

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

May



Wedding Anniversaries

- 4/29 Debye & Bob Payne
- No May Anniversaries



Birthdays

- 5/5 Gae Wood
 5/7 Nelida Mora
 5/11 Nate Forrest
 5/14 Hugh Wood
 5/15 Sue White
 5/29 Ward Smith

Today's Program:

**Zack Rogers -
 Missionary Trip to Africa**

*** Upcoming Programs ***

- May 10 *dark am* / Social eve
 May 17 Les Whitney - Dealing with Terminal Cancer
 May 23 RYLA
 May 30 Jarvis Levison - Productivity & Time Management
 June 7 Club Assembly
 June 14 tbd
 June 21 *dark*
 June 28 tbd



Club Anniversaries

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Upcoming Events

- May + June CERT Training -Thursdays
- Fri 5/5 - District Conference
- Sun 5/7 @ Newport Beach
- Wed 5/10 Chamber Sip & Shop
- Th 5/11 Connect w/ Rotary North OC @ Golden Road Brewery
- 5/13 - 5/15 City e-Waste event
- Mon 5/15 Long Beach Rotary Golf Tourney
Irvine Rotary Golf Tournament
- Th 5/18 First Responders Breakfast
- Sat 5/20 Global Grant Seminar
YL Sunrise Rotary Lobsterfest
- Tu 5/23 EDHS Seniors Awards Night
- Wed 5/24 Cowabunga planning meeting**
- 5/27 – 5/31 RI Convention @Melbourne
- Mon 5/29 Health Fair @ Kraemer Park
- Fri 6/16 SJC Golf Tournament
- Fri 6/23 District Transition Dinner
- Sun 6/25 Club Demotion Party**

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Club & Community News

Reminder: Starting this week, we will be trying out the new Denny’s at Richfield & Yorba Linda, as a meeting location for the months of May & June (with the exception of 5/17, when we’ll be at Mr. D’s).

The Chamber’s Sip & Shop event is on Wednesday 5/10, 5:30 – 7:00 pm at the Womens’ Roundtable. We will have an info booth there, “woman’d” by Kathi, Lisa, and Alice. Note: this is the same night as our monthly evening social at Rembrandts.

The annual First Responder Appreciation Breakfast will be held on Thursday 5/18. Sign-ups are being taken, \$35 each. Please let Alice know if you’d like to attend.

LOT 318’s 3rd Annual Health & Wellness Fair is on Memorial Day (Monday 5/29), at Kraemer Park.. We will be setting up the perimeter fencing as well as acting as a sponsor. Should any member also wish to

help support this event by contributing either funds or items to one of their themed raffle baskets, please let Alice know.

Selection of our scholarship winners have been determined. Due to logistics, this year we will not be hosting them at one of our breakfast meetings, but will be announcing them at their schools’ Senior Awards Night or graduation ceremonies.

Save the Date! Our Club Demotion party will be at Kevin & Lorraine’s home on Sunday 6/25 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm.

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District News

The District Conference is this weekend at the Marriott Renaissance Newport, from Friday 5/5 thru Sunday 5/7. A Presidents’ Luncheon will be held prior to the start of the Conference. Club recognitions, inspiring speakers, hands-on projects and much more are planned!

A series of multi-club membership socials has been on-going in our District, with the North OC clubs’ event (Connect with Rotary networking) scheduled for Thursday 5/11, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, at Golden Road Brewery. A number of potential Rotarians is anticipated, and will provide an opportunity to network, as well as help with a hands-on project – family fun packs for homeless families.

Dan Ouweleen’s transition dinner will be on Friday 6/23. Further details will be coming soon!

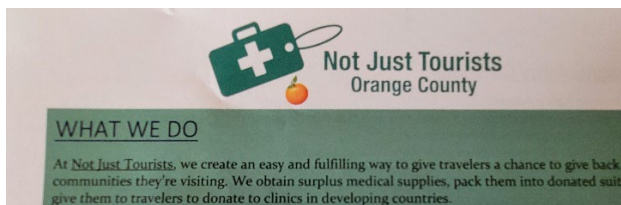
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May is Rotary Youth Service Month

Last Week's Program

Carl Eaton - Not Just Tourists

"Take a Suitcase, Change a Life" - what does this intriguing motto mean? Travelers to developing countries can volunteer to take and deliver an additional piece of check-in luggage filled (not carry-ons) with medical supplies to a clinic located in the vicinity of the community they plan to visit. The medical supplies may vary from splints to bandages, to syringes to surgical instruments. These do not include any medications or controlled substances (drugs). The medical supplies are often or usually sorely-needed in these communities. Thus the motto.



Not Just Tourists was founded in Canada in 1990; today, there are 55 branches worldwide. The Orange County branch opened in 2018. Over 50,000 pounds of medical supplies that would have ended up in landfills have been diverted and donated to this organization. Interestingly, the storage facility in Costa Mesa is actually Carl's backyard, as well as his neighbor's! His space is, therefore, quite limited, and finds that he sometimes has to turn away donations.

The organization does not take monetary donations. They accept full-size suitcases or wheeled-duffle bags, in-kind services (such as printing or storage space or bins), volunteer to take suitcases.

So, what is the process?

- Clinics in the developing country can contact Not Just Tourists directly to "get on their list".
- If you plan to travel, contact NJT on-line, fill-out their traveler form.
- NJT will identify a clinic and contact person in the vicinity of your hotel.
- NJT arranges for you to pick up one (or more) of their filled suitcases, or can ship it to you. (Note: REI allows free shipment anywhere in the USA.) You are encouraged to open the suitcase, then repack it so that you are confident of what you are taking, and can truthfully say that you packed it.
- Check the suitcase in at the airport. (Note: the traveler picks up any baggage fees.) Upon retrieval, the suitcase typically does not need to be declared. Should it be opened at customs, a letter detailing the contents and humanitarian purpose should suffice
- The traveler makes the delivery of the suitcase.

***Hugh and Alice have extra suitcases which will be donated to NJT, and plan to make arrangements for a pick-up of these after mid-May. If you would like to add to the suitcase donation, let Alice know!