

**Welcome Members,
Friends and Guests
to the meeting
of the
Rotary Club of Placentia**

March



Wedding Anniversaries

3/6 Craig Hall & Carrie Buck
3/17 Lisa Pacheco & Jeff Reinitz



Birthdays

3/13 Robert Gabler
3/19 Lee Castner

Today's Program:

Club Assembly

*** Upcoming Programs ***

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	RYLA attendees
May 29	tbd
Jun 5	Club Assembly
Jun 12	tbd
Jun 19	*dark* (evening social)
Jun 26	*dark* (Demotion party)



Club Anniversaries

3/1/1996 Glenn Baldwin

Upcoming Events

- Sat 3/23 Easter Eggcitement**
- 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

The City’s Easter Eggcitement is this Saturday 3/23. We will again be serving hot dogs + chips for lunch (10:00 am to 1:00 pm), at Kraemer Park. Please let Alice know if you are able to volunteer for a 2-hour shift.

PYLUSD’s Principal for a Day is next Wednesday 3/27. This event is in partnership with the Placentia Chamber. Time is running out to volunteer to serve as one of the guest principals.

Love Placentia is on Saturday 4/20. Our Rotary club will again be preparing hygiene kits for the homeless, and helping with breakfast for all volunteers. We are also hoping to replace the flag at Bradford Park, and to do some flower/ planter maintenance. Be sure to save the date!

In partnership with the Placita Sante Fe Merchants and the Chamber, the City is again hosting Old Town Placentia LIVE. This 12-week concert series will be on

Thursday evenings 4/4 thru 6/20, offering a variety of musical genres and different artists.

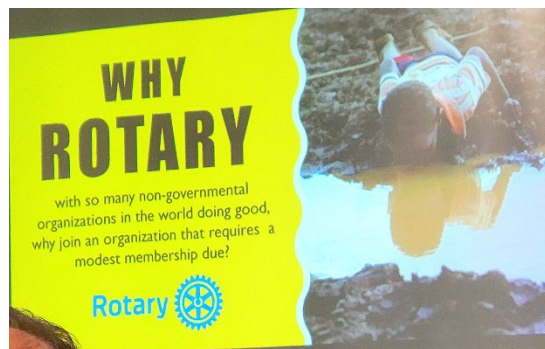
Our Dental Clinic is back on the calendar, on Saturday 5/4, at Oberle Gym. The USC Dental School students, headed by licensed dentists, will provide dental services to those students and their families in our under-served areas. Dental services range from cleaning, filling of cavities, to x-rays, to extractions! We Rotarians provide lunch and non-technical support for the workers.

Planning and advance leg-work for our Cowabunga fundraiser has begun! It will be held at Kraemer Park on Saturday 9/14. 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 Training Seminar, held last Saturday at Chapman University offered sessions covering a wide-range of topics and opportunities to learn about Rotary. The keynote speaker, Kelly Atkinson, a PDG from Utah, kicked the morning off with an engaging talk about Why Rotary. Our own Kevin Padilla and Kathi Baldwin each headed informative breakout sessions. Great to see Lisa, Dottie, Shay, TC and Alice in attendance.



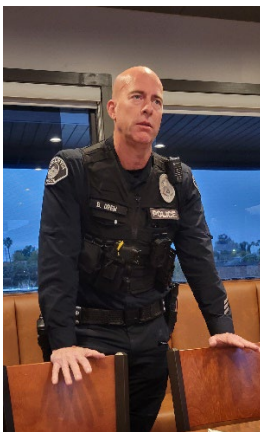
The District March for Mental Health Awareness, DG Roy Jefferson’s focus project, will be Saturday 4/27 at Yorba Regional Park. You may walk as a member of a team (\$100) or as an individual (\$25); sponsorships are being sought, starting at \$500. Perhaps our club will have a team of walkers? Will you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

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Previous Week’s Program

**PPD Officer Brian Drew
Homeless Liaison Officer**

Officer Brian Drew was hired into the Placentia Police Department 19 years ago as a patrol officer - by our own Ward Smith, then police chief. Today, he serves as the Homeless Liaison Officer, coordinating with the Fullerton, Brea, Stanton and Buena Park police departments, and with the Navigation Center here in Placentia.



Sleeping in public places is illegal, but non-enforceable IF beds are not available (e.g. at the Navigation Center).

Officer Drew has attended specialized training courses, such as working with schizophrenics who are often cycling on & off through medical drugs to control their disease.

He notes that, despite one's desire to help or offer aid, homeless encampments are NOT safe places for an untrained person to go. Often donations of food, clothing or other goods are often not appreciated, as these are additional encumbrances to carry or move; cash may be desirable (to those who have addictions). A "social" hierarchy exists within a homeless community, which may be based upon a number of factors, resulting in moving from camp to camp.

Typically, even shelters have limitations on how long a person may remain at a given location. The new HOPE Center (Homeless Outreach & Proactive Engagement) has created a unified "hub" to align outreach efforts in efficient response to non-emergency situations, addressing welfare, protective custody, and safety concerns. The goal is to eventually serve 13 cities in North OC, with non-emergency, non-violent dispatch service, rather than police response.

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Prior Program

Club Assembly

DG Roy Jefferson again visited our club, providing us with an update of upcoming events. District membership is growing, as is Foundation giving! He reminded us of the upcoming District Training Seminar on Saturday 3/10, encouraging all of us to attend. The March for Mental Health is on Saturday 4/27; the District Conference is Mothers' Day weekend, with Sylvia Whitlock, Hospitality Nite, Casino Nite, and Unsung Heroes. The

club is encouraged to sponsor (2) Interactors to the Saturday lunch.



Miss Placentia Teen Julianne Rocke visited us, accompanied by her mom Mercedes to thank us for sponsoring her. Her Community Service Initiative (Helping Hands) was awarded our Teen platform scholarship award.

Sheila "Shay" Rodriguez, Placentia Public Safety Communications Center (Dispatch), and Alex Medina, Major League Properties were welcomed as our (2) newest members. Shay was sponsored by Kelly, and Alex was sponsored by Nel.



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**Paul Alexander –
Iron Lung Man**

Polio survivor Paul Alexander passed away on March 11th. Who was he? He was the last man to live in an iron lung, contracting polio at the age of 6, and living 72 years with the aid of an iron lung. He was paralyzed from the neck down. He learned to breathe in a specialized manner, such that he was able to leave the iron lung for short periods during his waking hours, but had to sleep in it. He was able to do this, relying on a wheelchair for mobility for several years, but in recent years had to return to fulltime use. He had a strong will, however, and became a lawyer and a writer.

The iron lung was developed in 1927, and is a negative pressure ventilator, increasing and decreasing air pressure within its chamber, thereby causing the chest (and lungs) to deflate, then expand, as the diaphragm could not so function. Later ventilators operated via positive pressure, but are more invasive.