



Saturday, December 13, 2025

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Events

December 19th
**Plymouth Weekly
Club Meeting**

January 9th
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Club Meeting**

Club Leaders



Candice Towers
President



Preston Gee
President-Elect



Kasey Kohn
Secretary



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Chair

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Broadcaster December 12, 2025

By William Weber on Saturday, December 13, 2025



Upon arriving at the Cultural Center, Rotarians and guests were greeted by the magical sounds of the Plymouth Canton Educational Park ensemble. What a

wonderful way to begin a holiday meeting

Call to Order President **Candice Towers** called the meeting to order at precisely 12:05m and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Paul Sincok** delivered the meditation and gave thanks to all of the musicians performing for us today. He also stressed the importance of good will and friendships and the willingness to help those less fortunate than ourselves. **Chuck Lang**, encouraged all of to participate in the Salvation Army, Bell ringing. He also announced that a very generous donor, **Pat Milliken Ford** would contribute \$100 for every \$20 bill deposited in the Kettle at today's meeting or at any of our locations on Saturday.

Guests There were numerous guests at today's meeting who came to participate in this holiday gathering.

Program **Plymouth Canton Community Schools Superintendent, Dr. Monica Merritt** introduced today's annual Holiday Program which included both the PCEP ensemble led by **Michael Wells, Director of Bands** and **Associated Directors, Marissa Weller** and **Oliver Rodriguez** and the Choir led by **Jennifer Neumann, Director of Choirs** and **Steven Lynn, Collaborative Pianist**

The Orchestra and Choir performed numerous holiday pieces which touched each of us in so many different ways. It truly was both an exhilarating and contemplative experience. As in the past, the program concluded with the performance of the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah which was a truly moving performance. Our heartfelt thanks to the many outstanding students and musicians at PCEP.

President Elect Preston Gee closed the meeting by thanking all of the performers and directors and wished all the very best for the Holiday season.

50/50 Today's raffle was won by **Diane Harrison**



Marie A. Morrow
Club Executive
Secretary

2nd Chance – Mark Waller , who was in not attendance missed out on a sizeable sum. Sorry Mark.

Four Way Test – President Elect Preston led us in the recitation of the 4 Way Test.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Broadcaster December

By Paul J. Sincock on Saturday, December 6, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Today's meeting was called to order by Acting President Kasey Kohn. We had a large group on hand because today was the day to honor our Public Safety-First Responders. We had police officers, public works technicians, fire fighters and paramedics and their families on hand for the awards luncheon. This program is annually one of the programs that highlights our Rotary year as we name the police officer, fire fighter, municipal services worker and paramedics for the City and Township of Plymouth as well as the paramedic of the year from Huron Valley Ambulance.

Acting President Kasey led the group in the Pledge of Alliance and called upon Kurt Heise to give the moment of meditation for the club. Kurt's thoughts were most appropriate as we honored these great public servants. He gave thanks for the work of first responders everywhere and for their families.

SIGN UP: There was a reminder to make sure that you respond to the weekly email related to lunch on Fridays. It is important to know if you are coming to Rotary, to allow us to make sure that we have enough food on hand to meet the demands of those in attendance. Please be sure to sign up on a weekly basis.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS: On hand celebrating with us today was Dr. Herm Theeke. We also mentioned birthdays of Terry Durkin and Caroline Mayer and Mary Ann Wood.

DECEMBER 12 FUN NIGHT OUT: There is still room to sign up for the December 12th fun night out in Downtown Detroit. See James Gietzen, Chris Porman or John Buzuvis for more information. The trip includes a bus trip to downtown Detroit, the ability to walk around, check out the trees and participate in other activities. You will be returned to the Plymouth Cultural Center after the trip.

BELL RINGING: Don't forget to sign up for Bell Ringing, Chuck Lang reports that several slots are open at all of our bell ringing stations. We will be ringing the Salvation Army bells on December 12 & 13.

REPORT OF THE CHICKEN BBQ: Now Past Rotary Chicken Bar-be-que Committee Chairman Eric Joy reported on the proceeds of last September's BBQ. He reports that the Committee turned over the proceeds of the event in the amount of \$50,000 to the Plymouth Rotary Foundation. Great Work!!!! Now it is onto the Spring Golf Outing and then the 2026 Chicken Bar-be-que. Make sure you have your calendar marked for September 12, 13 & 14 to participate in all the activities of the BBQ, from set up to day of and the clean up on Monday.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT EVENT: On Friday, December 12th for the Annual Holiday Concert by the PCEP Orchestra and Choir. Please plan on attending and please be sure to register for the event by responding to the weekly email. Family and friends are welcome as well, but please let us know who will be coming, to help ensure that we have enough food on hand.

PROGRAM REPORT: Past District Governor and Club President Paul Sincok was called upon to lead the program today. He welcomed all of the visitors, extended congratulations on behalf of the club to the winners and their teams. We were reminded that in the early stages of an incident that first responders are responsible for the protection and preservation of life, property, evidence and the environment. No matter what the weather, what the conditions or what the call for service is, these first responders are on scene protecting our community. Today's Program is to recognize the best of the best in our community. It was noted that all of the professionals in the room work together to serve the community, no matter what the patch on their arm says. These professionals back each other up, assist each other and collaborate to deliver high-quality cost-effective services to the community. Those working partnerships between agencies help to make Plymouth the special place that we all know and love.

Introducing the Huron Valley Ambulance Paramedic of the Year was HVA Vice-President Karl Rock. He introduced Ramsay Black, she started with HVA as a basic EMT; while working full time, she went to the HVA Paramedic school, which is a second full time job. She now works as a full-time paramedic based here in the Plymouth Community. Recently, she applied and was selected for the position of Field Training Officer, to assist and train new paramedics in response techniques. Her cool calm demeanor helped to lead her to the selection of Paramedic of the Year.

The City Fire Fighter of the Year is Sylvia Stepien, and she was introduced by City Fire Services Chief Matt Samhat. The Chief noted that Sylvia has responded to over 330 calls for service in the City of Plymouth over the past year. She started her career in 2017 as an EMT and joined the City Fire Services in 2018. The Chief noted that Sylvia is a member of the Department's Field Training Officer program. She also demonstrates strong command leadership on critical incidents.

The Plymouth Township Fire Department Fire Fighter/Paramedic of the Year was introduced by Township Fire Chief Pat Connelly. He thanked the Plymouth Rotary for sponsoring this program. The Chief then introduced to the group the Township Fire Fighter/Paramedic Tony Pancoast and his family. The Chief noted Tony's has extensive automotive experience and is working on the procurement of the Township's Mobile Command Post. His skills and integrity in his duties as well as being a leader in the organization, which led to his selection as Fire Fighter/Paramedic of the year.

City Director of Public Safety and Police Chief Al Cox introduced the group to City Police Officer of the Year, Sgt. Justin Bulmer. Cox described Bulmer as a quiet, steady leader who can always be counted on, and takes pride in his work. Sgt. Bulmer took on the task of updating the training calendar for the police department. It was noted that on-going training in a police department is time consuming, expensive and difficult to schedule while still providing for the mandate of service to the community. Bulmer was appointed the training coordinator and was able to revamp the entire training schedule to accomplish over two-thousand hours of training for department members, without sacrificing service levels, officer availability or morale in the department. Bulmer is also responsible for a recent grant that will provide over \$100,000 to the area police departments for world class use of force investigative training for officers and investigators.

The Plymouth Township Police Officer of the year was introduced by Chief Jim Knittel. He thanked the Rotary Club for their involvement in this program. Chief Knittel talked briefly about partnerships across the community and how important that is to the community. He then introduced Detective Luke Drejewski and his family. Luke started with the department in 2020 and currently serves in the detective department. The group was introduced to the term "You've been cooked." That means your photo is on the wall because your time as a violator of the law has been completed, since you've been arrested. Luke's most significant case this year involved a house party and armed robbery in the west end of the

Township. This case involved minors and involved three shots being fired. When police arrived on scene people were scattering and arriving officers determined that no one was injured, but that an armed robbery had occurred. With minimal clues, Detective Drejewski and team were on the case and within 24 hours suspects were arrested, and search warrants were executed with property being recovered and the weapon being recovered. The case is now in the court system. We were told that Luke is considered a regional source for information and techniques.

Plymouth City Manager Chris Porman introduced us Municipal Services/Public Works as First Responders. Chris indicated that rarely is public works seen as First Responders because they don't have sirens, flashing red lights, or even dramatic television shows named after public works, yet. However, the impact is everywhere, clean roads, working hydrants, and countless things that no one notices. The pandemic changed all of that since the public was home and began to see all of things that go into making the community a great place to live and work. Public Works/Municipal Services officially recognized by Presidential Directive in 2003 and every year since. Chris introduced us to Operations Technician Evan Duffiney, who served proudly with the U.S. Marines and has been working for the City Municipal Services Department two years. He is known for service, honor, courage, commitment, something that he brought to Plymouth from the Marine Corps. Further, Evan represents everything good about public works, not because of one headline moment, but because of his consistency and dedication to getting the job completed.

WINNER OF THE WEEK: 8847 was the lucky number and the second chance winner was not in attendance.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: This seemed appropriate as we honored the community's best first responders. From the Disney Movie Ratatouille, Chef Gusteau said; "You must not let anyone define your limits, your only limit is your soul."

With that have a Super Positive Week and make sure you sign up to Ring the bells for the Salvation Army.

Paul J. Sincok

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

Cesar with or without chicken

Greek with or without chicken

Spinach with or without chicken

Mediterranean