

**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:

Club Assembly

*** Upcoming Programs ***

- Apr 10 Sally Federman - Plac Library
Literacy Tutoring Program
- Apr 17 *dark* (evening social)
- Apr 24 Amy Choi-Wan - NOC ROP
Education Center
- May 1 Club Assembly
- May 8 tbd
- May 15 *dark* (evening social)
- May 22 RYLA attendees
- May 29 tbd
- Jun 5 Club Assembly
- Jun 12 tbd
- Jun 19 *dark* (evening social)
- Jun 26 *dark* (Demotion party)



Club Anniversaries

- none -

Upcoming Events

- W 3/27–5/15 Citizens Academy
- Th 4/4 - 5/9 City CERT training
- Th 4/4 –6/30 Old Town Live concerts
- Sat 4/6 Coffee With a Cop @ GS Coffee
- 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
- Sun 4/14 Brea Rotary Sunday Funday
- 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

Our March club social was held at Tlaquepaque Restaurant, in Old Town since 1965. We enjoyed the camaraderie and good food and drinks! As a reminder, our club holds its evening social on the third Wednesday of the month, in lieu of the morning meeting, experiencing the offerings of different local restaurants. Please plan on joining us next month!



Although this year’s Easter Eggcitement was held in the rain (on 3/23), the community still came out! Many of the activities were moved into the Backs Building, but the kids didn’t seem to mind a little wetness, scrambling around collecting

their eggs, visiting the Easter Bunny, and getting their hot dog lunches!



Love Placentia is on Saturday 4/20. Our Rotary club will be helping with breakfast for all volunteers. We will then head over to our 3 projects: assembling hygiene kits for the homeless; installing shelving at the Aguirre Building; and replacing the flag at Bradford Park, along with some planter maintenance there. Alice is taking sign-ups for the various Rotary activities.

Scholarship applications are being distributed to our 3 high schools this week. Interviews will be held in early-May.

Our Dental Clinic is back on the calendar, on Saturday 5/4, at Oberle Gym. 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.

Planning for our annual Cowabunga fundraiser is underway! It will be held at Kraemer Park on Saturday 9/7. Please plan on being actively engaged with this event – sign-ups for various sub-committees is coming soon.

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RI and District News

The District March for Mental Health Awareness, DG Roy Jefferson’s focus project, will be Saturday 4/27 at Yorba Regional Park. You may walk as a member of a team (\$100) or as an individual (\$25); sponsorships are being sought, starting at \$500. We hope to have a team of walkers.

The District Conference is also fast approaching! Kick-off is Friday 5/10, which includes the Hospitality Suites – a chance to really mingle and socialize with members of other clubs. Saturday will bring a full day of guest speakers and informative sessions. Sunday 5/12 concludes with a Mothers Day breakfast and a memorial services for those Rotarians we have lost this past year.

For those open to travel, the Rotary International Convention this year will be held in Singapore at the end of May.

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Last Week’s Program

PPD Sgt. Joe Gillis Peer Group Support

Sergeant Joe Gillis is a “local boy”, born and raised in Placentia. He has been with the Placentia Police Department 12 years, holding various positions. He was promoted to sergeant 3 years ago, and

has also been on NOC SWAT team for 10 years.



On vacation in October 2017, he attended a concert in Las Vegas, becoming a responder to what is now known as the Route 91 shooting. This event, as well as other critical incidents, triggers emotions in the responders which have traditionally not been addressed or treated. “Old school” officers don’t talk about how the incidents or how they are feeling, do not seek help - “everything’s okay”. Sgt. Gillis related that 5 years is the average time between retirement and death.

Sgt. Gillis recognized that there had to be a culture change within the department in regard to these stresses. He then started efforts to form a Peer Support Group for first responders. First responders typically work in tight-knit teams, forming close relationships with each other. The team is utilized to check on and take care of each other in terms of all aspects of fitness, health and welfare. The goal is to increase longevity both during working years and after.

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April is Rotary Maternal and Child Health Month