

Welcome
Members 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:

**Carl Eaton -
Not Just Tourists**

*** Upcoming Programs ***

- May 3 *RYLA*
- May 10 **dark am* / Social eve*
- May 17 *tbd*
- May 23 *tbd*
- May 30 *tbd*
- June 7 *tbd*
- June 14 **dark am* / Social eve*
- June 21 **dark**
- June 28 *tbd*



Club Anniversaries

- 4/1/1987 *Hugh Wood*
- 4/2/2014 *Paul Amero*

Upcoming Events

- May + June CERT Training -Thursdays
- Wed 4/26 Cowabunga planning meeting**
- 5/5 – 5/7 District Conference @ Newport Bch
- Wed 5/10 Chamber Sip & Shop
- Th 5/11 Connect w/ Rotary North OC @ Golden Road Brewery
- 5/13 - 5/15 City e-Waste event
- 5/14 - 5/28 Rotary Culture Exchange
- Mon 5/15 Long Beach Rotary Golf Tourney
Irvine Rotary Golf Tournament
- Th 5/18 First Responders Breakfast
- Sat 5/20 Global Grant Seminar
YL Sunrise Rotary Lobsterfest
- 5/27 – 5/31 RI Convention @Melbourne
- Mon 5/29 Health Fair @ Kraemer Park
- Fri 6/16 SJC Golf Tournament
- Fri 6/23 District Transition Dinner
- Sun 6/25 Club Demotion Party**

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Club & Community News

Beginning next week, our club will be meeting at the new Denny’s at Richfield & Yorba Linda, at least for the months of May & June (with the exception of 5/17).

At this past Saturday’s Love Placentia we assembled 250 hygiene kits at Aguirre Building (Champions Sports Park). Preceding this, we cooked up sausages while Kiwanis did the pancakes for all the volunteers at the kick-off activities held at El Dorado High.



The Chamber’s Sip & Shop event is on Wednesday 5/10, 5:30 – 7:00 pm at the Womens’ Roundtable. We will have an info booth there. This does conflict with our monthly evening social, but will involve only 2 or 3 members.

The annual First Responder Appreciation Breakfast will be held on Thursday 5/18. Sign-ups are being taken, \$35 each.

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 donating sponsoring funds. Should any member also wish to contribute items to one of their themed raffle baskets, please let Alice know.

Selection of our scholarship winners have been determined. Due to logistics, this year we will not be hosting them at one of our breakfast meetings, but will be announcing

them at their schools' graduation ceremonies.

Save the Date! Our Club Demotion party will be at Kevin & Lorraine's home on Sunday 6/25. We are planning to do a trial run of the Santa Maria BBQ that we plan to feature & serve at Cowabunga.

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District News

Our District Conference will be at the Marriott Renaissance Newport, from Friday 5/5 thru Sunday 5/7. A Presidents' Luncheon will be held prior to the start of the Conference. Club recognitions, inspiring speakers and much more is planned!

A series of multi-club membership socials has been on-going in our District, with the North OC clubs' event (Connect with Rotary networking) scheduled for Thursday 5/11, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, at Golden Road Brewery. A number of potential Rotarians is anticipated, and will provide an opportunity to network, as well as help with a hands-on project – family fun packs for homeless families.

Dan Ouweleen's transition dinner will be on Friday 6/23. Further details will be coming soon!

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Last Week's Program

Kevin Padilla - Guatemala trip

At last, the long postponed trip to Guatemala took place! Six of our members (Lorraine & Kevin, Kathi & Glenn, Holly & Roy), plus Mel & Leslie and 2 others from the Huntington Beach club took off for almost two weeks to view, visit and do service in the Quetzaltenango area of our international Project with Xela Aid.

One of the major highlights was a tour of the Montessori school, site of the funded efforts, which Leslie helped found. The kitchen, bathrooms, regular and computer classrooms have been improved or created by Rotary efforts. Educational goals include helping the children to gain fluency in Spanish; there are 23 Mayan languages, of which the "Mam" dialect is spoken in this area. Note: the town name "Quetzaltenango" is Spanish, while "Xela" is the Mayan name. The children also helped to develop life lessons: folding clothes, clean-up, etc.

Our travelers also visited the open-air markets, observed native weaving, helped cook meals, built chicken coops and distributed chicks, loaded and delivered food supplies, distributed 70 pairs of shoes and socks. Fun times were had dancing with and hugging the kids, creating photos of each child (most of whom had never seen themselves!), making beaded jewelry,

They visited the oldest church in Central America, rested at the beautiful Lake Atitlan, and observed the Palm Sunday celebrations, including the "carpets" of colored sawdust, and experienced the pilgrimages made with 100-foot long Passion floats.