

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

February + March



Wedding Anniversaries

- 2/18 Robert & Krystina Gabler
- 3/6 Craig Hall & Carrie Buck
- 3/17 Lisa Pacheco & Jeff Reinitz



Birthdays

- 2/17 Madisen Ly
- 3/13 Robert Gabler
- 3/19 Lee Castner

Today's Program:

Teri Niebuhr
Santa Angelina Senior Housing
Update

*** Upcoming Programs ***

- Mar 6 Club Assembly
- Mar 13 tbd
- Mar 20 *dark* (evening social)
- Mar 27 tbd
- Apr 3 Club Assembly
- Apr 10 tbd
- Apr 17 *dark* (evening social)
- Apr 24 tbd
- May 1 Club Assembly
- May 8 tbd
- May 15 *dark* (evening social)
- May 22 tbd
- May 29 tbd



Club Anniversaries

- 2/2/2007 Kathi Baldwin
- 2/8/2017 Alex Muolo
- 3/1/1996 Glenn Baldwin

Upcoming Events

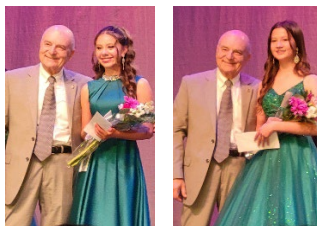
- Sat 3/2 PLFF Authors Luncheon
+ virtual PETS make-up
- Th 3/14 Love Plac Leadership Team mtg
- Sat 3/16 District training @ Chapman
- Sat 3/23 Easter Eggcitement
- W 3/27-5/15 Citizens Academy
- Th 4/4 - 5/9 City CERT training
- Th 4/11 Love Plac Leadership Team mtg
- Sat 4/13 Chamber 100th Birthday Bash
- Sat 4/13 City Shred & e-Waste Day
- Sat 4/13 Corazon House Build
- 4/14 - 4/21 RYLA
- Sat 4/20 Love Placentia + Earth Day
- Sun 4/21 Orange Plaza Rotary Car Show
- Sat 4/27 District March for Mental Health
- Sat 5/4 Club Dental Clinic
- 5/10 – 5/12 District Conference @ Long Beach
- Sat 5/18 YL Lobsterfest
- 5/25-5/29 RI Convention @ Singapore

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Club & Community News

The crowning of Miss Placentia, Miss Yorba Linda, Placentia Teen, and Yorba Linda Teen was again a event showcasing the talents, healthy outlooks, service orientation, and confidence of our youth. The Rotary of Placentia’s Community Service Initiative awards for those platforms most closely aligned with our Avenues of Service:

- 1st Teen: Julianne Rocke
“Helping Hands”
- 2nd Teen: Jocelyn Barber
“Hope for the Unhoused”
- 1st Miss: Jillian Marquez
“Leading with Literacy”
- 2nd Miss: Alyssa August
“Supporting Our District’s Teachers”



Miss YL 2024 is Paulina Dole, Miss YL Teen is Kaylyn Mills, Miss Placentia 2024 is Madeline Smith, and Miss Placentia Teen is Julianne Rocke.



The City’s Easter Eggcitement is scheduled for Saturday 3/23. We will again be serving hot dogs + chips for lunch (10:00 am to 1:00 pm), at Kraemer Park.

Love Placentia is on Saturday 3/20. Our Rotary club will again be preparing hygiene kits for the homeless. We are also trying to arrange the replacement of the flag at Bradford Park, and to do some flower/planter maintenance. Be sure to save the date!

This year, we are sponsoring 3 students to RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), geared to 10th and 11th grade students to aid them in developing leadership skills. After a week of preparatory assignments, they attend an in-person camp for the weekend.

After suffering a hiatus due to Covid, our Dental Clinic is back on the calendar! The USC Dental School students, headed by licensed dentists, will be serving the those in-need in our community, primarily students and families in the Melrose, Ruby, and Topaz Elementary School areas. They provide the full gamut of dental services,

from filling of cavities, to x-rays, to extractions! No, we Rotarians don't get to work on the teeth – but we provide lunch and sustenance for the workers, as well as keep the waiting patients occupied with books, coloring projects, etc. The Dental Clinic will be held at Oberle Gym on Saturday 5/4.

Our primary fundraiser, Cowabunga, will be held Saturday 9/14! Please keep your calendars open, as this is an All-Hands-On-Deck event! Cowabunga funds our scholarship program, as well as our other community and international projects. We will be forming various sub-committees and soliciting volunteers for the various aspects of planning and performance.

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RI and District News

Reminder: be sure to register for the District Training Seminar, to be held on Saturday morning 3/16, at Chapman University. New directors and new members are especially encouraged to attend these informative sessions.

Are you interested in helping with the annual Corazon Housebuild in Tecate, on Saturday 4/13? There are 10 seats available for \$375 each, covering the materials to build the house, the sanitation system, the bus charter and a contribution to Corazon's scholarship program – all with the intent to end the cycle of poverty. Let us know ASAP if you are interested, or would like more information.

The District March for Mental Health Awareness, DG Roy Jefferson's focus project, will be Saturday 4/27 at Yorba Regional Park. More information is coming soon!

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Previous Week's Program

Sheila Rodriguez Placentia Public Safety Communications

Sheila (Shay) is the Public Safety Dispatcher for the City of Placentia, and will shortly be inducted as a member of our Rotary club. She has been with the City for 3 years, with prior dispatching responsibilities for a few other cities. She earned her BS at CalPoly Pomona and her Master of Public Administration at Azusa Pacific. She is a part of the Orange County Peer Support Team.



In September 2020, a state Assembly bill established/recognized dispatchers as first responders. Shortly thereafter, the City of Placentia established its Public Safety Communications department for its police and fire & life safety departments. This group provides coverage 24/7 with its 4 teams; each team consists of 3 dispatchers and 1 supervisor, under a single manager. Current staffing includes 2 parttime dispatchers. Qualified personnel must have a high school diploma or GED, be able to type 45 words per minute, must pass peace officer standards and training (including a written exam), and is subject to a home visit/inspection/check. The

dispatchers undergo on-the-job training, and a 4-phase training regimen.

Each work shift is comprised of 4-hour windows, switching to different areas of focus. Shay showed us a slide of the work stations: 4 or more screens to be monitored and responded to appropriately, with at least 4 different program systems and situational protocols!

In OC, those needing emergency assistance or response are now able to communicate via text to 911, using simple words, no emojis or photos. Out-of-service cell phones are still able to call 911.

Shay and her department members engage in community outreach at our local events. An especially meaningful display at the station is the Tree of Life: if they are able to talk to a caller, and able to restore circulation to the victim, the dispatcher earns a LEAF; if they are able to help the caller in a birth, the dispatcher earns a BLUE FLOWER. Truly a visual representation of the positive results of their work!

Tomorrow, Thursday 2/29 is Leap Day!

During use of the Julian calendar, did not correctly calculate the Earth's rotation around the sun. In Roman Catholic countries, In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar by adding what we now call Leap Day. Britain and its colonies did not begin using the Gregorian calendar for almost 200 years (in 1752).

A baby has about 1 in 1,500 of being born on February 29th, with an estimated 200,000 leap day babies in America. When does a Leap Day baby legally "have" a birthday, such as when they can get their drivers license? This depends upon which state they reside! California allows them to come-of-age on February 28th, rather than March 1st.

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