

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

January



Wedding Anniversaries

1/31 *Turgut & Maria Cakiraga*



Birthdays

1/15 *Alice Shiozawa*
1/26 *Krystina Gabler*

Today's Program:

Club Assembly

*** Upcoming Programs ***

- Jan 11 *dark am* / Social eve
- Jan 18 Rubin Skipper - Placentia Library Friends Foundation
- Jan 25 Walt Dennenberg - Veterans Affairs Health Care
- Feb 1 Club Assembly
- Feb 8 *dark am* / Social eve
- Feb 15 tbd
- Feb 22 tbd
- Mar 1 Club Assembly
- Mar 8 *dark am* / Social eve
- Mar 15 tbd
- Mar 22 tbd
- Mar 29 tbd



Club Anniversaries

1/4/2012 *Robert Gabler*

Upcoming Events

All January Ride for Hope
 Tues 1/17 Pres Social @ Anaheim Hills
 Fri 1/27/23 Excellence in Placentia Gala
 2/xx Miss PYL competition
 Sat 4/1 Easter Eggcitement
 Sat 4/8 District Chili Cookoff @Sta Ana Zoo
 4/18 – 4/23 RYLA
 Sat 4/22 Love Placentia – hygiene kits
 5/5 – 5/7 District Conference @ Newport Bch
 5/27 – 5/31 Rotary Intl Convention @Melbourne

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Club & Community News

Hope everyone had a safe and joyous holiday season! And don't forget to NOT go to AVCC, you may find yourself a bit lonely. For January and February, we are meeting at Loaded Café, and will not be offering a hybrid option (i.e. no Zoom).

Coming soon: our club will be featured in an ad on the 57 Freeway billboard!

We anticipate more harvesting opportunities in the new year, obviously dependent upon no rain, as well as our local neighbors again having excess fruits (usually citrus fruits). These picking events are pretty quick, and benefit both the homeowner and our local food pantries & those in need.

Reminder: if you know of someone who would be able to present an interesting subject as one of our weekly programs, please provide Hugh with the contact (name and subject).

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**January is Rotary
 Vocational Service Month**

District & International Doings

Did you get a chance to watch the Rose Parade, either live in-person or on TV? This year's Rotary float entry "Serving with Imagination and Hope" was beautiful, and was awarded the Princess Trophy – for the most outstanding floral presentation (under 35-foot float). RI President Jennifer Jones, DG Dan Ouweleen, and the DGs of Districts 5300 and 5320 walked alongside the float.

The District Chili Cookoff is back! This inter-club competition was previously held prior to the District's annual Angel game outing, with many clubs participating. Our chili chefs have often been top contenders – so let's do it again! If you think you have a great recipe AND are willing to put it to the test, let's toss our spoons into the competitive ring! Save the date: April 8th at Prentice Park in Santa Ana! This includes tickets to the Santa Ana Zoo.

All clubs in the District is invited to participate in a January bike ride fundraiser, organized by Kehrut. Funds will be directed towards ending Human Trafficking and Slavery in our District.

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Last week's Program

**Ward Smith - A Second
 Humanitarian Journey to Ukraine**

Ward recently returned from a second trip to Ukraine, along with four other members of his church, taking backpacks of medical supplies which were distributed to medical relief teams at various locations. Ward shared many photos and stories of his observations and experiences:

- The many churches, protected from bombing, damage, and destruction
- Children playing amongst the ruins, making use of debris as balls and toys
- Damage to the roads, often necessitating back-tracking,