

Rotary

Club of Plymouth



Saturday, August 2, 2025

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Broadcaster August 1, 2025

By Paul J. Sincock on Saturday, August 2, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: President Candice called the meeting to order promptly at 12:05. Our substitute meditation leader was Liz Orbits, who discussed the fellowship of Rotary, as well as our Four-Way Test that serves as our foundation.

INTRODUCTIONS: We had a few guests including our speaker Andrea Hug (Former Host Parent for one of our Youth Exchange Students). Also visiting was Ron King and Joyce Silagy.

NEEDED: Still looking for additional host families for our inbound exchange student. Malte from Sweden will be arriving soon, and we are looking for a second and third host family. Ask your friends and neighbors if they might be interested in hosting a student for a few months. Ask Eric Joy for more information.

SELL THOSE CHICKEN DINNER TICKETS: Every member should have their original packet of tickets. You can always get more tickets, and they should be available at Friday's meeting. The more you sell the better for our Foundation.

COLLECTING FOR GHANA: Members Michelle Hall and Penny Joy are going on a Rotary Service Project trip to Ghana in October. The team that is going is looking for a wide range of items. Everything from old Soccer uniforms to kids running shoes, t-shirts, baby blankets, baby clothes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, pencils, crutches, canes, walkers and small kid's toys. We need to have these items by August 29th. Please bring them to the Cultural Center on Friday, or drop off at the Recreation Office, letting them know it is for Rotary. You could also ship items to the Recreation Office – PLYMOUTH ROTARY, 525 Farmer, Plymouth, MI 48170. The building staff will bring any deliveries into the meeting room on Friday.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: on August 8 we will be having a lunch and serve meeting. We will be tying blankets for hospitalized kids. Should be a fun meeting. Coming up on August 15th, we will learn about Scouting America and flag decommissioning ceremonies performed by local troops. Our speaker will be member Susan Spelker.

PROGRAM REPORT: Our program this past week was on the Plymouth Canton Community Literacy Council. We heard from Andrea Hug, not only is she a former youth exchange host mom, but she also fosters for the Huron Valley Humane Society. She told us that the Community Literacy Council is a group of volunteers that provides programs to help with English as a second language, including one-to-one tutoring, nine weekly conversation



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groups, classroom support, and parent support for students attending school here. There are 170+ active tutors in our community and over 400 English literacy students are helped each week. For more information on this group, go to their website at www.plymouthcantonliteracy.com.

WINNERS: It looked like Penny Joy took home the 50/50 winnings, but we cannot confirm that report. At least we would never report that she won to husband Tim. The Second chance pot continues to grow as there was no winner this past week.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Walt Disney said, "The best legacy is not one that is fondly remembered, but one that is actively emulated."

WITH THAT HAVE A SUPER POSITIVE WEEK!

Collecting for Ghana

Michell Hall and Penny Joy are heading to Ghana, in October with a District 6400 Rotary Service Project Team. We are collecting the following items to distribute while we are there. Items need to be clean, but not necessarily new. Please bring items to Rotary by August 29. We will also pick up items if

- needed.
- ? Soccer uniforms, socks
- ? Kids running shoes
- ? Baseball caps
- ? T-shirts
- ? Baby blankets
- ? Baby onesies
- ? Baby sleepers (lightweight)
- ? Baby clothes
- ? Kids underwear
- ? Socks
- ? Toothbrushes; Toothpaste
- ? Rulers
- ? Pencils – regular and colored
- ? Pencil sharpeners
- ? Reading glasses & Sun glasses
- ? Orthopedic braces
- ? Crutches
- ? Canes
- ? Collapsible walkers
- ? Small size toiletries
- ? Small children's toys that will fit in
- a backpack such as:
 - o Snap bracelets
 - o Small stuffed animals (Beanie Babies)
 - o Jacks
 - o Jump Ropes
 - o Matchbox cars

THANK YOU

Broadcaster July 25, 2025

By William Weber on Sunday, July 27, 2025



Call to Order President **Candice Tower** called the meeting to order at 12.05 pm and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Liz Orbits** delivered the meditation and began with urging us all to consider the contributions of Rotarians who are no longer with us, including Alex Kramer who died in 2024 and was a strong advocate for surrogacy and was a member of the Michigan Fertility Alliance. Liz encourage us to pay tribute to the fellow Rotarians around the world who advocate, nourish, educate and make connections throughout the world all to lift communities and improve the lives of others.

Host Families President **Candice** urged members or other interested families to consider hosting an exchange student in the upcoming year.

Guests Today's guests included **Jonathon Wennstrom**, past Livonia Rotary President, Livonia Elementary principal and Plymouth resident, our speaker, **Stephanie Jones**, and **Debbie Ley**, whose daughter has gone through several organ replacements and is still hopeful to be able to utilize the services of the Michigan Fertility Alliance. Candice led us in a new and interesting version of "Hello" but there is still much work to be done.

Birthdays The last birthday celebrant this month is **Richard Cherney** who was not present today. Fortunately for him he didn't have to experience an attempt at "Happy Birthday."

Announcements Penny Joy filled us in on the upcoming trip to Ghana and provided us with a list of items for distribution in Ghana. **Michelle Hall**, who will also be going to Ghana received a donation of three Tigers tickets toward materials to be purchased for Ghana. **June Kirchgatter**, served as an auctioneer for sale of the tickets and enticed **Kirk Sivic** to purchase the tickets for \$225. Thank you, Kirk.

Program – Liz Orbits introduced our speaker, **Stephanie Jones - The Michigan Fertility Alliance** was founded in 2019. Much of their work is focused on policy reform and implementation. Stephanie explained that 1 in 6 people of fertility age in Michigan have infertility issues with 47% being males. Stephanie explained the various fertility treatments including Ovulation Inducement, Intrauterine Insemination (IUI), In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) and Surrogacy. She stated that over 100,000 children per year in the U.S are born through fertility treatments.

A perplexing problem through the years was the legal relationship between a parent and their child. Prior to the Alliance sponsored Michigan Family Protection Act there were many blurred lines regarding children born through fertility treatments Their parental Rights and Responsibilities are now clearly defined as a result of the passage of the act.

The Alliance will be hosting An Autumn Soiree "In Good Spirits" on Saturday, October 18 from 4:30 -7:00 pm at Chicane. Check out their website for additional information.

This was a very moving presentation and I would encourage you to go to the Plymouthrotary.org and access the meeting on the Facebook icon. Additional information is also available on the Alliance website.

Future Programs

August 1, 2025 Andrea Hug will highlight how the Plymouth/Canton Literacy volunteers are making an impact on the lives of our local students.

August 8, 2025 This will be a lunch and serve meeting. We will be tying blankets for hospitalized kids with our partner, **Fleece and Thank you.** This is a meeting where you might wish to bring your own children to help out.

August 15 2025 Club member **Susan Spelker** will tell us about **Scouting America** and the flag decommissioning ceremonies performed by the local troops.

August 22, 2025 Jamie Wise, from the **Zekelman Holocaust Museum**, will tell us about the Ritchie Boys: German-Jewish refugees who helped counter Nazi war efforts during WWII.

August 29, 2025 The BBQ committee will officially place the club into the **State of the Barbie!**

Special Presentation President Candice presented Past President James with the highly coveted and sought after Past President's pin.

.RI Foundation This is just a reminder that the Club will match up to \$500 for any contribution to The Rotary Foundation. This Paul Harris contribution recognizes and acknowledges individuals who contribute or have made contributions in the name of others

50/50 Jeff Stella, after fumbling for his ticket, is now \$60 ahead of the game. 2nd Chance drawing last week he is still at a net loss. Too bad, Kurt

2nd Chance Had **Dashuri Adams** been in attendance she would have pocketed the 2nd chance dollars.

Four Way Test – President Candice led Rotarians and guests in the recitation of the 4 Way Test.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Lunch ordering- Advance sign up is IMPORTANT!

Respond to the weekly email or Email Marie.morrow@pcuw.org or Call Marie - 734- 453-6879 X 4

Salad options available:

Maurice Salad

Ceasar with or without chicken

Greek with or without chicken

Spinach with or without chicken

Mediterranean