

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

*January +
February*



Wedding Anniversaries

1/31 Turgut & Maria Cakiraga
2/18 Robert & Krytina Gabler



Birthdays

1/15 Alice Shiozawa
1/26 Krystina Gabler
2/17 Madisen Ly

Today's Program:

Wendy Meehan
California Celtic Fest

*** Upcoming Programs ***

Feb 5	Club Assembly
Feb 12	tbd
Feb 19	*dark* (evening social)
Feb 26	tbd
Mar 5	Club Assembly
Mar 12	tbd
Mar 19	*dark* (evening social)
Mar 26	tbd



Club Anniversaries

1/4/2012 Robert Gabler
2/2/2007 Kathi Baldwin
2/8/2017 Alex Muolo

Upcoming Events

- Sat 2/1 Miss PYL Program
- Sat 2/8 SJC Rotary Classic Car Show
- Th 2/20 Club Board meeting**
- 2/21- 2/23 Rotary SW PETS
- Tu 2/25-3/25 Placentia CERT
- Sat 3/1 Authors' Luncheon
- Mon 3/3 District Leadership Forum
- Sat 3/15 District Training Assembly
- Sun 3/16 Shamrock Run**
- Th 3/20 Club Board meeting**
- 4/4 – 4/7 District Conf Sailing for Svc
- 4/11 – 4/13 RYLA
- Sat 4/12 Easter Eggcitement**
- Sat 5/3 Rotary Walk for Mental Health
+ **Love Placentia**
- Sat 5/10 Food Allergy Faire
- Sat 5/17 YL Sunrise Lobsterfest
+ Fullerton Uncorked

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Club & Community News

The slate of officers and board members for 2025/26 were officially accepted by the club, with a motion to accept made by Ward Smith, and seconded by Alex Muolo. No “nays” were voiced.

Glenn reports that the new (replacement) flag is up and flying at Bradford Park!



Our community has several upcoming events! First up is the annual Miss Placentia-Yorba Scholarship Program, on Saturday 2/1, 6:00 pm at Valencia High's Auditorium.

On Saturday 3/1, the annual PLFF Authors Luncheon will be held at Alta Vista Country Club. The event begins at 10:00 am., and features author Naomi Hirahara.

REACH Foundation's annual Shamrock Run is on Sunday 3/16, 7to 11 am, at Yorba Regional Park. Yorba Linda Sunrise has asked our club to share an information and membership drive booth at the Park.

Beginning Tuesday 2/25, PPD and the City will offer CERT classes to residents. This 6-week course will address emergency preparedness.

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District & RI News

Next year's club presidents will gather for the SW PETS (President-Elect Training) over a weekend in February.

Monday 3/3 evening brings the next District Leadership Forum, in Fountain Valley.

The next District Training Assembly will be at Chapman University on Saturday 3/15, 8 am to 1 pm. We encourage members to attend to learn about how RI and the District functions, and learn about opportunities and goals in the RI world.

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Last Week's Program

**Rose Melin
Allergic Emma**

Rose is the mother of 9-year old Emma, who suffers from multiple food allergies. Emmas's story is an inspirational one, how she faced challenges and turned them into positives.



As an infant - as young as 9 days old - Emma began experiences a series of health difficulties which were initially thought to be choking, acid reflux, etc. At age 11 ½ months, she was started on foods, and began displaying allergic reactions. At 18 months of age, she was diagnosed with having food allergies. The list is quite lengthy, although somewhat shorter than it was previously. Her primary allergies are tree nuts, peanuts, milk, horses, and guinea pigs. She can have reactions to soaps and other products, depending upon their ingredients.

Note: in school, there were 2 Emmas; in she was nicknamed "Allergic Emma" in order to differentiate which Emma was being referenced.

32 million people have food allergies. And knowing this, here is where Emma shows how truly amazing she is. At 6 years of age, and during coVid, she asked her mom if she could launch her own You Tube channel, with the goal of helping other kids suffering from food allergies. She has continued her quest to help others, and to raise food allergy awareness.

Emma has earned a number of recognition honors due to her efforts:

- Named a 21st Duck in 2024 by the Anaheim Ducks

- 2024 39th of 125 PC Most Influential persons
- Ambassador for Red Sneakers by Oakley
- Placentia "Chalk Guy" created a mural of and for Emma's quest

This year's Food Allergy Faire will be at the Yorba Linda Community Center on Saturday May 10th. Sponsorships and Supporters are welcome, contact allergicemma@gmail.com for more information.



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is
Rotary
Vocational
Service Month