

Welcome
Members and Guests
to the meeting
of the
Rotary Club of Placentia

February



Wedding Anniversaries

2/18 *Robert & Krystina Gabler*



Birthdays

2/12 *Gilbert Cisneros*
2/17 *Madisen Ly*

Today's Program:

Kim Jones -
Boy Scout Troop 723

*** Upcoming Programs ***

- Feb 22 Ingrid Figueroa - Training of Mid-Wives in Guatemala
- Mar 1 Club Assembly
- Mar 8 *dark am* / Social eve
- Mar 15 Amy Choi-Won - ROP Education Center
- Mar 22 tbd
- Mar 29 tbd
- April 5 Club Assembly
- April 12 *dark am* / Social eve
- April 19 tbd
- April 26 tbd
- May 3 RYLA
- May 10 *dark am* / Social eve
- May 31 Scholarships (Glenn Baldwin)



Club Anniversaries

2/2/2007 *Kathi Baldwin*
2/8/2017 *Alex Muolo*

Upcoming Events

- Thur 2/16 Disaster Relief packing in Tustin
- Sat 3/4 Plac Library Author's Luncheon
- 3/10 & 3/11 2nd Harvest Food Bank event
- Sat 4/1 Easter Eggcitement
- Sat 4/8 District Chili Cookoff @Sta Ana Zoo
- 4/18 – 4/23 RYLA
- Sat 4/22 Love Placentia – hygiene kits
- 5/5 – 5/7 District Conference @ Newport Bch
- 5/14 / 5/28 Rotary Culture Exchange
- 5/27 – 5/31 Rotary Intl Convention @Melbourne

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Club & Community News

Our club continued in its support of the Miss Placentia-Yorba Linda Scholarship Program by sponsoring Bryanna Myers in the Miss category, and Ashley Lee I the Outstanding Teen category. These two young ladies visited our meeting of 1/25 (pictured).



We also awarded additional scholarships for the platform which best reflected one of Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus. Outstanding Teen candidate Diane Chang won for her social impact platform "We are all Special". Miss PYL candidate Bryana Zapatka won for her platform "ADHD: Embracing Neurodiversity".

Ward is leaving next week for his third trip to Ukraine, taking medical supplies, along with warm clothing and toys. Our board has approved the funding of 3 med kits; thank you to all contributions and donations.

Some of our members, led by Kevin & Lorraine, will leave soon for Guatemala; shoes and socks will be provided to the school children in the Xela Aid program. Donations of these items are much appreciated.

Please let Alice know ASAP if you are interested in attending the Author's Luncheon and/or the District Chili Cook-off.

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District News

District clubs have responded to the call for the Turkey-Syria Earthquake Relief by donating warm clothes, sleeping bags, etc. Extra hands are still needed to help pack these items in Tustin, occurring today and Thursday.

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Previous Program

**Walter Dennenberg -
Veterans Affairs Medical Center**

Walter Dennenberg has been with Veterans Affairs for 16 years; he has been the Medical Center Director since February 2017 and is based at the Long Beach site. The VA is the largest integrated healthcare system in the USA, with 1293 healthcare facilities, 171 VA medical centers, and 1112 outpatient clinic sites. It serves more than 9 million veterans, with 68,000 at Long Beach. Of these, 5300 are women, and 6553 are Iraq-Afghanistan vets.

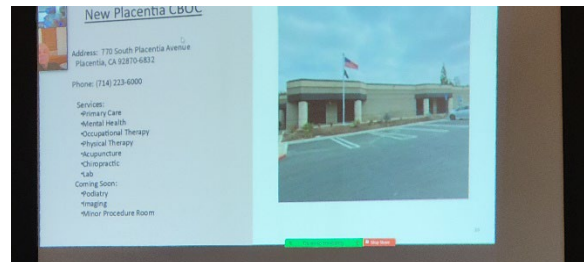


Previous Program (continued)

Long Beach is, and has been, undergoing a lot of construction and program improvements -- part of a 10-year plan:

- Tibor Ruben Medical Center (named after a Hungarian Holocaust survivor, USArmy vet, a Korean prisoner of war, who was awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor, and then served as a volunteer at Long Beach
- Veteran Mental Evaluation team
- Stellate Ganglion Block - engaged in severe PTSD tracking
- Veterans Crisis line 24/7 (dial 988)

A satellite Veterans Center was opened in Placentia in July 2022, at 770 S Placentia Avenue (near Sam's Club).



February is Rotary Peace and Conflict Prevention / Resolution Month