

# Update



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JANUARY 2025

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### COMMITTEE OF 300 OF LONG BEACH, INC.

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** To be a beacon for individuals of good character and responsible nature. To be a platform to passionately volunteer time and talent to our communities for civic and social improvements. To support the nonprofits that make a difference in our communities.

## ANNUAL 2024 CHRISTMAS PARTY FLASHBACK



Please remember to use the Committee of 300 website ([committeeof300.com](http://committeeof300.com)) to recruit new members and credentialed volunteers.

Check out the recent updates to the website:

- \* New pictures on the slider on the Home page
- \* 50th Anniversary logos on the Home page
- \* Video on the Home and About Us pages
- \* Mission Statement on the About Us page
- \* New page highlighting the Club C300.
- \* Online Membership Interest Form
- \* Latest Membership Application (to print)
- \* Faster loading Newsletter Page



## Update from Race Management January 2025

Happy New Year! As 2025 begins, our preparations for the 50th Grand Prix weekend are in full swing. By the time you read this, I'll be deep into weekly meetings with the Grand Prix team, gearing up for three epic days of world-class racing.

Fifty years—let that sink in! Few businesses reach such a milestone, especially in the challenging world of outdoor sports. Yet, the Grand Prix of Long Beach has weathered oil shortages, recessions, politics, and even a pandemic to become a fan-favorite event and a cornerstone of the IndyCar season. Along the way, Long Beach has become a global destination. The Committee has been part of this journey from day one, growing from a Chamber of Commerce group into an independent nonprofit dedicated to serving the community. All worthy accomplishments.

Every single person who's been involved—past and present—deserves a high-five for making this happen. So, what's our secret? Teamwork. Our success comes from a shared commitment to one goal: delivering a seamless experience alongside the Grand Prix team.

With just three months to prepare, there's no room for practice runs. When race weekend arrives, we are live and ready to go. For newer members (those with fewer than three races under their belt), mandatory meetings will help you get race-ready. Everyone is welcome, but newbies, this is your chance to dive in, ask questions, and get involved.

Every year I am asked to create shorter shifts for the grandstand ushers, which are most of you. While I fully support the idea, our priority is to the fans and providing them with a level of service that exceeds their expectations. Customer surveys reveal that we are consistently successful in this area. To continue at the same level but working half days would require twice the workforce. Seems like a daunting task and unachievable but that logic is flawed. It's much easier than it appears but requires everyone chip in. If everyone -- or even just most of you -- brought one friend to share the experience with, it could work. It is really that simple. I want to cut your workday in half and so I challenge you to Bring-A-Buddie. At the January Board of Governors meeting, I will be naming the names of those already participating.

**Let's make the 50th Grand Prix a celebration to remember!**

Hello C300,

With 2025 upon us may your year be filled with moments that take your breath away, bring you closer to your goals, fill your life with love, good health, laughter among friends and family, and grand adventures and opportunities.

We have a great journey ahead of us as we get to share this monumental Golden Anniversary along with the Grand Prix of Long Beach.

Heres to a phenomenal year! Let's make 2025 amazing!

Best wishes to all, **Karen Pasion** - President 2024-2025

## January 2025 Social Activity

Save the date for Taco Tuesday at  
American Legion, Los Alamitos

**Date:** January 14th,

**Address:** 3252 Florista St,  
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

**Time:** 4pm-7pm (Happy Hour)

Come and join us for \$1.50 tacos  
& \$5 drinks.



## Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and Celebration

SAVE THE DATE! 37th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade & Celebration

The City of Long Beach and Office of Sixth District Councilwoman Dr. Suely Saro proudly present the 37th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and Celebration, a family-friendly event honoring the life, legacy and values of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The event will take place Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025, in Central Long Beach.

The annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and Celebration is a longstanding tradition that celebrates the diverse community of Central Long Beach. This festival serves to honor and keep alive the ideals of Dr. King through arts, remembrance and meaningful perspectives.

### PARADE AND CELEBRATION INFORMATION (More to come!)

The 2025 festivities will begin with the parade kickoff at 10 a.m. at the intersection of Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue and Anaheim Street, followed by the park celebration from noon to 5 p.m. at Martin Luther King Jr. Park (1950 Lemon Ave.). The park celebration will include a main stage with live entertainment, a kid zone, food and merchandise vendors, and more.

Grand Prix of Long Beach will be participating in the parade and everyone is invited as spectators to enjoy the parade.



# JANUARY 2025

01/01/25 (WED)  
01/08/25 (WED)  
01/14/25 (TUES)  
**01/15/25 (WED)**  
01/18/25 (WED)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SOCIAL ACTIVITY  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

HOLIDAY  
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AMERICAN LEIGON  
**MEETING**  
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**Happy  
Birthday!**

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2 - Wayne Nuenhaus  
3 - Mark Gray  
6 - Larry Carter  
17 - Jonathan Brookner

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