

**Welcome Members,
Friends and Guests
to the meeting
of the
Rotary Club of Placentia**

July & August



Wedding Anniversaries

7/10 Nel & Ernie Mora



Birthdays

7/8 Alex Medina
7/12 Cindy Lucido
7/25 Turgut Cakiraga
7/25 Mary Castner
8/16 Kathi Baldwin
8/26 Dottie Rogers
8/31 Lisa Pallares

Today's Program:

The Pacific Symphony

*** Upcoming Programs ***

Aug 7 Chris Skorina
District Governor
Aug 14 Club Assembly
Aug 21 *dark* (evening social)
Aug 28 Bianca -
Rotary Exchange Student
Sept 4 Club Assembly/Cowabunga
Sept 11 tbd
Sept 18 *dark* (evening social)
Sept 25 tbd
Oct 2 Club Assembly
Oct 9 tbd
Oct 16 *dark* (evening social)



Club Anniversaries

7/1/2015 Patti McWilliams
7/7/2021 Debye Payne
7/13/2016 Alice Shiozawa
7/15/2020 Lisa Pacheco
7/26/2023 Kelley Krahling
7/30/2014 Dottie Rogers
8/1/1978 Lee Castner
8/30/2023 Jason Dobine
8/31/2022 Madisen Ly

Upcoming Events

- Fri thru 8/9 Movies in the Park (every 2 wks)
- Th thru 8/15 Concerts in the Park
- Tu 8/6 National Night Out
- Fri 8/9 Multi-Club Social
- Mon 8/12 Cowabunga Planning meeting**
- Wed 8/14 Club Board meeting**
- Wed 8/21 Backpack stuffing w/ eve social**
- Th 8/15 Taste of Placentia**
- Fri 8/23 Gomez Ctr Backpack distrib**
- Sat 8/24 Cypress St Backpack distrib**
- Sat 8/24 HIS-OC Classic Car Show
- Sun 9/1 District Angels game
/Svc Club Month Kick-off
- Sat 9/7 Cowabunga
- Th 9/19 Club Board meeting**
- Mon 9/23 2nd Leadership Forum @ FV
- Th 10/17 Club Board meeting**
- Sat 10/19 Heritage Day**

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Club & Community News

This week marks the fourth of this year’s offerings at Concerts in the Park, held each Thursday evening at Tri-City Park, with bands reaching across the musical spectrum. This is a highly attended series, sponsored by the Placentia Community Services Department. We have had a Taylor Swift tribute, a reggae & Caribbean band, and modern country tunes. This week will feature oldies, and Latin rock next week. The “grand finale” on 8/15 will be held in conjunction with the Chamber’s Taste of Placentia.

We will have a Rotary information booth at the Taste of Placentia. In addition, we will be at National Night Out on Tuesday 8/6 at Placentia Town Center, serving up hot dogs, as well as information about Rotary. Come on out to these community events, and help support our outreach to our friends and neighbors!

Be sure to sign up for a shift at Cowabunga!

District Governor Chris Skorina will make his official club visit on August 7th. Please try to clear your schedule to attend!

We are quickly approaching for this year’s LOT318 Backpack and School Supply project! In lieu of our typical monthly evening social, we will be combining it with stuffing backpacks on Wednesday 8/21 at Alice’s house – food and service together! The distributions at the Gomez Center will take place Friday 8/6, and at Cypress Street on Saturday 8/7, both at 6:00 pm.

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RI and District News

A multi-club social is coming soon! On Friday 8/9, at Broken Timbers in Old Town Members and friends of the Rotary Clubs of Yorba Linda Sunrise, Brea, Anaheim Hills, NEOC, and Placentia will gather at Broken Timbers in Old Town Placentia on Friday 8/9 at 6:00 pm for some fellowship, brews/ seltzers, and appetizers – with a mini-contest for best crockpot appetizer! All funds raised will help subsidize RYLA 2025.

This will be the second year of our District spear-heading the recognition of September as Service Club Month, with a 9/1 kick-off tailgate party at the Big A at Angel Stadium, followed by the game Angels vs Seattle Mariners. It is hoped that other service organizations (Lions, Elks, Kiwanis) will join in the festivities. We are requesting the Placentia City Council to again issue its proclamation of this designation.



Dottie and Alice attended the first Leadership Forum of the year. District team leaders were introduced, followed by a

discussion/exercise of the Rotary Action Plan -a 4-tier approach to achieve active membership: Expanding our Reach, Enhancing Participation, Increase our Ability to Adapt, and Increasing our Impact. The second Leadership Forum is scheduled for Monday 9/23 in Fountain Valley.

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Last Week's Program

Lara Akl School on Wheels

Lara Akl is a volunteer engagement coordinator and the OC representative for School on Wheels, a local non-profit providing learning opportunities to homeless youth in the counties of Southern California. Lara holds a Masters degree in communication and marketing.



She speaks 3 languages, including her native Lebanese. Growing up in war-torn Lebanon, she witnessed her mother struggling to raise her and her several siblings, and experienced displacement, resulting in attending 7 different schools.

This background has led Lara to be passionate about education, and with a desire to break the cycle in which the homeless find themselves. Homeless students are more likely to experience:

- 4 x drop out
- 3 x special education programs

- 2 x poor scoring on standardized testing
- 9 x repeat grades/classes

School on Wheels was founded in 1993 by teacher Agnes Stevenson, beginning as a "homework club". Later, a learning center was established in LA's skid row, offering afterschool transportation, free tutoring and mentoring. Today, School on Wheels offers free year-round one-on-one tutoring at any library, park or other quiet space suitable for learning, free backpacks and school supplies, scholarship programs, positive role-modelling and mentorships. It offers customized curriculums, referrals and additional support for the families.

The organization partners with school districts and community organizations in its outreach to students. Interested individuals and organizations can help by volunteering, donating, "spreading the word", and helping to connect via social media.

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July is Rotary New Leadership Month