

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

May



Wedding Anniversaries

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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:

**Les Whitney -
Dealing with Terminal Cancer**

*** **Upcoming Programs** ***

- May 23 RYLA students
- 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

- Th 5/18 First Responders Breakfast
- Th 5/18 Club Board meeting**
- Sat 5/20 Global Grant Seminar
- YL Sunrise Rotary Lobsterfest
- Tu 5/23 EDHS Seniors Awards Night
- Tu 5/23 POW Homecoming Parade @ Nixon Library
- Wed 5/24 Cowabunga planning meeting**
- 5/27 – 5/31 RI Convention @Melbourne
- Mon 5/29 Health Fair @ Kraemer Park
- Tu 5/30 VHS Seniors Awards Night
- Fri 6/16 SJC Golf Tournament
- TBD El Camino Real graduation
- Fri 6/23 District Transition Dinner
- Sun 6/25 Club Demotion Party**

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Club & Community News

At last week's Chamber's Sip & Shop, Lisa made a lot of new vendor friends who may be interested in being a part of Cowabunga. Meanwhile, Kathi and Alice talked to people about Cowabunga and our club's service work in the community.



Don't forget the annual First Responder Appreciation Breakfast is tomorrow morning, from 7:30 to 9:00 am! We have a full table there to honor these organizations and exemplary persons.

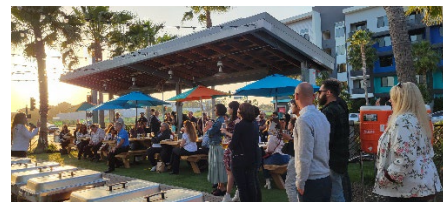
LOT 318's 3rd Annual Health & Wellness Fair is on Memorial Day (Monday 5/29), at Kraemer Park. We will be setting up the perimeter fencing as well as being one a sponsor. If you would like to contribute to these efforts, please let Alice or Ward know.

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's Connect with Rotary brought together several non-profits and individuals with many of the North OC Rotary clubs . This event provided an opportunity to network, as well as providing many hands to help assemble family fun packs for homeless families. AND we had plenty of tasty food and beverages from Golden Road Brewery!



Dan Ouweleen's transition dinner will be on Friday 6/23, at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge from 6-11 pm. Recognition awards, music, dancing, and, of course, good food are to expected!

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Last Week's Program

Members' Report on the District Conference

Our District Conference was held over the first weekend in May, at the Marriott Renaissance Newport Beach, just a few blocks from the Santa Ana Airport. Kevin, Lorraine, Glenn, Kathi, TC, and Alice attended at least a portion of the weekend. Herebelow is a taste of what they experienced:

Kevin and Lorraine hosted a booth where they shared the Xela Aid project in Guatemala, generating interest for the next step in support, as well as another trip.

Two hands-on projects also took place Throughout the conference: Rise Against Hunger meal kit packing, and the assembly of prosthetic hands.

Glenn and Kathi provided some snippets about some of the amazing speakers:

- Allan Karl - travelled around the world on his motorcycle, a 3-year itinerary taking him into many unexpected adventures, meeting people from all walks of life
- Erin Gruewell - the author of *Freedom Writers*, whose story was made into a moving film of the same name, about high school students who had been pushed aside and labelled but who rose to achieve meaningful lives because of her efforts and recognition of their needs and values as individuals in a struggle to survive

- Yvette Walter - now an active member of the Rotary Club of La Mirada, whose youth was spent in poverty but because of Rotary began to see hope, and to share this hope with others.

Glenn and Kathi also shared how much fun the Hospitality Night was, and the opportunity to get to know Rotarians from other clubs, and to share ideas.

Alice announced that our club received the District award for Increasing Our Reach - due to the 57 Freeway billboard display about Rotary (thank you, Ward!), and to becoming the Chartering Partner for Troop 723.



The Conference offered a wide diversity of topics at the breakout sessions. Alice gave examples of the sessions she attended:

- Malaria Partners International whose focus is on African nations, which suffer from the most deadly form of this treatable disease.
- Club Communications - the District is considering a District-wide newspaper!
- Senior Mental Health discussed pathways and approaches to aging and retirement leading to happiness or depression. Its about attitudes and meaningfulness