



Sunday, July 27, 2025

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## 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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Chance** Had **Dashuri Adams** been in attendance she would have pocketed the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## **Broadcaster July 18, 2025**

By Timothy E. Joy on Sunday, July 20, 2025

The start of a new Rotary Year begins with the first meeting under the gavel and leadership of President Candice Towers!

The assembled were asked to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Liz Orbits (I love the purple hair!) presented this week's meditation. She

offered the acknowledgement and support our club's leaders receive. She wished that our new President receive guidance and wisdom in decisions. That our club continue to offer compassion in service and unity in our purpose. A quote from Groucho Marx "out of a thousand men, one will be a leader. The other 999 follow women!"

President Candice reminded the club to sign up for meals each week. It facilitates ordering the proper amount of food.

The meeting started with a little fun. Each member received a Uno card with numbers 1 thru 6. Each table was designated 1 thru 6. The members had to move to that table for this meeting. That means you talk to someone else for a change! Lots of cheese moved!

Past Pres James strolled the room introducing Guests. Evan from Plymouth. Anna from Greenboro, NC. Another attempt to sing was had....

Lunch began with guests being first!

As the meeting resumed, Pres Candice showed a slide of July Birthdays!

Announcements:

Penny Joy announced the need for items desired for the October trip to Ghana. Penny and Michelle Hall will be making the trip. A list of items was on each table and will be collected at each meeting until August 29<sup>th</sup>. The list will be at the bottom of this Broadcaster. A beer and wine raffle will support the purchase of mosquito nets to prevent malaria.

Denise King addressed the club. This is Martins last day of his exchange. Martin spoke about his time here and how grateful he was for activity.

New member induction – Allen Samaha came to the podium with Preston Gee. Pres Candice inducted Allen into the Rotary Club of Plymouth!

Pres Candice spoke to the club about her upcoming year. She introduced the clubs Board of Directors. She spoke about the fun that we have as Rotarians. Volunteerism in Action! Community Impact! Days of Service! Birthday kits for kids! Socializing! She presented data about our club, our membership, our finances and more!

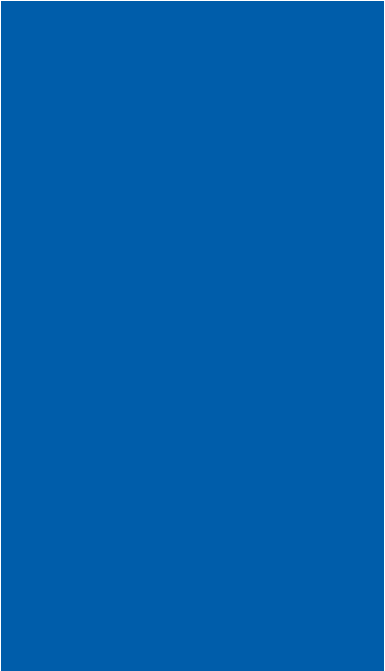
The 50/50 winner was Don (Soenen?). Second chance was- not here!

The Four Way Test wrapped up the meeting!

### **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 items if needed.*

- Soccer uniforms, socks
- Kids running shoes
- Baseball caps
- T-shirts
- Baby blankets
- Baby onesies
- Baby sleepers (lightweight)
- Baby clothes

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- Kids underwear
  - Socks – white
  - Toothbrushes
  - Toothpaste
  - Rulers
  - Pencils – regular and colored
  - Pencil sharpeners
  - Reading glasses
  - Orthopedic braces
  - Crutches
  - Canes
  - Collapsible walkers
  - Small size toiletries
  - Small children's toys that will fit in a backpack such as:
    - Snap bracelets
    - Small stuffed animals (Beanie Babies)
    - Jacks

*THANK YOU!!!*

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

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Salad options available:

Maurice Salad

Ceasar with or without chicken

Greek with or without chicken

Spinach with or without chicken

Mediterranean