

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

*Late-December
+January*



Wedding Anniversaries

1/31 Turgut & Maria Cakiraga



Birthdays

*12/26 Alex Muolo
12/29 Christine Stellino
12/30 Maria Cakiraga
1/15 Alice Shiozawa
1/26 Krystina Gabler*

Today's Program:

Club Assembly

*** Upcoming Programs ***

Jan 15	*dark* (evening social)
Jan 22	tbd
Jan 29	tbd
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

Upcoming Events

- Mon 1/13 Leadership Forum @ Ftn Valley
- Wed 1/15 Rotary Mega-Meeting & Podcast
- 1/17 – 1/19 Presidents Advance Training
- Sat 1/25 Pre-PETS
- Sat 2/8 SJC Rotary Classic Car Show
- 2/21- 2/23 Rotary SW PETS
- Sat 3/15 District Training Assembly
- 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**

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Club & Community News

This year's City Tree Lighting festivities was spread throughout our civic center. The tree was placed on the Chapman lawn, and the musical entertainment in the plaza, with various kiosks offering different activities and munchies. Photos with Santa was offered inside City Hall.



Gasoline & Caffeine Car Show had a great turn-out, with our community members showing up with generous toy contributions. Placentia Fire then delivered the toys to Spark of Love. Other donations included shelf-food items and diapers; the food items will be added to the Blessing Boxes, while the diapers will go to HIS-OC.



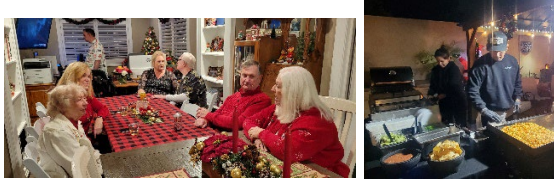
Always a great city event, the annual Tamalefest once again offered many tamale vendors with their own recipes, vendors offering various goods, several mariachi bands, and, of course, Santa! Kids enjoyed telling Santa their wishlists, receiving a toy gift, and having their photo taken. Our Interactors did a great job as Santa's helpers/elves, while our Rotarians helped to make the season bright & jolly with adult beverages!



What is Christmas without holiday cookies? At the Whitten Center Christmas celebration, kids again visited with Santa, made ornaments, and decorated cookies.



Roy & Holly Redman graciously opened their home for our Club Christmas Party. El Cantarito provided the taco man, and club members brought salads and desserts. Lots of great fellowship and cheer!



We were finally able to deliver 30 new storage bins to the Navigation Center, and were given a brief tour of the facilities. The bins will offer storage of personal goods to each resident.



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District & RI News

The next District Leadership Forum will be held next Monday 1/13, in Fountain Valley. The focus of this session is new membership trends, foundation giving, and the Rotary Action Plan.

A special Rotary Mega-Meeting & Podcast has been scheduled for next Wednesday 1/15, at 10:00 am. It will be focused on Peacebuilding, as exemplified by recently-deceased former President Carter.

Club leaders in our Region have an opportunity to attend the Presidents' Advance Training on 1/17 thru 1/19 at the Irvine Marriott.

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Last Week's Program

Bill "H" Henry Sober Step Solutions

Bill is a former alcohol salesman, who subsequently had a life-changing experience, which led to his founding his Sober Step Solutions business. While travelling in Europe, he suffered a serious jaundice episode, and received a new liver. He then chose to protect this new liver. He believes that AA's 12-Step program offers a positive guidance in living life. His talk discusses the gist of the 12-Step program.

- Steps 1-3: deals with needing help over one's self-destructive behavior, accepting that help is needed
- Steps 4-5: deals with personal growth, vulnerability and openness, leading to self-acceptance and humility
- Steps 6-7: willingness to give up one's own character defects (7 Deadly Sinns), and asking for help & strength
- Step 8: making a list of all persons who have been harmed, and be willing to make amends (not forgiveness), as one can only control one's own actions
- Steps 9-10: continue personal inventory
- Steps 11-12: meditate, have integrity, pass these tools to others.

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January is Rotary Vocational Service Month