

Placentia Round Table Women's Club

April 1, 2026

General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President, JoAnn Sowards at 10:01 AM.

Kathi Baldwin led members in the Pledge Allegiance

Donna Garner led members in singing a beautiful rendition of America the Beautiful

Inspiration - Karen Mangold – Karen shared her thoughts concerning volunteering.

The lifeblood of any organization is their members. PRT is fortunate to have members that volunteer many hours in support of our fundraising efforts and the many projects we have to support our community. We are blessed by the many talented women who donate time, money and talent. We will always have a place for you, no applications, no requirements, only WILLINGNESS to serve.

Welcome Guests

Heather Barth introduced and welcomed our guests: Yvonne Richards sponsored by Rachel Drayer and Kelsey Calhoun sponsored by Bonnie Carren.

March Birthdays

JoAnn Sowards asked members with April birthdays to stand up and the members all sang "Happy Birthday" to our ladies.

.Recording Secretary

Annie Smith confirmed that the minutes of our March 4th, 2026, General Meeting were read, approved, and will be published by the end of today.

Special Presentation – Colleen Janssen, President of OC District

Colleen's presentation "GFWC Brief History" included in chronological order the obstacles Jane Cunningham Croly overcame and her accomplishments from 1868 when she was refused entrance to the Men's Press Club and she started Sorosis club for women in New York. In 1889 the Sorosis expanded nationwide to the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

The Orange District has 21 clubs and 1,600 members; we have the resources to accomplish so much. We can channel Jane Croly.

Colleen's theme is "Be like JaneGet the Job Done"!

Presentation – Ontario International Airport

Connie Royal, Community Engagement Specialist, gave a highly informative presentation on their history and on new and improved programs at the ONT that make our flying experience better. Some of these programs include:

- Traveling with Disabilities
- Sunflower Program (for unseen disabilities)
- Onsite Therapy Dogs
- ONT+ Visitor Pass
- For more information on these programs and more visit <https://www.flyontario.com/>

Financial Report – Mary Kay McMahon

Deposits – March 2026

Rental Income	\$ 16,475.00
Coin March	273.00
January Luncheon	1,200.00
Membership	3,515.00
District Meeting	120.00
Names Badges	60.00
Fiesta Friday	150.00
Scholarship Donation	25.00
 TOTAL DEPOSITS	 \$21,818.00

Treasurers Report - Loree McMurtrie

March 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026

• Brower Investment Account (as of March 31, 2026)	\$527,352.14
• Chase Checking Account (as of March 31, 2026)	\$132,447.34
Total	\$659,799.48

Change to Brower Account as of March 31, 2026

Net decrease of: \$ 21,151.02

Expenses

For the period March 1 – March 31, 2026 \$ 17,692.44

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 in file.

New Business

JoAnn shared with the membership that after an exhausting effort to find a new Leaf and Yearbook editor we did not find one. Evelyn Johnson who has been our editor for the past 4 years is retiring and Evelyn shared that her daughter is a graphic designer and has helped her over the years and would be willing to work for a non-profit reduced rate for the 2026-2027 year.

JoAnn made a motion that the general membership approve the hiring of JessJohnson Studios for the year 2026-2027 to edit and produce our monthly Leaf newsletter and our Yearbook for a total of \$3,360. Motion was seconded, voted on and passed.

Here is a link to some of Jessica's work - [JessJohnson WorkSamples 2026.pdf](#)

Parliamentarian – Kathi Baldwin

Bylaws – Article II -Executive Officers and Their Duties.

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.

Bylaws – Article VII Membership

Kathi read, for the membership the recommended changes to our bylaws Article VII, Sections 1 through 8.

At our next meeting Kathi will read recommended changes one more time and then she will ask general membership to vote on changes.

First VP/Dean

District – Heather Barth

You can find information on events at local Women Clubs on our Section table.

Coin March – Pam Boyle

This month's Coin March was for The Braille Institute. We raised \$200.00.

Second VP Ways and Means

Festival of the Trees – Deb Whiteford

Deb reported that there will be a kickoff meeting towards the end of May for our FOT volunteers. She will send an email blast with meeting information.

Debra Yaeger and Sue Wohlt have accepted the responsibilities for the Silent Auction. We need Donation Solicitors, Deb has the list of local businesses where we can knock on doors, make phone calls to ask for either cash, gift cards or products for our silent auction or gift baskets.

There will be flyers available at our May General Meeting for you to leave behind or mail to potential businesses.

We will start marketing our 40th Festival of the Trees in May. We will also start selling tickets at our May meeting. The price remains the same as last year, \$80.

Bunco Bash – Susan Hirzel

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 – Karen Mangold

Friday, May 15, 2026. Tickets are \$25.

B&C Burgers will provide a taco truck. (Same company that we used last year.)

Tape and live music will be provided.

CLR (/center Left Right) game will be played, bring your dollar bills if you are going to play.

We could use some helping hands to set up before the event. Please let Karen know if you can help.

Soup – Loree MacMurtrie

Soup workshops have been scheduled for Monday, July 27th through Thursday, July 29th starting at 9:30 am. There will be a Sunday, July 26th workshop for preparing the bullion.

Reminders:

This year's goal is to assemble 3,000 bags of soup.

If you can make bows, materials are here for you to take home. See Nancy at the back table.

Fourth VP/Membership

Membership – Heather Barth

New Member Orientation meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29th
Member Renewal Forms are due today.

And finally, we celebrated a wonderful anniversary, a 50th year anniversary! Penny Wojcik was honored for her continual commitment to our club since 1976. Heather presented Penny with signed thank you cards and a plant.

Fifth VP/Sections

Community Service Chairs

Humor – Margie Donovan

Margie, as always, brought smiles to our faces with her amusing story concerning a "What Retired People Do".

Scholarships Sherri Dahl

We received 117 applications.

We will start reviewing applications tomorrow, April 2nd

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

Corresponding Secretary - Kim Deweese

We received thank you cards this past month, from:

- Canine Companions
- REACH Foundation
- Casa Teresa

We also received a letter/flyer from BusinessRate acknowledging that Placentia Round Table Women's Club was ranked #10 Wedding Venue in Orange County for the month of February. Rankings are compiled and analyzed from Google Reviews.

Inside House & Outside House – Sheree Santos

We are still being considered for a Grant from Home Depot.

Community Outreach – Laurie Arroyo

Laurie shared that the Wedding/Event Expo held at our clubhouse on Sunday, March 29th was a great success. We had fifty-five vendors and they were pleased with the number of people that stopped by their table.

Carol Peterson, representing PRT, manned our club table, answered questions, and gave out club information. Laurie will be highlighting vendors that PRT works with during the year.

Amenities – Rachel Drayer

Today's attendance – 69 members plus 3 guests

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 PM

Next Executive Board Meeting – Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Next General Meeting – Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Respectfully submitted.

Annie Smith

Date

Documents to file:

Deposit Report

Treasurer's Report

Colleen Jassen's Presentation

FOT status report

Renee Couch membership application

Thank You Cards

Motions:

That we accept financial reports as presented

That we hire JessJohnson 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.