

# Rotary

## Club of Plymouth



# IMAGINE ROTARY

### Plymouth

Meets at Plymouth Cultural Ctr.



525 Farmer Street  
Plymouth, MI 48170

Time: Friday at 12:00 PM

### Events

September 1st  
[Music in the Air](#)

September 8th  
[Plymouth Weekly Club Meeting](#)

September 10th  
[Plymouth Rotary Bar-Be-Que](#)

September 18th  
[District Governor Russ Jones Golf Outing](#)

## Broadcaster August 25, 2023

By Kurt L Heise on Monday, August 28, 2023



**Editor's note:** In preparation for the Breast of Truth ceremony, your BBQ committee attended the Larry, Curley and Moe skool of Acting!!!!

#### Call to Order:

John Buzuvis called the meeting to order. There was a big crowd today for the annual "State of the Barbie."

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the group, and **Your Scribe** delivered the meditation for the day which recognized our neighbors impacted by recent storms and those first responders and workers striving to restore power and remove debris.

Lunch featured meat loaf and mashed potatoes.

#### Introduction of Guests:

There were nearly 12 guests today attending the State of the Barbie.

#### Upcoming Events:

- **Music in the Air** needs volunteers to staff the Rotary tent. The last concert is Friday, September 1. Concerts will be at Kellogg Park starting at 7 p.m.
- **Maui Wildfire Assistance** – Rotary District 5000 (Hawaii) is providing support. Please go to their website at [rotaryd5000.org](http://rotaryd5000.org).
- **September 15** – Human Trafficking Conference at Henry Ford College in Dearborn, 8

a.m. to 1:30 p.m. \$35.00 General Admission; \$10 student.

- **September 18** - 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual District Governor's Golf Outing – go to the District 6400 website for details.
- **November 9** – Rotary Foundation Banquet at Crystal Gardens, Southgate. \$75.00 per person. Go to the District 6400 website for details.

**Important Reminder – NO MEETINGS on September 1 (Labor Day) and September 8 (Fall Festival and BBQ weekend)**

**Special Program:**

The annual "State of the Barbie" program was held in eager anticipation of the September 10 Rotary Chicken BBQ. This glorious tradition featured **Gary Stolz** sworn in as Advisor to the Barbie as presented by **Brandon Bunt** after several minutes of apparent chaos and script uncertainty. A new "Staff of Knowledge" was presented to the club as the current staff is covered with plaques and is full! **Andy Savage** will be this year's Chairman of the BBQ and he introduced his committee who each explained their roles. 8,500 chickens will meet their fate on the grills. Volunteers are needed for set-up and take-down days before and after the BBQ.

**BBQ setup- Saturday Sept 9 @ 2:30 pm**

**Day of Assignments will be arriving to your email box soon!**

**BBQ teardown- Monday Sept 11 @ 8 am. Please come and help!**

Lawn signs were distributed to those who need them. Please do not put them between the sidewalk and curb or the City and Township will remove them! Contact Eric Joy for additional signs - ericmjoy@gmail.com

**Liz Kerstens** from the Plymouth Historical Museum and **Ellen Elliot** were also on hand for the State of the Barbie festivities and took a few minutes to discuss their **new book dedicated to the history of the Plymouth Rotary Chicken BBQ – how cool is that?** They are looking for anything that you might have, especially old Broadcasters, that will help them tell the story of our annual (and historic) Chicken BBQ.

**50/50**

Wrapping things up, the 50/50 was won by **Bill Weber** for \$65. **Dave Willett** would have won the Second Chance for approximately \$200 but he did not purchase a ticket!

**The Club remains in the State of the Barbie until September 11.**

**Until we meet again –**

## **Broadcaster August 11 & 12, 2023**

By Arthur W. Gulick on Monday, August 14, 2023



Gateway Farm is an ambitious, cutting-edge farm project and business located in Plymouth, Michigan. It is putting into practice a regenerative, permaculture-inspired design that weaves together USDA certified organic market gardening, food forests, land regeneration and re-wilding, and is a demonstration site for these approaches. Gateway Farm is a place of abundance and beauty; a community hub offering nutrient dense food, education, events, sanctuary, and hope for the future.

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Opening: President **Chris Porman** led us in the Pledge to the Flag and PDG **Paul Sincock** delivered a Meditation. Paul's remarks closed with a Sioux prayer for strength and vision.

Guests: It was good to see **Tod Jagga**, a Livonia Rotarian joining us again. **Trey Greene** was here once more; he's a Detroit Rotarian. We welcomed **Rachel Ross**, a prospective member. Chris got **James Van Horn** to use his big bass voice, leading us in our Plymouth Rotary "Hello" song and making us sound good.

Upcoming Events:

- Our club meeting next week, August 18, isn't at noon, it's at 4:30 pm at Rotary Park. We'll picnic there, then move to Kellogg Park for the band concert.
- The United Way's Back to School Drive finishes on August 18. They want contributions of school supplies.
- **Noah**, our incoming exchange student, arrives August 26, 2023. Coordinate with **Denise King** to travel to Metro Airport to be a welcoming committee. Delta flight #133
- There's a Human Trafficking conference at Henry Ford College on September 15.
- The District Governor's Golf Outing is on September 18th. Don't forget, this year's District 6400 DG is our own **Russ Jones**.
- **DG Russ** will make his official visit to our club on October 27, 2023.

Program: **June Kirchgatter** introduced our speakers, **Bridget O'Brien** and **Dr. Charlie Brennan**, operators of Gateway Farm ([www.gatewayfarmplymouth.com](http://www.gatewayfarmplymouth.com)), the regenerative farming and permaculture project west of town at the corner of Joy and Ann Arbor Roads. O'Brien and Brennan opened with an acknowledgement of the Anishinaabeg and other indigenous people on whose land we now live. Gateway Farm raises its own crops and offers agricultural goods from other producers. Look on their Facebook page and their website to see the kinds of organic vegetables, even foods like elderberries, honey and coffee they offer for sale, in addition to providing classes, volunteer opportunities and children's activities. Bridget and Charlie also have a development and consulting firm, Garden Juju Collective ([www.gardenjujucollective.com](http://www.gardenjujucollective.com)), that offers design services and workshops for permaculture. Gateway Farm is funded locally by Plymouth Orchard's **Mary Emmett**.

Fifty-Fifty: **James Gietzen** won \$42.

Closing: President Chris led us in reciting the Rotary Four-Way-Test.

**NOTICE: Russ Jones has proposed Rachel Ross for club membership, and Nick Mroz has proposed Melissa Daub. Objections, if any, must be received in writing within seven days by Executive Secretary, Marie Morrow.**

BROADCASTER\*\*EXTRA\*\*8/12/2023 GULICK

Saturday morning, August 12, 2023, about a hundred of us Rotarians and volunteers participated

in a cleansing experience as we gathered at the City Public Works facility to wash the big cooking racks we'll use for the upcoming Rotary Chicken Barbecue. Wielding long-handled 4" brushes dripping with fresh detergent solution, we scrubbed every presoaked 2' by 5' folding stainless steel rack. Each rack then got an individual super rinse with a high-pressure spray of plain water before being returned to its stainless steel holding cart. Afterward, your reporter had to change his wet shoes and socks. Thanks to all that helped!

## Lunch ordering- Advance sign up is IMPORTANT!

**Respond** to the weekly email or Email [Marie.morrow@pcuw.org](mailto:Marie.morrow@pcuw.org) or Call Marie - 734- 453-6879 X 4

Salad options available:

Maurice Salad

Cesar with or without chicken

Greek with or without chicken

Spinach with or without chicken

Mediterranean

## Club Leaders



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