

Placentia Round Table Women's Club
March 4, 2026

General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President, JoAnn Sowards at 10:05 AM.

JoAnn Sowards introduced Miss Yorba Linda, Brenna Manzo, who led members in the Pledge Allegiance.

Donna Garner led members in singing a rousing rendition of God Bless America.

Karen Mangold – in honor of St Patrick's Day Karen shared an Irish blessing – "Luck of the Irish".

May your troubles be less and blessings be more and nothing but happiness come through your door.

May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow and may trouble void you wherever you go.

May all your rainbows end with a pot of gold.

You are the pot of gold at the end of your rainbows.

Welcome Guests

Heather Barth introduced and welcomed our guests: Alma Wagner, Shirley McCartney, Renee Couch and Alison Lauderdale.

New Member

Heather introduced our newest member, Paulette Chaffee. Paulette shared that she is a long-time resident of Placentia. She is married to Orange County Supervisor Doug Chaffee. Paulette supports and attends many fundraising events in her role as Orange County Ambassador for the 4th District.

March Birthdays

JoAnn Sowards asked members with March birthdays to stand up ...Vicki Depsky was our only March birthday member present, so we all sang "Happy Birthday to Vicki".

Presentation – Canine Companions

Our speaker today is Susan Spicer, a 43-year-old resident of Yorba Linda. She has volunteered with Canine Companions for 33 years, raising 20 puppies that have gone on to graduate as Service Dogs, Facility Dogs, Breeders and Therapy Dogs.

Canine Companions is leading the dog service industry so our clients and their dogs can live with greater independence. We provide service dogs to adults, children and veterans with disabilities and facility dogs to professionals working in healthcare, criminal justice

and educational settings. Since our founding in 1975, our dogs and all follow-up services are provided at no cost to our clients.

Independence shouldn't be limited to those who look or live a certain way. Disability reaches all races, classes and backgrounds, and Canine Companions will too. Clients come to Canine Companions because of our reputation, the quality of our dogs, the experience of our training staff and the desire to lead life with greater independence. We are committed to providing services to all qualified clients.

Recording Secretary

Annie Smith confirmed that the minutes of our February 4th, 2026, General Meeting were read, approved, and published.

Financial Report – Mary Kay McMahon

Deposits – February 2026

Rental Income	\$ 27,327.00
Coin March	379.00
January Luncheon	1,295.00
Bunco Bash	2,283.00
 TOTAL DEPOSITS	 \$31,284.00

Treasurers Report - Loree McMurtrie

February 17, 2026 – February 28, 2026

• Brower Investment Account (as of February 17, 2026)	\$548,503.16
• Chase Checking Account (as of February 17, 2026)	\$125,135.42
 Total	 \$673,638.58

Change to Brower Account as of February 2, 2026

Net increase of:	\$ 4,588.92
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Expenses

For the period Feb 1, 2026 – Feb 28, 2026	\$ 14,838.63
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A line-item expense report was provided.

JoAnn Sowards asked the membership to accept financial reports as presented.
A vote was taken, and financial reports have been accepted.
Financial reports will be placed on file.

Parliamentarian – Kathi Baldwin

Bylaws

Kathi read, one more time, for the membership the recommended changes to our bylaws Article II, Sections 10, 11, and 12.

Kathi asked the membership for their acceptance and approval of the recommended bylaw changes. A vote was taken and motion passed.

Slate of Nominated Members for Board Positions

Kathi thanked Wendy Queyrel and her nominating committee for the hard work and excellent job they did in identifying and recommending the following members for board positions.

Executive Board Positions

President	JoAnn Sowards
1 st VP/Dean	Carol Peterson and Jeanne Webb
2 nd VP/Ways and Means	Susan Hirzel and Karen Mangold
3 rd VP/Programs	Lin Baesler and Linda Emrick
4 th VP/Membership	Heather Barth
5 th VP/Sections	Kim Deweese
Recording Secretary	Annie Smith
Correspondence	Jeannie Webb
Financial Secretary	Mary Kay McMahon
Treasurer	Loree MacMurtrie
Community Liaison	Laurie Arroyo and Carol Peterson
Amenities	Wendy Queyrel and Barbara Lindblom

Board of Directors

JoAnn Sowards
Anne Guss
Loree MacMurtrie
Nancy Melton
Vicki Depsky

Kathi asked the membership for the acceptance and approval of the recommended Slate of Officers for the 2026-2027 club year. A vote was taken and the Slate of Officers for the 2026-2027 club year have been approved as presented.

Special Announcement - Volunteer

JoAnn Sowards announced that our special energizer bunny volunteer, Evelyn Johnson, will not be renewing her membership for next year. After many years of service Evelyn will be spending her time with family and pursuing other interests.

As you know Evelyn is our Leaf and Yearbook editor so we will be on the hunt for a member to take over these responsibilities. If you are interested in this position, please let JoAnn or Evelyn know. Evelyn has graciously committed to mentoring the new editor through the transition.

We will miss Evelyn and want to thank her for her service to the Placentia Round Table Women's Club. We wish her nothing but love.

First VP/Dean

District Meeting – Heather Barth

The 70th annual Orange District Convention will be held in Santa Ana on April 10th. Delegates representing our club are JoAnn Sowards, Heather Barth, Carol Peterson, Wendy Queyrel, Rachal Drayer and Annie Smith. Kathi Baldwin or club parliamentarian will be a delegate for the Orange District Board and Chairman.

Coin March – Pam Boyle

This month's Coin March was for Canine Companions and we raised \$273. Loree MacMurtrie made a motion to increase the amount to \$300. Motion was seconded, voted on, and passed.

Second VP Ways and Means

Festival of the Trees – Deb Whiteford

Deb is working on a list of local businesses where -+we can solicit cash, gift card or products for either our silent auction or gift baskets. We will start marketing our 40th Festival of the Trees in May.

If you would like to volunteer to help to make in person visits and/or phone calls to these businesses, please contact Deb.

Bunco Bash – Karen Mangold

Our Bunco Bash was held on Wednesday, February 25, 2026. It was a remarkable success; we had 35 tables and 140 players.

We raised \$3,368.00!!

Thank you to our three caterers that donated food stuff – Kristi's, Sandor's, and Efren's. Thank you to all members who donated items for our door prizes.

End of Year Party

Friday, May 15, 2026. More information to come.

Soup – Nancy Melton

This year's goal is to assemble 3,000 bags of soup. Workshops will be held July 27th - July 29th.

Nancy gave Margie Donovan a shout out for already making 327 bows.

If you are interested in making bows, materials will be available at our April general meeting.

Fourth VP/Membership

Membership – Heather Barth

New Member Orientation meeting will be scheduled for April.

Member Renewal Forms for the 2026-2027 club year are due April 1, 2026.

Website

Heather is also our liaison with our webmaster and gave the following update:

- Board Minutes, General Meeting Minutes and Leaf Newsletters are now posted for three months on the Club Business Page
- Reformatted Membership Application, Membership Renewal Application, and a new Membership Frequently Asked Questions are now on the Membership Page
- Horizontally taken photos are requested of all club activities. Photos should have lots of light and smiling faces. All photos should be sent to Heather.

Fifth VP/Sections

Community Service Chairs

HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar) Update – Kathy Trosko

Kathy has been in contact with Laura Campuzano, counselor at El Dorado High School in charge of HOBY. Laura sends her sincere thanks to the Round Table for sponsoring students to attend the HOBY Seminar and providing students with the opportunity to develop their leadership skills.

The 2026 selected HOBY participants from El Dorado High School are: Lena Lee and Han Kim.

The 2026 selected HOBY participants from Valencia High School are Makena Fenstermaker and Zoe Ahn.

The HOBY Seminar is in June, and the participants will share their experiences at our October General Meeting.

Humor – Margaret Elizabeth Donovan who is as Irish as Irish can be.... did not wear green today!

Margie, as always, brought smiles to our faces with her amusing story concerning a married couple and an adoption agency. Marilyn will send copy of story in an email blast.

Scholarships Sherri Dahl

Applications are due by March 27th.

Review of applications begins April 2nd

If you would like to be part of the application review process, please contact Sherri.

Corresponding Secretary - Kim Deweese

We received several thank you cards this past month, from:

- No Limits Creative Arts
- Charity on Wheels
- Brothers on A Quest
- Placentia Library Friends Foundation
- Threads of Love
- HIS OC
- Meals on Wheels
- Alina Valencia
- Placentia Community Chorus

Kim read the heart felt thank you card from Placentia Community Chorus.

Rentals – Arlene Hall

All is going well; we generated over \$27,000 in rental income for the month of February.

Inside House & Outside House – Sheree Santos

Sheree and JoAnn had the meeting/walkthrough with Home Depot after our last general meeting. It will take 30 days to write the grant and 30 days to approve so we will know in 60 days if we get the grant. Sheree also learned that Home Depot employees donate their labor for any improvement.

JoAnn reminded members that our clubhouse is our biggest asset and our biggest money maker. We will be looking into interior painting, cleaning, general upkeep etc. We will be spending money (prudently) to maintain our clubhouse so that it shows well when Arlene is doing her tour with prospective rental customers.

Smile Makers – Margaret Leverett

Easter Baskets for Meals on Wheels clients. There will be two workshops in the Bridal Room on March 16th from 1:30 to 3:30 PM and on March 23rd from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. All are invited.

Wedding/Event Expo – Carol Peterson

There will be a Wedding/Event Expo at our clubhouse on Sunday, March 29th from 2 – 5 PM. Our club will have a tabletop set up on the patio and we need members to volunteer to man the table and promote our club. If you are interested, please let Carol know. Carol said this event is FFF – Fun Food Free.

Community Outreach – Laurie Arroyo

Laurie will be promoting the Wedding/Event Expo on our Facebook page and the Placentia Chamber of Commerce website. There will be over 30 vendors, and Laurie will be highlighting vendors that PRT works with during the year.

Amenities – Rachel Drayer

Today's attendance – 78 plus 3 guests

Sunshine – Diane Provenzano

Diane asked us to please continue to hold our members in our hearts and prayers especially Maureen Plegel, had a fall and is recovering nicely, Bonnie Carren had knee surgery two weeks ago and is doing very well; Bonnie MacPherson is still recovering from her fall.

Veterans – Sally Bontrager

We deliver snacks and drinks to the Fullerton Community Veteran's Resource Center once a month. We have three months left of this semester and we need volunteers for March, April, and May. Sign up sheet is at the Veteran's table.

Blessing Boxes – Sally Bontrager

Sally sent a shout out to Linda Langford for taking the lead on our commitment to the Blessing Box program while she was recovering from her fall.

Sally also gave a great big thank you to the Blessing Box team and our members for keeping our pantry full.

Meeting adjourned at 11:51 PM

Next Executive Board Meeting – Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Next General Meeting – Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Respectfully submitted.

Annie Smith

Date

Documents to file:
Deposit Report
Treasurer's Report
Dean's Report
Thank You Cards