

**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

4/22 Ron White
4/22 Patti McWilliams

Today's Program:

Club Evening Social

*** Upcoming Programs ***

Apr 23 tbd
Apr 30 tbd
May 7 Club Assembly
May 14 tbd
May 21 *dark* (evening social)
May 28 tbd
Jun 4 Club Assembly
Jun 11 tbd
Jun 18 *dark* (evening social)
Jun 25
Jul 2
Jul 9



Club Anniversaries

4/24/2024 Jeannie Sattler
4/24/2024 Lisa Pallares

Upcoming Events

Th thru 5/22 Citizen's Academy
 Wed thru 4/30 City Citizens Academy
Th 4/17 Club Board meeting
 Sat 4/26 Global Grants Mgmt Seminar
 Fri 5/2 HIS-OC Message in a Bottle
 Sat 5/3 Rotary Walk for Mental Health
 + **Love Placentia**
 Sat 5/10 Food Allergy Faire
Th 5/15 Club Board meeting
 Sat 5/17 YL Sunrise Lobsterfest
 + Fullerton Uncorked
 + Tustin Loberterfest
 Sat 6/14 District Transition Dinner
 6/14 – 6/15 Celtic Fest
 6/21 – 6/25 RI Convention @ Calgary
 Sun 6/29 Brea OC Food & Wine Fest

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Club & Community News

PYLUUSD's Family Wellness Summit was held at the Oberle Gym on the evening of Friday 3/28. We donated a "family fun basket" and had a booth focusing on club and RI actions relating to our efforts on health, including eradication of polio, women's and children's health, water and sanitation, etc. Thank you to Alex Medina in helping with our booth (and providing as the muscle)! Several workshops were offered such as Naloxone training, risks of screen over-use, and parental communications.

Easter Eggcitement 2025 is now "in the basket"! Attendance seemed to be much lower than in past years, but the kids and their families all seemed to enjoy the event! We sold a hot dog lunch combo (for a modest price), and some of us sampled the offering (for quality control purposes, of course). Kids got a chance to visit the Easter Bunny, watch a magic show, and visit various booths. Thank you to Roy, Holly, Glenn, Kathi, and Dottie for all the work!



Cowabunga 2025 planning is progressing! Be sure to reserve Saturday 7/19 for our primary fundraiser – all hands on deck! Please plan on helping identify or providing sponsorships, ticket-selling, silent auction baskets, etc!

Love Placentia is on Saturday 5/3. The day kicks off with breakfast at El Dorado High, after which all volunteers head towards their selected projects. Our Rotary club will be cooking up sausages, while Kiwanis provides the pancakes. Our primary project is the assembling of hygiene kits for the homeless; we might have another small project, TBD.

We are sorry to report the passing of Mary Castner, long-time & honorary member Lee Castner's wife. Mary & Lee were blessed with a 71-year marriage. Several current and past club members were in attendance for the loving celebration of life. We were happy to have Lee visit our club meeting on 4/2.

Several members are experiencing family health issues. Please keep them in your thoughts and hearts.

Reminder: HIS-OC's Message in a Bottle fundraiser is on Friday 5/2.

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District & RI News

Three Rotary Walk for Mental Health events are being held over the 5/3 – 5/4 weekend – in Long Beach, Whittier, and San Clemente. Participants and supporters are welcome (and much-desired)!

The District Transition Dinner will be held in Irvine on Saturday 6/14. Club recognition awards are presented at this event, as well as celebrating the out-going governor's leadership role throughout his year.

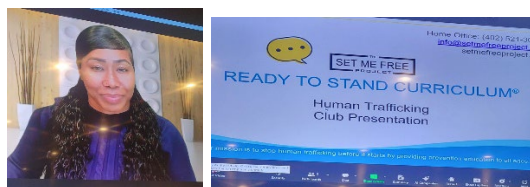
Rotarians love food and adult beverages!!! Upcoming fundraisers from local clubs include the Yorba Linda Sunrise Lobsterfest, the Tustin Lobsterfest, and the Fullerton Uncorked – all on Saturday 5/17! The Brea club follows this up with their own OC Food & Wine Festival on Sunday 6/29.

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Previous Program (3/26)

Toni Fox "Set Me Free"

Toni is the West Regional Trainer and Outreach Coordinator with the "Set Me Free" project, a non-profit organization whose mission is to stop human trafficking before it starts by providing preventative education for all ages. Toni is a fellow Rotarian, and grew up in Placentia.



What is human trafficking? It is the use of force, fraud or coercion to compel. Force is the least used tactic. This may result in sex or labor trafficking, or forced criminalization. Human trafficking is occurring everywhere, across the nation.

Males comprise 1/3 of those who are sex trafficked, but are the least likely to report. Surprisingly, 84% of trafficking occurs from within the family. Those who are trafficked may not identify themselves as being trafficked, and are less likely to seek or accept help.

What does a trafficker look like? He/she looks like ANYONE, using various tactics. Typical tactics include grooming, identification of vulnerabilities, appearing to be a trustworthy person, gaining consent of the target.

Possible flags of the victims include excessive living and working in isolated conditions, work hours, monitoring by others, unexplained absenteeism, pressured for access to information.

What should you do? Believe their story, avoid asking why, offer choices. But do not make promises. A very sobering statistic is that only 1-2% of those trafficked are recovered. Assure them that they are not alone and not to blame, that they have rights, assure them that they are entitled to help and services.

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Previous Program (4/2)

Club Assembly

During the April Club Assembly,

Michelle Meades was inducted into the club as the primary representative for the Placentia Library (Jeanette Contreras is the alternate member.) Alice shared that she has the current report on TRF giving for the club, and will be providing each individual member with their personal giving report. The annual club giving has an impact of the club share of district grants each year.

Kathi shared the status and thoughts on the 2025 Cowabunga fundraiser. Meetings have been held via Zoom on a weekly basis. All members are encouraged to participate with these planning meetings, and are expected to be involved with the actual event.

An additional fundraiser is anticipated for February - our first-ever golf tournament, at AVCC on Monday 2/23.

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Last Week's Program

Nikki Wright & Sarah King SR-91 Improvement Project

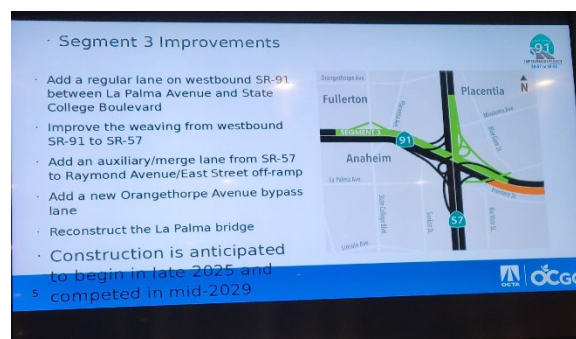
Nikki and Sarah are with the OCTA Public Outreach Team for the SR-91 Improvement Project, which covers improvements along the 91 freeway between the 55 and 57 freeways. The project cost of \$779M is funded by State, Federal, and local sources. Three (3) segments are planned, beginning next week and running through mid 2029.



Segment 1: Lakeview bridge, westbound on-ramp at Lakeview and southbound to 55. Starts next week; to late-2027

Segment 2: Kraemer/Glassell and Tustin bridges. Early-2026; to early-2030

Segment 3: La Palma/State College bridge, and Orangethorpe bypass lane. Late 2025; to mid-2029



Preparatory work for the project include installing k-rails, striping, removal of existing vegetation, miscellaneous closures. Most work will be done during the day, but some night work will be needed. Night work is determined due to safety of both the crew workers and drivers.

On-going outreach and communications include public outreach, social media, mailers, and e-mail alerts. To keep abreast of the project, you may check 91project@octa.net or various other social media sites.

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April is Rotary Maternal and Child Health Month

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