



Placentia Round Table Women's Club

THE LEAF



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PRESIDENT

JoAnn Sowards

May - A Celebration of Women!

The time has certainly flown by! Another year of holidays, traditions, and fundraising events have quickly passed, and I can hardly believe it's May.

Did you know that in 1911 every state in the Union had adopted what Anna M. Jarvis started in Grafton, West Virginia on May 10, 1908, to celebrate her mom and motherhood! It took just three years, but a beautiful tradition was definitely underway!

Kind of reminds me of Jane Crawley who started the General Federation of Women's Clubs, doesn't it? Like Jane, Anna's heartfelt mission traveled fast and without the aid of television, emails or phones. By 1914 a resolution was issued by President Woodrow Wilson, designating the second Sunday of May as Mother Day!

Speaking of traditions, May is also a time to honor and celebrate our leaders and board members who have tirelessly served our Club and who have agreed to continue serving next year as well.

You all are cordially invited to a gathering of wonderful women for our annual installation at our upcoming general meeting on May 6.

We are a beautiful blend of new and old friends, so please come celebrate with us! This will be our last general meeting until we meet again in September, but before we go, we do have one last party! Our end of the year celebration is scheduled for Friday, May 15.

As you enjoy your respite this summer from the Club, please don't forget our summer soup workshops and consider helping by spreading the word about our upcoming 40th Festival of Trees. Be bold like Jane or Anna ... invite a friend, reserve your table, or help sponsor a tree, make bows for soup, or think of different ways you can help by serving or donating your time, talent or money to make this next year a great success. Tickets for the Festival of Trees will be on sale at our May meeting.

And to all our mothers and grandmothers, Happy Mother's Day! May you have a blessed day.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Annie Smith

THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WERE APPROVED AT THE APRIL 1 PRT GENERAL MEETING:

- That we accept financial reports as presented.
- That we hire Jess Johnson Studios for the 2026-2027 year for Leaf and Yearbook production.
- That we accept recommended changes to Bylaws - Article II - Executive Officers and Their Duties.

THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WERE APPROVED AT THE APRIL 15 PRT BOARD MEETING:

- That we donate \$300 to El Dorado Boosters to support El Dorado High School's Color Guard.
- That we donate \$1,000 to Placentia Police Department Canine for a new bite guard suit.
- That we refund \$200 to the Valencia High School Band for their Celebration of Life event at our Clubhouse.

- That we reimburse Kathi Baldwin for the purchase Christmas of tree dresses and headpieces worn at the District Convention.
- That we accept financial reports as presented.
- That we accept March 18 Executive Board Minutes as presented.
- That we change May Coin March from Fullerton Community College Veteran's Resource Center to the needy families of two scholarship recipients.
- That we accept Kelsey Calhoun and Alma Wagner as new members to PRT.
- That we reduce money in FOT gift baskets from \$100 to \$50.
- That we approve the lowest bid of \$5,150 to clean debris and trim trees from the back lot.
- That we remove Elinor DeGennero and Judy Andress from the membership roll.



MEMBERSHIP

Heather Barth

I am pleased to share that the board accepted two new members, Alma Wagner and Kelsey Calhoun, this month. Please welcome them at the next meeting. Their contact information was sent out in a Blast.

Thank you to all who submitted their membership renewal for the 2026-2027 Club year. We will begin the year in September with 116 members. Your indicated preferences for hostess committee, fundraisers, and other activities will be sent to the appropriate leadership so they know of your interests.

FESTIVAL OF TREES

Deb Whiteford, Chair

Happy May!

Festival of Trees tickets will go on sale at the May general meeting Luncheon. You can reserve seats/tables and pay now or make final payment at the October meeting.

Carol Sibley and Susan Powers who usually sell the tickets in May, are both taking vacations. Have a wonderful time you two! In their place, Linda Wankle and Lola Wilson will be selling the tickets. Thank you, ladies.

This year's Festival of Trees flyers will be available along with the letter explaining our event. Please take a few to hand out to your favorite merchants.

The Silent Auction Kick-off meeting is scheduled for May 28 at 1 p.m. We'd love to see many of you there. I'll send out a reminder mid-May.



HELPING HANDS

Sally Bontrager, Chair

Thanks to all you ladies who provide much needed nonperishable food for our Blessing Boxes each month! We couldn't fill those always empty boxes without your loving kindness.

I have been in contact with the sales rep. from Emerald Court in Anaheim who has offered food needed for our summer months when we do not service the two boxes we are responsible for. I will tell you more at the April general meeting!



WAYS & MEANS

Karen Mangold, Susan Hirzel, Co-Chairs

"A BIG THANK YOU" goes out to those who have signed up for our fun Fiesta Friday event, May 15 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. If you signed up but haven't paid yet, you can pay at the May meeting. The cost is \$25 per person.

B&C Burgers will be catering the event. They will provide Tacos, Burritos and a Quesadilla bar including the fixings and dessert. There will be entertainment and a LRC game.

There will be a sign-up sheet for those who have not signed up yet.

And thank you to those who volunteered to help decorate beforehand.



FOT TREE SPONSOR

There will be a sign-up sheet for anyone wishing to donate a tree. The cost to sponsor a tree is \$175 which covers the cost of the tree, decorating and a small cash or gift card prize.



VETERANS

Sally Bontrager, Co-Chair

Because our faithful worker Evelyn Johnson will be leaving us in May, I will be taking over more of the duties of the Veterans committee. Please remember to stop by the Veteran's table at the back of our meeting room to leave off much needed quarters for our veterans to do their laundry. Detergent pods and dryer sheets are also needed.

Please remember those who have served our country so well! 

ORANGE DISTRICT MEETINGS

Heather Barth

District Information

This being my last Leaf article (as your District Dean representative), it is with great pleasure that I am able to share what a wonderful time we had at the OC District Conference recently.

We received two second place awards which was fun, the installation of our new District President (Linda Queen) was totally hilarious and I could go on...but they say a picture is worth a thousand words so here are a few.



*Girls just
wanna have fun!*

VETERANS

Annie Smith, Co-Chair

Hello ladies, this is just one more great big THANK YOU for your continued generosity in supporting our veteran organizations this past year.

Once again the Placentia Round Table Women's Club will be sponsoring and participating in Fullerton's Annual Wreath Laying event at the Loma Vista Memorial Park which is located at 701 E. Bastanchury Rd, Fullerton. The event begins at 10:30 a.m. We will present our wreath during their ceremony. If you are interested in attending this ceremony, please let Annie Smith know so we can save seats under the canopy.

We will also be placing flowers, according to our Standing Rule 12, on the burial site of Ysidora Brower in remembrance of her generous gift to the Club.

A list of Memorial Day events by city will be at our Veteran's table.



Memorial Day
Monday, May 25, 2026

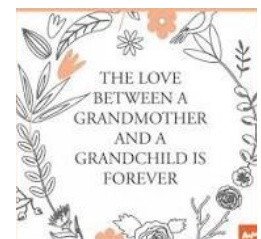
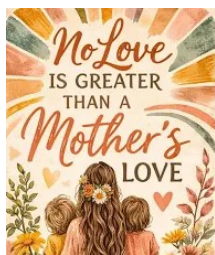
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Jeanne Artim, Chair

Mother's Day is right around the corner and it's time to shower our love on the mothers and babies at Casa Teresa! This month we will be collecting donations for the wonderful mothers and babies at the shelter. You can bring your donations to our May general meetings.

Please see the list of needed items. If you are unable to attend, please call or text me to make arrangements for pick up.

- Hygiene Kit Items
- Toothbrushes – Adult/Children
- Toothpaste – Adult/Children
- Dental floss
- Women's Shampoo and Conditioner
- Body wash
- Deodorant
- Hand lotion
- Hand sanitizer
- Tampons
- Feminine pads
- Hair brushes
- Kleenex
- Q-tips
- Loofahs
- Baby Items Needed
- Baby grooming kits
- Baby/Children's Shampoo and Body wash
- Newborn swaddles
- Baby bottles – Dr. Brow's Natural Flow Anti-Color
- Baby bottles - Phillip's Natural 4oz or 9oz



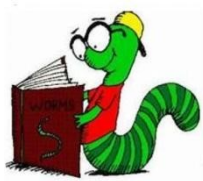
Sunday, May 10, 2026

SECTIONS V.P.
Linda Emrick, Chair

Note: With the exception of Gourmet, all Sections meet in June, July, and August.

The Chairpersons listed below would be happy to answer any questions.

BOOKWORMS



Kim Deweese, Chair
Meets: the 3rd Thursday
2 p.m. at the Clubhouse
NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 21
Book: Lady Clementine by Marie Benedict.

BRIDGETTES



Lynne Buzdar, Mary Kay McMahon, Co-Chairs
Meets: the 2nd Wednesday
10 a.m. at the Clubhouse
NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 13

BUNCO



Pam Horn, Chair
Meets: the 2nd Wednesday
1 p.m. at the Clubhouse
NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 13
Please bring \$5 to play

GOURMET



Bonnie Carren, Kim Deweese, Co-Chairs
Meets: the 4th Wednesday, May 27
NEXT MEETING: Check the signup sheet at the general meeting for more information. Hope to see you there!

SCRIBES



Stephanie Leon, Chair
Meets: the 2nd AND 4th Wednesdays
10-11:30 a.m. at the Clubhouse
NEXT MEETINGS: Wednesday, May 13 and 27
Come by and join us and listen to our unique, universal stories!

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*Thank you for allowing me to serve you.
And thank you for the opportunity.
Love to all, Evelyn*



GENERAL MEETING

May 6, 2026

Social Time: 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.

Lunch: 12:00 noon

Program: **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

Chairs: Eva Barreto, Linda Morris

Committee: Jeannie Artim, Sally Bontrager, Renee Couch, Sherri Dahl,
Margaret Leverett, Linda Schaal, Barbara Williams, Sue Wohlt