



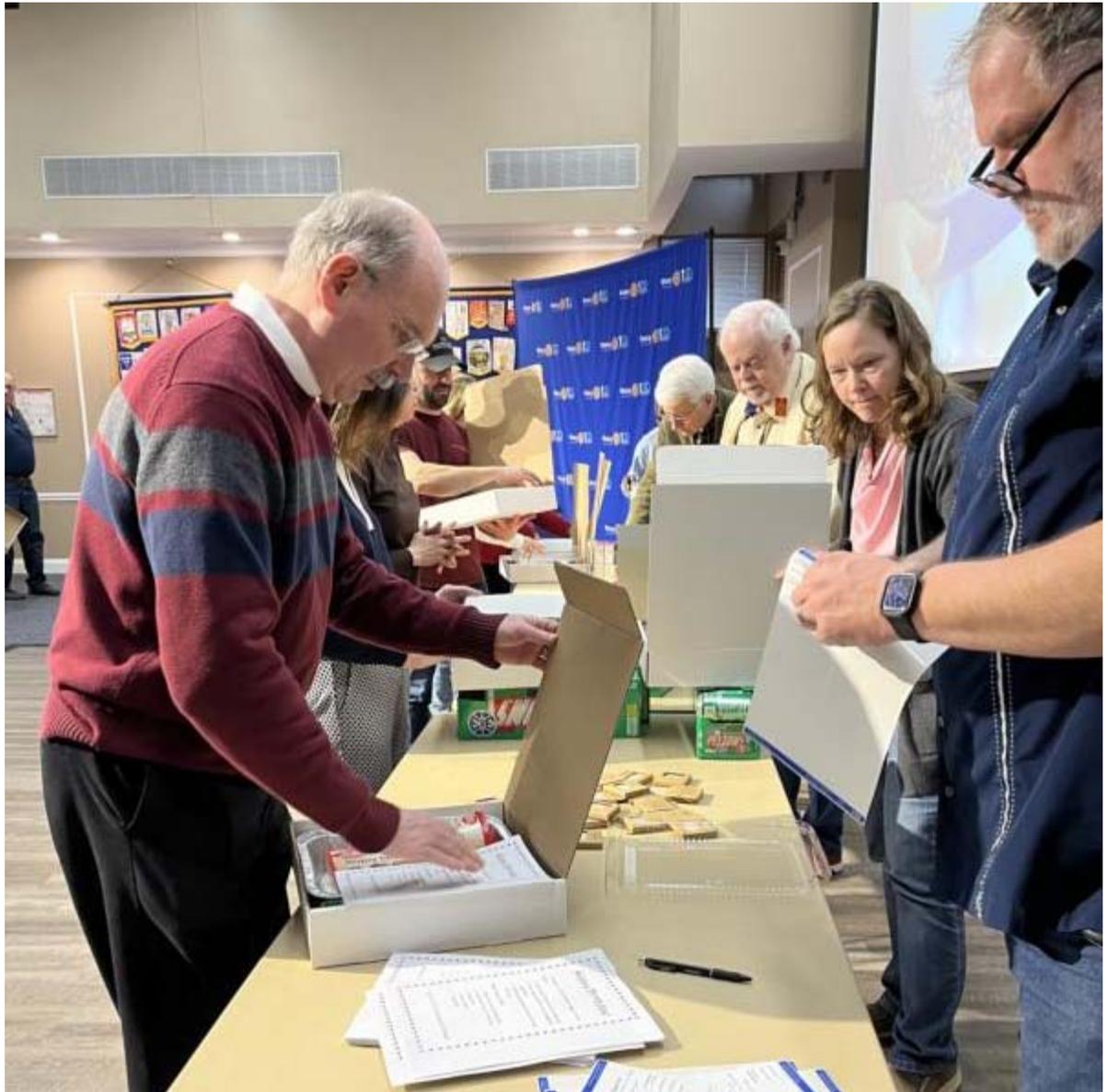
Sunday, February 22, 2026

**UNITE  
FOR  
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Rotary

## Broadcaster February 20, 2026

By William Weber



**Call to Order** President **Candice Towers** called the meeting to order at precisely 12:05m and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Bruce Baxter** delivered the meditation and dedicated it to former Rotarian aviators, Al Stanwood and Tom Kennedy. On this date in 1962, John Glenn became the first man to orbit the earth. To recognize this historic even, Bruce read "High Flight", a poem written by John Magee, a Royal Canadian Air Force fighter pilot.

### Guests

### Events

February 27th  
Plymouth  
Weekly Club  
Meeting

March 6th  
Plymouth  
Weekly Club  
Meeting

March 13th  
Plymouth  
Weekly Club  
Meeting

### Club Leaders



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**Jane Stevenson**, guest of **Penny Joy**  
**Fatal Adeqboye**, guest of **Dave Willett**  
**Adrienne Crocket**, guest of frequent visitor, **Ellen Elliott**  
**Greg Plagens**, husband and guest of **Vikki Plagens**  
**Dawn Joy**, guest and wife of **Eric Joy**  
**Nathan Joy**, son and guest of **Eric Joy**  
**Nick Hayes**, Schoolcraft Interact Club

**Announcements** **Tim Reimick** announced the formation of the **Service Committee**. The mission of this new committee is to grow the positive impact of Rotary in the community through the volunteer efforts of People of Action putting Service above Self for the benefit of individuals, organizations and the community. In the future a compilation of volunteer activities will be made available to Rotary members. Stay tuned.

**Exchange student Paul Sincok** requested that Rotarians contact him if they can assist in providing experiences for Malti. Paul and Traci are hosting Malti and have already taken him to Disney World and Cape Canaveral as well as several local events. Malti is a great person who enjoys golf, fishing, skiing and most everything else. Any opportunities that club members can provide would be appreciated.

### Upcoming Events

**February 27** – Trust advisor **Angela Graham** will emphasize the importance of Estate Planning at any age.  
March 6 – **Brian Turnbull**, Mayor of Northville, will provide updates on the numerous Northville projects.  
March 13 - **Eric Joy** and others will talk about the Club's legacy of hosting Youth Exchange students.

**Program Penny's' Birthday Cake Kit meeting.** This has become an annual service event which is part of a larger Service Project initiative. These service project events are part of a continuing club practice of having members participate in service projects at a regular meeting. Today's event included putting together 50 Birthday Cake kits which will be donated to the Salvation Army. These cake kits are distributed to those individuals and/or families who may not be in a position to provide the more traditional cakes for their children or loved ones. A most worthy project.

**50/50** Today's raffle was won by **June Kirchgatter**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Chance** –**Kasey Kohn** , who was in not attendance missed out on a sizeable sum. Sorry Kasey.

**Four Way Test** – **President Candice** led us in the recitation of the 4 Way Test. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

## Broadcaster February 13, 2026

By Chris Porman

President Elect Preston welcomed us to our weekly club.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, June Kirchgatter shared some sports related motivational quotes in honor of the Olympics and our program later on in the meeting.

Guests today were members of the Schoolcraft Rotaract Club, Kiwanian and Chamber of Commerce President Wes Graff, and our very own Ed Schulz.

The rowdy table led the charge in welcoming our guests.

## **Announcements:**

The Schoolcraft Rotaract Club is setting up a book drive to help underprivileged families with K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The plan is to set up donation centers such as our club meeting and donate them to: Northville Youth Network, Plymouth Community Foster Closet, Plymouth Community United Way, Forever Families Livonia, and Canton Community Foundation.

February Birthdays including Josh Mrozowski, whose birthday was on the 13<sup>th</sup>, were acknowledged.

Sad news to pass along as Andrea Knab, Dale Knab's wife, passed away on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

4-Way Test Essay Readers: Please let Bruce Baxter and/or Carol Souchuck know if you are available to help out and read the essays that we use to give away scholarships.

## **Program:**

June Kirchgatter introduced our speakers for the afternoon representing Metro Detroit Sled Hockey.

Derek Donet is the President and Coach of the Metro Detroit Sled Hockey organization (associated with Belle Tire). He was recognized as a USA Hockey New Leader Awardee in 2024 for his work in growing and improving the game of ice hockey for athletes with disabilities.

Elina Velameer is a 1<sup>st</sup> year player and an adaptive crossfit athlete and coach as well as an adaptive fitness instructor. Elina is an education student at EMU.

Metro Detroit Sled Hockey is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2018 by a group of dedicated parents. Their shared vision was to create opportunities for their children, who loved recreational sled hockey, to learn the skills needed to compete at a higher level. At the time, Metro Detroit lacked a competitive youth sled hockey team, so they came together to establish the region's first youth competitive sled hockey program.

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Since those humble beginnings, Metro Detroit Sled Hockey has grown significantly. What started with just seven kids has expanded to include four teams, encompassing both youth and adult athletes. By incorporating adults into the organization, we've created valuable mentorship opportunities—providing younger players with role models who "look like them" and demonstrate what's possible on and off the ice.

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Today, our organization supports players at all levels—from brand-new skaters taking their first steps into the sport to elite athletes pursuing and achieving their dreams of representing Team USA and Canada at the Paralympic Games.

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## **The Benefits of Adaptive Sports**

Adaptive sports like sled hockey offer a wide range of benefits, including:

- Improved physical health
- Increased self-confidence
- A sense of achievement
- Teamwork and inclusion

These skills extend beyond the rink. Adults with disabilities who participate in adaptive sports are twice as likely to be employed, demonstrating the long-term impact of these programs.

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Our players all have physical disabilities that prevent them from playing traditional stand-up hockey. For many, sled hockey becomes more than just a sport—it becomes a core part of their identity. When our athletes hit the ice, disabilities fade away. There are no limitations or inequalities; there are only hockey players, driven by passion and determination to succeed.

A video called “Tyler’s Walk” which can be found here was played and is certainly an inspirational message for overcoming hardships and taking advantages of other opportunities: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rem4OSSuVCc>

To close the meeting, our 50/50 was won by Gail Grieger and second chance would’ve been won by President Elect Preston, but.....he didn’t buy a ticket.

The close of the meeting had all Rotarians recite their commitment to the 4 Way Test.

**Lunch ordering- Advance sign up is IMPORTANT!**

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Salad options available:

Maurice Salad

Cesar with or without chicken

Greek with or without chicken

Spinach with or without chicken

Mediterranean