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

June



6/14 Christine & James Stellino



Birthdays

6/2 Carrie Buck 6/11 Maverick Shuck 6/25 Glenn Baldwin 6/26 Bob Payne

Today's Program:

Sandy Castillo TOP Soccer

*** Upcoming Programs ***

Jul 3 *dark* (Independence Day)

Jul 10 Alice Shiozawa - Peek at

Club's 2024/25

Jul 17 *dark* (evening social)

Jul 24 tbd

Jul 31 tbd

Aug 7 District Governor's visit Aug 14 tbd

Aug 21 *dark* (evening social)

Aug 28 tbd



Club Anniversaries

none

Upcoming Events

Fri 6/28-8/9 Movies in the Park (every 2 wks)

Th 7/11-8/15 Concerts in the Park

Sat 7/13 TOP Soccer @ Brookhaven 7/13 & 7/14 Chamber e-Waste event

Tu 8/6 National Night Out

Th 8/15 Taste of Placentia

Fri 8/23 Gomez Ctr Backpack distrib
Sat 8/24 Cypress St Backpack distrib
Sat 8/24 HIS-OC Classic Car Show
District Angels game

/Svc Club Month Kick-off

Sat 9/7 Cowabunga

Club & Community News

The California Celtic Festival, previously held in Long Beach, moved to our own Kraemer Park on Fathers' Day weekend. It was a lively affair, with 2 stages, Celtic bands (and bagpipes!) switching every 90 mnutes or so. Food, beverages, t-shirts, jewelry, and games were offered by vendors. The Emerald Society, Fullerton PD, OC Sheriff Departments had booths with safety tips and service information. There was a lot going on! It is hoped that the new venue was successful enough that the Celtic Festival will call Placentia its new home.









Another opportunity to get to know and talk with our Placentia Police Department was offered at last Saturday's Coffee with a Cop at Starbucks. K9 Enzo was present with his handler, along with the Public Communications (dispatch), Explorers, and police were represented. Customers at the drive-thru may have had officers handing them their beverages! Good to see Shay and

Kelley hard at work! Dottie & Cindy and

Alice got a chance to relax and visit.







A few months ago, some updates/revisions to our Club Bylaws were proposed. As a result of comments received, some verbiage was added to provide clarification. A vote to accept these changes by the club members was taken, with the result that the new language has been approved, effective 6/12/2024.

Please send your positive thoughts and prayers to TC and Jeff Reinitz who are facing some serious health issues. Due to TC's surgery, the Club demotion party has been postponed, with the tentative date of Saturday 7/13, still at TC and Maria's home.

RI and District News

The District Transition Dinner (to close out DG Roy Jefferson's year) was held on Friday 6/21 at the Yorba Linda Community Center. Roy is a big golf fan, so of course the theme was GOLF! And he earned his Master's green jacket by bringing his new ideas into fruition: instead of a standard formal gala dinner party for TRF giving, he had a non-gala party for each club to celebrate as they wished, with any funds normally expended on food & drink etc, to be directed towards TRF, raising \$45,000 by this action alone. Roy also dreamed of the recognition and proclamation of a Service Club Month, which Orange County Board of Supervisors as well as several OC cities did. He wanted to support RI President Gordon McInally's initiative on mental health, so organized the first District 5320 March for Mental Health. He challenged our clubs to increase membership and to increase Foundation giving, both of which were accomplished.







Recognition Awards were announced for both Rotary clubs. Our club had the second highest percent increase in membership. The Irvine club was recognized as the Club of the Year, and PDG Greg Owen as the Rotarian of the Year for his establishing of the Kennel Club and for making his truck a End Polio Now moving billboard. Interact awards were also presented by the District Interact DG and DG-elect.















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Last Week's Program

Lisa Pacheco Rideshare 101

Our own Lisa Pacheco is a busy lady! Until her retirement a few weeks ago, Lisa taught English teacher at Diamond Bar High School. She also teaches driving, and is a rideshare driver through both Lyft and Uber. She shared some information about these two rideshare companies, and shared a few anecdotes of her experiences.



First, a little background information about the two: Uber was founded in 2009, and operates in 10,500 cities in 70 countries worldwide. Lyft is younger and smaller, founded in 2012 and operates in 656 cities in USA and Canada.

The concept of carpooling began during WWII as a way to conserve the limited supply of fuel. As the years passed, didn't we all carpool to school, parties, athletic events and such to save on money, plus to add to the social aspect of travel or commuting? Ridesharing is essentially ondemand carpooling, as opposed to taxi service is "ride-hailing" of a private personal transportation service. Ridesharing offers different service levels, with up-front pricing.

Rideshare drivers typically undergo an annual background check, with specified driving experience and age qualifications (Uber requires 3-years and minimum age 25, Lyft requires 1-year experience and minimum age of 21). Drivers must provide proof of an annual vehicle inspection. They are insured through the company during the ride. Training on Workplace Sexual Harassment policy is mandatory.

Tips for the riders:

- Wait in a safe place for your driver to arrive
- Don't make the driver wait for you
- No drinking or eating in the vehicle without permission
- Respect the driver and his car
- Consider tipping!

Why does Lisa drive rideshare?

- Flexible hours she drives daytime only
- Enjoys driving, especially with her own music playing
- Making extra money!!! Makes about 120% of minimum wage, possible qualification for stipends, \$.35/mile for expenses

Other considerations:

- Wear & tear and additional mileage on personal vehicle
- As an independent contractor, must pay own taxes
- Meeting interesting people, which can be good or bad!