

# Placentia Round Table Women's Club



# THE LEAF



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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Bonnie Carren .....	3/03
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Vicki Depsky .....	3/29
Kathy Miguel .....	3/29
Judith Andruss .....	3/30

## PRESIDENT

*Kathryn Baldwin*

BUNCO, a fun fundraiser, is behind us and it was an absolute blast! Yummy food, many beautiful door prizes, lots of volunteers and attendees from several other local women's clubs - Yorba Linda, Orange and Tustin. Many of the attendees were local Placentia residents, out for a night of fun. Miss Yorba Linda, Johnna Breault, and Miss Canyon Hills, Ireland Mercado, were on hand sharing in the fun and assisting with door prizes. This was the first community appearance for the young ladies.

When I think of Spring elections come to mind, and we will be selecting the nominating committee at the March general meeting. The election process will be slightly shorter than what we are accustomed, due to the change in the beginning and ending months. I can hardly wait to see who will be the newest president and board members!

In keeping with the history of some of the outstanding members from California, this month I am highlighting Helen Gahagan Douglas (1900-1980). Decades before Ronald Reagan, stage star and California celebrity Helen Gahagan Douglas made the transition from acting to politics to become one of her party's standard-bearers. In an era when Cold War priorities often marginalized domestic reforms, Douglas became a beacon to New Deal liberals, who hoped to push economic and social legislation into the post-World War II period. Impatient with the institutional pace and intricacies of the House, Representative Douglas used her skills as an actress and her fame to speak passionately about topics ranging from equal rights for women to civil rights for African Americans and protections for the American worker. Helen Gahagan was born in Boonton, New Jersey, on November 25, 1900. From 1922

to 1938, she pursued a career as an opera singer and an actress, starring in a variety of shows and plays. In a 1930 Broadway hit, *Tonight or Never*, Helen Gahagan met and costarred with her future husband, Melvyn Douglas. They married on April 5, 1931, and left New York City to relocate in Los Angeles as Melvyn pursued a film career. Douglas's sole committee assignment throughout her six years in the House reflected one of her many areas of focus: Foreign Affairs. She backed American participation in the United Nations, supported the implementation of the Bretton Woods Agreements, which created the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, and consistently challenged U.S. policy early in the Cold War. Douglas also supported Philippine independence and the creation of a Jewish state in Israel. President Harry S. Truman appointed her as an alternate U.S. Delegate to the United Nations Assembly.

During a period when the Jim Crow laws still applied in the nation's capital, Helen Douglas used her outsider status to challenge prevailing racial attitudes. The first white Representative with African Americans on her staff, she also sought to desegregate Capitol restaurants. Douglas also attacked the practice of poll taxes, which effectively prevented many southern African Americans from voting, and she urged passage of antilynching legislation. Douglas retired to private life as a lecturer and a successful author. She later returned to the theater and performed in two Broadway plays. In 1964 she was again in the political spotlight when President Lyndon Johnson appointed her as the Special Ambassador to head the United States delegation to the inauguration ceremonies for President William V.S. Tubman of Liberia. She also authored a book based on her close friendship with Eleanor Roosevelt.

With the Club elections upon us, please consider a position on the Board for the next year. Truly a rewarding experience and a valuable way of learning the inter workings of our Club.

## DEAN *Cindy Lucido*

The Coin March recipient for March is **Mary's Kitchen Pantry** in Anaheim. They started as a soup kitchen in 1984 serving just over 60 people with 2 hot meals a day in the city of Orange. In 2024 Mary's Kitchen Pantry adopted a mission of food sustainability and is working to put 'sustainability in motion' and they operate as:

(1) A food rescue: Perfectly good food is rescued from grocery outlets and brought to the Mary's Kitchen Pantry Orange County facility where it is sorted and prepared for families and individuals.

(2) A mobile pop-up food pantry: Where transportation barriers may exist, free food is delivered to communities where families and individuals are experiencing food insecurity. Food is transported via the Mary's Kitchen Pantry farmer's-market styled 'Mobile Pop-Up' to various communities around Orange County where it is then set up for selection by those who need it.

(3) A participant in food waste recycling: Any food that is not given out or passes its prime is processed at the Mary's Kitchen Pantry facility where it is organized as bio-waste and prepared for recycling.

Today they rescue 20 tons of food per month and get it to more than 16,000 food insecure people who need it. They are a deserving non-profit organization and will very much appreciate our donation.



## RECORDING SECRETARY

*Anne Guse*

### THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WERE APPROVED AT THE FEBRUARY 19 PRT BOARD MEETING:

- That the \$250 be left with The Placentia Community Foundation as a donation.
- That the March Coin for March be donated to Mary's Kitchen Pantry.
- That we give \$1,000 to the Placentia Library Author's Luncheon.
- That we recommend to the general membership that we donate \$1,500 to the MOMS Healthy Beginnings, Bright Futures event.
- That we recommend to the general membership that we donate \$1,500 to the Radiant Futures Mardi Gras Ball.
- That we sponsor bus transportation up to \$300 per bus for children to be transported to the Nixon Library for the history lesson.
- That we welcome Judith Andruss and Michelle Goetz as new members.
- That we recommend to the general membership that we eliminate the 2 months publication of nominated officers for the 2025-2026 year in our newsletter. New officers will be announced in April and elected in April of this year only.
- That we amend the amounts in Standing Rule #14 to make a \$100 contribution for a spouse and/or child and \$200 for a member.
- That the donation for HOBY be increased to \$2,500.
- That we have a Mah Jongg Tournament as a fundraiser on March 26.

## MEMBERSHIP V.P.

*Diane Provenzano*

Good morning ladies and happy Spring! Your response for your renewal applications has been terrific! If you don't have a renewal application form I will have them at the March meeting or you may download one from the website. The renewal is for the coming year 2025-2026 and please include your \$45 check. My address is at the bottom of the application if you want to drop it in the mail. The deadline for renewals is April 2, so please return them to me before then.

If you know anyone that needs an application, please let me know and I will make a special effort to get one to them. For those ladies who for any reason cannot attend the meetings or help hostess the luncheons, you do have the option of becoming a SUSTAINING MEMBER. If you would be interested, please consult your yearbook on page 47, Article VII section 6 for the definition.



**THURSDAY, MARCH 20TH**

**MEMBERSHIP V.P.**  
*Diane Provenzano*

Welcome to our new members:

**MICHELLE GOETZ**

**JUDITH ANDRUSS**

Say hello and introduce yourselves to Michelle and Judith. And watch for the Blast with their contact information.



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**HOBY**

*Kathy T., Suzanne L., Co-Chairs*

It is a pleasure to announce that the Placentia Round Table is sponsoring four outstanding high school sophomores to attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar at the University of San Diego in June 2025. The two students from El Dorado High are Hadley Won and Alonzo Anguiano, and the two from Valencia High are Sanaa Garach and Dahee Lee. HOBY develops critical thinking, team building, goal setting, and problem-solving skills. HOBY also builds student confidence and inspires collaboration and action.

We congratulate our sponsored students and look forward to hearing about their HOBY experiences at the October general meeting.

**PUBLIC/COMMUNITY LIAISON**  
*Carol Peterson*

**Placentia Chamber of Commerce**  
**Sunset Social**

**Date:** Thursday, March 6 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**Hosted By:** Susan Hirzel and Annette MacDonald from Susan & Annette Real Estate Group

**Address:** 18206 E. Imperial Hwy., Suite 101 Yorba Linda

They are inviting you to come and see where the "magic happens" while you are mixing and mingling in a casual setting. Stop by and say hello and support a member of the Round Table.

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**WAYS & MEANS**

*Karen Mangold, Susan Hirzel, Co-Chairs*

**FIESTA FRIDAY**

**SAVE THE DATE:** Friday, May 16, 2025 at the Clubhouse beginning at 4 p.m. We are planning on having a Taco Truck!

Join us for good food, lively conversations and a favorite game we played last year. It is a no-brainer, RIGHT, LEFT and CENTER.

The cost is \$25 per person and BYOB. There will be a sign-up sheet at the March 5 general meeting to help plan this **FUN** event.



## HELPING HANDS and SUNSHINE

*Heather Barth*

### BLESSING BOXES

Prior to the last meeting an email notifying you that our Blessing Box cupboard was quite bare did not go out. As I write this, we do not have enough food in our storage to fill even one of our two assigned boxes. It would be SO appreciated by the underserved people who use these boxes if you would help our teams by bringing non-perishable foods to the March 5 general meeting. Let me (Heather Barth) know if you need help bringing your food donations into the Clubhouse.

### SUNSHINE

First, it is with great sadness that I share the loss two of our sisters have suffered this month. Both Carol Peterson and Carol Larson have experienced the loss of their husbands. Their addresses are in the current yearbook and I'm sure cards of encouragement would be appreciated.

Secondly, though I wasn't able to be at the February meeting, Kim Dewese filled in for me and recognized the following ladies for who they are and what they bring to the Club:

- **Suzanne Lovering** - This lady has such a quiet, kind, and gentle spirit and is always willing to step in and help. She is never one to blow her own horn or desire praise, she just quietly helps wherever she can. Suzanne volunteers not only when there are PRT calls for help, but she is also a diligent Literacy Tutor at the library.

- **Gerry Carnevali** - This special lady is always kind regardless of the circumstance – even when correcting someone, she will do it in a caring and loving manner. Gerry is also a treasure to us with her extensive knowledge about Club history. She also loves hugs, so give her one next time you see her.
- **Vicki Depsky** - It is always fun to be in this lady's company as she has a great sense of humor, but besides a good laugh, she has such a compassionate heart. Vickie is always willing to help wherever needed, and is a joy to work alongside because of her upbeat attitude. No matter how difficult the job, her light-heartedness always makes it easier.
- **Anne Guse** - Anne keeps her ear to the ground for needs within our school district and she is also a hard, behind the scenes, worker bee! She efficiently keeps records of all the activities and conversations at our Board and general meetings – a task that often goes unappreciated. Anne has a gift for being able to address concerns without offending others, which is one we should all try to emulate.



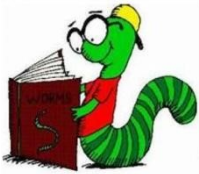
**Monday, March 17, 2025**

**SECTIONS V.P.**

***Kathy T., Chair***

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

**BOOKWORMS**



**Kim Deweese, Chair**

**Meets: the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday**

**2 p.m. at the Clubhouse**

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 20**

**Book: Welcome Home, Stranger by Kate Christian-  
sen**

**BRIDGETTES**



**Lynne Buzdar, Mary Kay McMahon, Co-Chairs**

**Meets: the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday**

**10 a.m. at the Clubhouse**

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 12**

**BUNCO**



**Pam Horn, Chair**

**Meets: the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday**

**1 p.m. at the Clubhouse**

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 11**

**Please bring \$5 to play**

**GOURMET**



**Bonnie Carren, Kim Deweese, Co-Chairs**

**Meets: the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 26**

**Location and time: Check the signup sheet for info at  
the Sections Table at the March 5 general meeting, or  
contact Bonnie C. Hope to see you there!**

**SCRIBES**



**Stephanie Leon, Chair**

**Meets: the 2<sup>nd</sup> AND 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays**

**10-11:30 a.m. at the Clubhouse**

**NEXT MEETINGS: Wednesday, March 12 and 26**

**Come by and join us and listen to our unique, univer-  
sal stories!**

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## GENERAL MEETING

March 5, 2025

**Social Time: 9:00 a.m.**

**Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**Lunch: 12:00 noon**

**Program:** HIS OC

**Chairs:** Judie Dee, Hilde Sladich

**Committee:** Carolyn Allen, Pam Boyle, Carol Downey, Susan Gregg, Rita Haynes,  
Linda Langford, Rhonda Shader, Janice Wagner