

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

April



Wedding Anniversaries

- 4/2 Ron & Sue White
- 4/29 Debye & Bob Payne



Birthdays

- 4/14 Craig Hall
- 4/15 Lisa Pacheco
- 4/19 Lorraine Padilla
- 4/22 Ron White
- 4/22 Patti McWilliams
- 4/25 Alicia Forrest

Today's Program:

Amy Choi-Wan
NOC ROP Education Center

*** Upcoming Programs ***

- May 1 Club Assembly
- May 8 Lubyann Hausmann - Baseball
- May 15 *dark* (evening social)
- May 22 RYLA attendees
- May 29 Placentia Library
- Memory Lab
- Jun 5 Club Assembly
- Jun 12 tbd
- Jun 19 *dark* (evening social)
- Jun 26 *dark* (Demotion party)
- Jul 3 tbd
- Jul 10 tbd
- Jul 17 *dark* (evening social)
- Jul 24 tbd



Club Anniversaries

- none -

Upcoming Events

- Th 4/4 –6/30 Old Town Live concerts
- Sat 4/27 District March for Mental Health
- Sat 4/27 Placentia drive-by drug disposal
- Sat 5/4 Club Dental Clinic**
- Sat 5/4 Fullerton Rotary Uncorked
- 5/10 – 5/12 District Conference @ Long Beach
- 5/11-5/12 Chamber e-waste recycling
- Sat 5/18 YL Sunrise Rotary Lobsterfest
- Wed 5/22 Anaheim Rotary Grapes & Grains
- 5/25-5/29 RI Convention @ Singapore
- Th 5/30 1st Responders Recogn Breakfast
- 6/15-6/16 Calif Celtic Festival
- Fri 6/21 DG Roy Transition dinner

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Club & Community News

The Placentia Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 100th anniversary, AND Placentia Founders Society its 50th, on Saturday 4/13. Due to the threat of rain, the festivities were moved to the Backs Building. Congratulations to both entities for their long-enduring contributions to our city!



Our club received a Certificate of Recognition from Congresswoman Michelle Steel for its efforts in providing food for those in need – specifically the Gasoline & Caffeine OC Canned Food Drive.

Our April social eve was held at Broken Timbers, with JD Wings n Things providing pre-ordered food. We were joined by former member Carol Kennedy & Mike, plus her grandson Michael. Michael is in the Civil Air Patrol, leading their Rocketry Team, which is hoping to qualify for the Rocketry finals in Virginia. They are raising funds via e-waste collections. Various club members were able to clean out some of their old electronics, and Michael picked them up at our evening social or via other arrangements. Thank you for helping him!

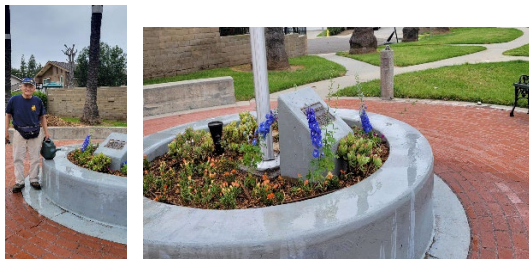


Community volunteers came out to work on various throughout the city on Love Placentia day, Saturday 4/20 – including our 3 projects. Thank you to Lisa, Shay, Craig, and TC for getting everything started with breakfast at Eldorado High.



TC and Craig then did a great job on refreshing the Bradford Park flagpole planter area. Several others were on hand for the hygiene kit packaging, followed by

the shelving at the Aguirre Building (Champions Park).



Santa Angelina Senior Housing will be opening soon, possibly mid-May. Teri Niebuhr, our speaker a few weeks ago, provided us with a list of “Welcome Home” kit needs, which we hope to fill. Please let Alice know if you are able to help with any of the items.

Our Dental Clinic is scheduled for Saturday 5/4, at Oberle Gym. Flyers have being distributed at our schools. The USC Dental School students, headed by licensed dentists, will provide dental services to those students and their families in our under-served areas. Dental services range from cleaning, filling of cavities, to x-rays, to extractions! We Rotarians provide lunch and non-technical support for the workers. Please see Ward for shift and duty sign-ups.

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RI and District News

The District March for Mental Health Awareness, DG Roy Jefferson’s focus project, is this Saturday 4/27, at Yorba Regional Park. We have 1 walking team, plus several donators. Our community Interact club has also formed a walking team in support of this event.

The kick-off for the District Conference is is Friday 5/10, which includes the Hospitality Suites – a chance to really mingle and socialize with members of other clubs, as well as a casino nite. Saturday will bring a full day of guest speakers and informative sessions. (note: the Sunday Mothers Day breakfast has been cancelled. It seems that everyone prefers to spend the time with their moms and/or the mothers of their own kids!!!)

The Transition Dinner (to close out DG Roy Jefferson’s year) will be held on Friday 6/21 at the Yorba Linda Community Center, starting at 5:30 pm, at a cost of \$50 per person. More info coming soon!

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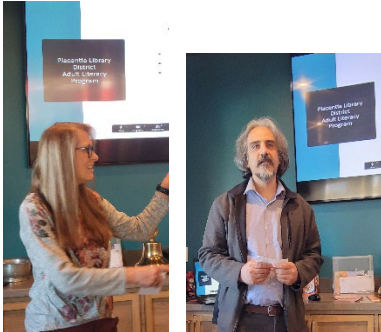
Last Week’s Program

Sally Federman Placentia Library Literacy Tutoring Program

Sally Federman is the Library Assistant and Adult Literacy Coordinator at the Placentia Library. The program vision is to make basic literacy available all members of the community; to create an educational program to which local businesses can refer their employees.

The Library was awarded a grant in 2015 towards basic literacy. A second grant for ESL was later received towards a speaking and reading program. The multi-

approach program for adults 18 years and older consists of one-on-one tutoring, small group instruction, workshops on specific topics, and classes. Topics covered include beginning & intermediate book clubs, citizenship classes, conversational groups, painting workshops, and financial literacy.



What are the benefits and drivers for the learners? They may wish to improve communications within and about the family members, such as with their children's teachers or with doctors. Improved literacy impacts lives helping to learn about the American culture, and incorporating it into their everyday lives.

Businesses also benefit from partnering with the Literacy Program. They will have improved communication with the employee, which results in greater accuracy and efficiency, and improved productivity. These improvements may result in higher earnings and advancement for the employee-learner.

Sally introduced us to Mehrdad, one of Literacy Program participants. Mehrdad is an artist who emigrated to the USA with his family three years ago. He learned about the program through its Explorer newsletter, and has been in the program for 1-1/2 years. He is now one

of its first tutor-learners. He enjoys the Word of the Month, helping to expand his vocabulary. He related that his improved literacy has helped him build greater self-confidence, self-esteem in personal and public communications, and to better integrate into the local community. He has a greater ability to support his family as a freelance artist, and he helps conduct workshops on painting, enjoying sharing his skills with others.

The Literacy Program needs more tutors, volunteers willing and able to dedicate a minimum of 1 hour a week for a 6-month minimum, no previous experience required. Sally added other opportunities to help include monetary resources, or local businesses willing to create partnerships.

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April is Rotary Maternal and Child Health Month