with it? While it's impossible to know how much of that is the result of our efforts, I have been told the customer satisfaction surveys are coming back with fans rating the overall experience in the mid to upper 90's -- again. I have also been told that that is unheard of. All I know is I saw many happy faces in our grandstands throughout the entire weekend.

A heartfelt shout-out to my Captains & Supervisors who are the best in the business. Same goes to our members and volunteers, our front line. As I have said before, everyone is significant and integral to our success. Together, we did it again!

Finally, it is with some sadness that I say farewell to my friend and soon to be Past President, Derek Brown. It was a pleasure serving on your board. Know that your efforts are appreciated by many.

That is all for now. See you in '23 – '24

**Chirs Gehman** - Race Management



Greetings to my fellow RedCoats and friends,

In May, we met at the Bistro St. Germain in Seal Beach. It was a great time of eating, drinking and fellowship. There were new members who came for the first time and they were warmly welcomed into the group. The music was stellar as usual and everyone enjoys hearing the old tunes and more recent ones. It was a great time for all who attended. Thanks to everyone who showed up to join in the fun!

I would like to announce our next activity for Wednesday, June 14th at 6:00 pm, back at Panama Joe's on 2nd Street (Belmont Shore). Looking forward to seeing you there. Thank you to everyone who came out to this year's activities. It's been fun serving as your Activities Director this past year and we had many great times! Cheers!

**Susan Mrock** - Activities Director

## JUNE 2023

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| 06/14/2023 (WED) | ACTIVITIES        | PANAMA JOES - 6PM | 5100 E. 2nd St, Long Beach |
| 06/17/2023 (SAT) | COMMUNITY SERVICE | BEACH CLEAN UP    | HUNTINGTON STATE BEACH     |
| 06/18/2023 (SUN) | FATHER'S DAY      | HOLIDAY           |                            |
| 06/19/2023 (MON) | JUNETEENTH        | HOLIDAY           |                            |

Welcome Summer



## July's Agenda

- 07/18/2023 (Tues) **Governors Meeting** Time: 6:00pm  
 Location: Jade Restaurant  
 6380-A E. Pacific Coast Hwy  
 Long Beach, 90808
- 07/29/2023 (Sat) **"Old School Picnic"** C300 Club  
 Location: TBD

## 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!

- 6/11- Angela Gehman
- 6/13 Charles Aroz
- 6/14- Ron Mohler
- 6/28- Kat Johl
- 6/28- Sean Scott