

## 2023-2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Jessica Badran** President

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**Derek Brown**Past President

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**Charlie Aroz**Promotions Director

**Anthony Gonzales**Community Service Director

**Angela Gehman** Activities Director

Brandon Riddle
Paddock Club Director

**Pat Welch** Web Developer

**Doreena Daniel**Decoration Coordinator

## COMMITTEE OF 300 OF LONG BEACH. INC.

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**Phyllis Covey** 

Welcoming in the 2023-2024 Board of Directors, who are clear about their role and responsibilities to the organization. They know they are there as directors, rather than an executive team, and are committed to fulfilling their duties. There is a comprehensive understanding of the authority that lies with the board. They will delegate effectively with their commitment to the organization with a goal to inspire members to help demonstrate our missions' statement, "The Committee of 300 provides services to various non-profit organizations in Long Beach and surrounding areas. We recruit, mentor, and coordinate our members, with the anticipated reward of self-fulfillment and a sense of community. Since our inception in 1975, our mission has included strong involvement with the Long Beach Grand Prix," along with signifying the strategic direction of the Committee of 300. However, they will also focus on strategy and policy areas, and are confident that the staff have the abilities, aptitudes and entrusted authority needed to ensure operations run smoothly.

We all tend to resist change, nevertheless, studies have shown that a more diverse board makes better long-term decisions. Having fixed terms of office and regular turnover to propose fresh thinking and new opinions and ideas. A regular board turnover is the need for stronger succession planning, but having a balance between fresh, new board members, and our seasoned members who holds the knowledge of the history of the organization. Both are needed for an effective board. The Board of Directors will work as a team and will know what they will need to make decisions and that will ensure information will be presented accurately, and delivered in a timely manner. Without further ado, we present to you our 49th annual **Committee** of 300 Board of Directors for 2023 - 2024.



Jessica Badran President

Owning a business for 13 years, allows me to travel and create memories and socialize with new individuals. Meeting people improved my ability to interact with others and push myself outside of my comfort zone. Therefore, **five years ago**, I decided to join C300.

Karen Pasion President-Elect

**Member for 9 years.** I'm a happy grandparent who loves family, friends and the outdoors. Looking forward to a great C300 year ahead.

## INTRODUCING THE 2023-2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Derek Brown
Past President
Member for 25 years.
I enjoy officiating youth sports,
particularly football.
Volunteering with charitable
organizations, gardening, and
DIY projects.



Judie Johnsen
Chief Financial Officer
Member for 32 years. I was
looking for friends – as I was new to
Long Beach. I now count many of our
members – past and present – as good
friends. I take pride in saying that over
the years I have helped a lot of members, who count me both as a friend
and a problem solver.



Dale Arakawa
Legal Counsel
Member for 4 years.
Originally from Honolulu,
Hawaii, and has lived in
California for over 20 years.
Hobbies include basketball and
running, and an avid sports fan.



Secretary
I started out as just a volunteer for a couple of years, now I've been a member for 8 years. I am 71 years old, retired from Heavy Industrial Electrician.

Ted Obole



Chris Gehman
Race Management Director
Member for 22 years. Interests
are long walks, reading a good
book and hoping to one day settle
down \*\$#!@#...!! Oh wait.. Glitch
sorry... Actually, I'm a car & bike
guy for as long as I can remember,
a race fan and I fix things. Also find
the road less traveled far more
interesting than the 405.

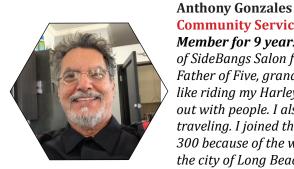


Sandra Ma
Press & Media Director
Member for 5 years. I have an
enjoyment when it comes to cooking,
which is also my stress reliver. Being
a member and a volunteer gives me a
sense of fulfillment and satisfaction.



Charlie Aroz
Promotions Director
Member for 2 years. "I love
working on classic cars, race cars
& NASCAR. I enjoy all events with
C300 because I can meet
gear-heads and Grand Prix
patrons."

Angela Gehman



Community Service Director
Member for 9 years. Business owner
of SideBangs Salon for 45 years.
Father of Five, grandfather of five. I
like riding my Harley and hanging
out with people. I also enjoy
traveling. I joined the Committee of
300 because of the work they do in
the city of Long Beach, as well as I
enjoy the race weekend.



Activities Director

Member for 22 years. I enjoy the escape of a good movie, either at home in my PJ's or out on the town with friends. My favorite movie quote is: "The universe is a pretty big place...So if it's just us...seems like an awful waste of space, Right?" Jodie Foster, "Contact" 1997.



Cheryl LeMmon
Membership Director
Member for 38 years. I
especially enjoy the functions
where we advertise the C300 and
the Grand Prix. Any type of meet
and greet where we can connect
with people is a perfect example
of volunteering!!



#### Brandon Riddle Paddock Club Director

Member for 4 years. I'm proud to serve on the 23'-24' Board of Directors as Club C300 Director I'm excited about this coming year with our new President that exudes POSITIVITY and ENTHUSIASM! This year is going to be one of the BEST years we have ever had! Looking forward to seeing you all very soon.



## Doreena Daniel **Decoration Coordinator**

I was a CV since 2015, but have been officially a **member for 2 years.** I enjoy volunteering, being an "Auntie" to children in my neighborhood, playing the piano, doing puzzles and listening to live music.



#### Pat Welch Web Developer

Member for 3 years. I describe myself as a Community advocate for Downtown Long Beach. I am an active member of the Downtown Residential Council and the Ocean residents Community Association, am Co-Leader of the Beautify Pine gardening project, and participate in many outreach efforts by the City and the Downtown Long Beach Alliance. I also enjoy bike riding and tennis.

#### My Fellow Governors:

The 49th Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach event cycle is already underway. Doreena and I have enjoyed our time with you these past 18 months. Throughout three race weekends, promotions, activities, community service events... Thank you for your active participation. It's time for me to step back now, to allow our next generation of Presidents to assume the mantle of leadership. Harry Saltzgaver recently wrote: "Perfect is the enemy of good." In other words, you can focus on making something perfect to the point you never get anything done, let alone do something good. The pursuit of perfection becomes an excuse for not completing anything – it's not quite ready yet; I can improve on this with a little more time, etc. But I did learn that endless wordsmithing didn't necessarily improve... and it definitely took away from the time available for the next task." I can't think of any more valuable advice I would possibly impart upon our 2023-2024 leadership team! While things often weren't smooth this year, we refused to lose sight of our ultimate objectives. Congratulations to our incoming Board of Directors, of which Doreena and I remain members. We've rebuilt our membership back over the 100+ threshold, and this initiative can't stop now. Please continue to encourage our many friends and volunteers to become full C300 Members. There's plenty of opportunity to increase our membership, attracting like-minded individuals interested in the fantastic opportunities we provide. Our revised C300 By-Laws and Mission Statement are now much more reflective of our 501(c)(4) focus. The new Gaucho Beach restaurant will open very soon, so it's imperative that we formulate a strong working relationship with them for our 2024 Club C300 footprint and its amenities. Our foundation for the future is strong. A high bar is set for future Presidents to advance our organization forward. As I've written: '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." We're looking forward to seeing you at our President's Celebration at the Lions Automobilia Foundation Museum on Saturday, July 15th. We have a very special evening planned for you! Derek Brown - Immediate Past President

## Saturday · July 15th · 6 to 10pm

Lions Automobilia Foundation Museum 2790 E Del Amo Blvd, Rancho Dominguez, CA 90221

...takes preserving automotive history to the next level...

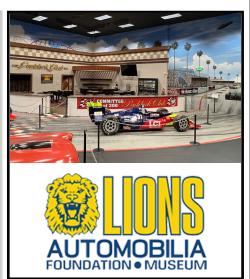
Dinner by Naples Rib Company
Members: \$50 Guest: \$65 • Business / Cocktail Attire

No Host Bar · Beer & Wine

### **RSVP** by July 10th

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49ACAB2AAAF4C43-committee

Checks to: Committee of 300 (3000 Pacific Ave. Long Beach, CA 90806) Credit Card Payments: (562) 981•9200













our newest committee members

Susan Bruce Larry Carter Ernie K Grai Chen **Brent Cole** Rena Collins Biagio Cuomo Chenth Douglass **Iim Edwards** 

Jenny Fergson

Ron Fergson Kira Gidwani Stephanie Gonzales Neil Hirsch Greg Van Hofwagon Tom Horuath Diny Hyman Michael Johnson Irene De Laserna

Aaron Laverde Peggy LeBrecht Ioh Maeinkovich **Joe Macias** Ramona Marquez Thomas McDaniel Deborah McNamara

Robert Myer Delia Arian Nava **Amber Ramirez** Marc Ramirez Raymond Sandoval Karen Sanzone **Tony Sanzone** Nadia Shamma Lance Woods

7/08/2023 (SAT) 7/15/2023 (SAT) LEADERSHIP MEETING PRESIDENT'S PARTY

7/18/2023 (TUES) **GOVERNORS MEETING** 7/29/2023 (SAT) **ACTIVITIES** 

INCOMING DIRECTORS LIONS AUTOMOBILIA MUSEUM

JADE RESTAURANT @ 6PM "OLD SCHOOL" PICNIC @11am El Dorado Park West

2790 E Del Amo Blvd, Rancho Dominguez, CA 90221 6380-A E. PCH HWY, LB 90808



# **Membership Dues**

Your annual membership dues are due. Renew your C300 membership to stay connected. Let's keep growing together! We have exciting new activities and community services planned along with new events coming up. We are eager to have your participation in the coming year! Contact the office at (562) 981-9200 to renew.

# C300 Merchandise Lor 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

7/11 Lance Woods 7/21 Julie Meraz 7/30 John Arens Sr. 7/30 Juan Sanchez

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