

Tuesday, February 6, 2024



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Events

February 9th
[Plymouth Weekly Club Meeting](#)

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Club Leaders



[Chris Porman](#)
President



[James Gietzen](#)
President-Elect



[Candice Towers](#)
Secretary



[James Van Horn III](#)
Treasurer



[Charles J. Bares](#)
Rotary Foundation Chair



[June Kirchgatter](#)
Membership Chair



[Penny Joy](#)
iPast President



[Marie A. Morrow](#)
Club Executive Secretary



Call to Order President, **Chris Porman**, called the meeting to order at precisely 12:00 pm. Chris led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meditation: **Chuck Lang** led the meditation. His prayer acknowledged that the dedication to service remains even amid war, floods, human mistreatment and abuse. He called for support for Rotarians around the world “to see, to love, and to follow”.

Guests:

- **Deborah Willett**
- **Paul Sihon**
- **Tom Brennan**
- **Drake Filippis** “new member
- **Scott Albright** “new member

The rowdy table led the room in singing “Hello, Hello, Hello” to welcome our guests.

Chris reminded the club members to sign up for lunch in advance. Sign up is important. If you can’t sign up electronically, call or email **Marie** at 734-453-6879 x4 or Marie.morrow@pcuw.org. Chris reminded members to let guests go first to lunch.

February Birthdays

- **Robin Hyde**
- **Barry Simescu**
- **Kurt Heise**

- **Josh Mrozowski**
- **Danny Hyman**
- **Jon Solace**
- **Penny Joy**
- **Paul Sincock**
- **Christina Vega**
- **James Gietzen**
- **Tom Adams**
- **Rich Eisiminger**

New Members

Two new Plymouth Rotary members were sworn in: **Scott Albright and Drake Filippis**.

Special Announcements and Upcoming Events

February 23 - Chris announced that our club will once again be hosting the “The Sun Never Sets on Rotary” meeting at noon on the 23rd. Please make every effort to attend the meeting on that day.

March 9 “ This is **Rotary Night at the Museum**. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

4th of July “ Rotary is planning to co-sponsor the Plymouth 4th of July Parade with the Kiwanis. Chris is looking for volunteers to help. There are many opportunities. If you are interested, contact him. Chris noted that there have been no volunteers so far.

Program “ Doug Willett

Club member Doug Willett presented his work on the Phoenix project. Doug explained that Artificial Intelligence (AI) now makes it possible to create a digital experience of the history of Plymouth that combines data from many different sources. Doug began with researching the Phoenix block of stores in downtown Plymouth capturing 200 years of history of the various businesses that were located there over two centuries. The project incorporates Doug’s business creates interactive virtual reality recreation of homes and businesses that let one “walk through” homes for sale or businesses. He has applied that technology to allow a person to “go back in time” and actually experience what the city looked like in the past. Doug noted that the technology is improving so quickly that this kind of virtual experience will only get better.

The 50/50 was won by **Dan Hordof**. Second chance would have been **June Kirchgatter** .

The Four Way test was recited by all. President **Chris** dismissed the meeting at 1:00pm

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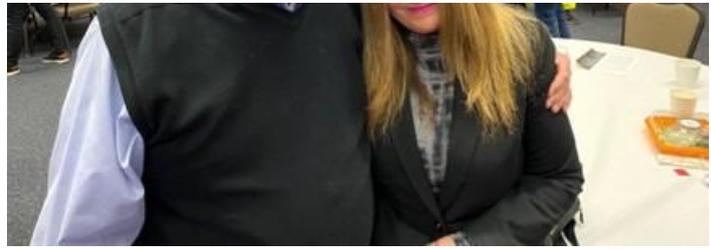
By Albert Blixt on Monday, January 29, 2024

GO LIONS!

Call to Order
President, **Chris Porman**, called the meeting to order at precisely 12:05 pm. Chris led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Meditation: Mary Ann Wood led the meditation. She began by referencing the theme from the movie The Wizard of Oz that there is "no place like home". She also



referenced the life lesson from the late Christopher Reeve that we should focus on what is most important in life which means valuing our relationships above our achievements. Reeve was quoted as saying, "I had to break my neck to learn what is most important in life".

Guests: A number of guests introduced themselves

- Drake Filippis " future member
- Alexis from Canton HS
- Todd Jagi
- Omar Martin
- Cynthia Feld

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January Birthdays

- Nancy Baldwin
- Don Soenen
- Win Schrader
- Jeff Horton
- Denise King
- Julie Howell-Roman

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Club dues: It is that time again to submit your annual dues. There are still a few folks who have not sent theirs in. If you are one of them, please get your payment in as soon as possible.

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Program - Carol Marvin

Club member **Don Soenen** introduced our featured speaker Carol Marvin. Carol is a relatively new member. Carol's bio describes her as an "Award-winning, entrepreneurial professional whose expertise and dedication to fiscal maximization, authentic creative and top brand engagement has led dozens of highly recognized arts, entertainment, music, nonprofit, festival, parks, and recreation properties to great success for over two decades."

Carol has produced gigantic musical events primarily in Detroit that have attracted

millions of visitors to the Motor City. Originally from Plymouth, Carol is in the process of moving back to Plymouth after living for many years in Detroit. "Plymouth is home", she says.

Quoting John 10:10, Carol says that the guiding force in her life is love of people. Carol says "I love to make people happy". She shared two stories. One was of the Electronic Festival that everyone said would fail and that changed the industry. The second was of arranging for young people with disabilities to be able to dance in their wheelchairs at another major event.

Carol is now working with Don Soenen to honor the city of Plymouth and to help him bring talent to his new restaurant. Carol's idea for Plymouth is to create a new park downtown near the Wilcox house. She is passionate about parks. "Parks change communities" she says, by providing a forum for the whole community to gather and celebrate. While Kellogg park is great, it has limitations, and another park could make Plymouth even better.

Carol closed by saying that she has had to learn to walk three times in her life and each time she has come back stronger. She acknowledged her amazing children including her daughter Madeline and three fabulous sons.

Learn more about Carol on LinkedIn at
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/carol-marvin/>

The 50/50 was won by Kurt Heise. Second chance would have been Gary Stolz. If you see Gary, let him know he could have been a winner.

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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