

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

August 4th [Plymouth Weekly Club Meeting](#)
August 4th [Music in the Air](#)

Speaker: Al Blixit

Subject: Shakespeare Festival

August 11th [Plymouth Weekly Club Meeting](#)
August 11th [Music in the Air](#)

August 18th [Plymouth Weekly Club Meeting](#)
August 18th [Music in the Air](#)

Speaker: Music in the Air

August 25th [Plymouth Weekly Club Meeting](#)
August 25th [Music in the Air](#)

Speaker: BBQ Committee

Broadcaster July 28, 2023

By Timothy E. Joy on Tuesday, August 1, 2023



President Elect **James Gietzen** rang the bell and called the meeting to order. President Porman was up north enjoying the benefits of living in this Great State!

Angela Ridpath introduced her daughter **Grace** and son **Jack** to the gathered crowd! **Grace** is newly returned from a 1 year Rotary Exchange in Japan.

Meditation- **Paul Sincock** spoke about Rotarians as creators of hope in our community and our global community. We were challenged to enhance the image of Rotary by how we conduct our daily lives. And, as always, he quoted his favorite Choctaw saying "Walk the Good Road Together".

James asked our guests to go to lunch first. However, they politely declined because of food allergies. That didn't seem to be an issue for the rest of the crowd. Your scribe had a Maurice salad which I found to be very tasty!

Speaker- **Grace Ridpath** was our presenter today. Grace talked about her exchange year in Japan and how that, on returning home, how that has changed her. Grace now looks at her home country with different eyes as she now has an opportunity to compare us with a

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more global experience. She also had 4 host families so she had the opportunity to experience different family dynamics.

Grace attended school (Kwassui High School) during her year in Japan. Schooling there is more structured with fewer electives. The school is also religious based. The language barrier took some time to adapt to but Grace enjoyed the challenge.

Grace had the opportunity to travel to Hokaido Island; Nagasaki; a basketball tourney; and meet monthly with other exchange students. The school had a mandatory 'Culture Day' and among the activities Grace got to shoot archery.

Exchange has allowed Grace to be more confident and articulate. She has learned to speak up for herself. To say 'Yes' more! To set strong boundaries for herself! And one of lives lessons- It is OK not to be perfect!

Why did Grace decide to Exchange? She realized staying home would limit her. She wanted to learn a new language. Now she is reconsidering her college path with her new perspective.

Grace spoke eloquently and with confidence.

Upcoming Speaker - Next weeks speaker is from Gateway Organic Farm.

Upcoming Events - **August 18th** - Picnic at Rotary Park (NO REGULAR MEETING)
August 18 - Music in the Air - Kellogg Park @7pm

September 18th - District Governors Golf Outing - Grosse Ile Country Club
Single golfer cost \$190; Dinner only cost \$60
Plymouth Rotarian Golfers are needed!!!!!!

Now thru August 18th - United Way School Supply Drive - contact Marie Morrow for details

October 27th - District Governor Russ Jones official visit

The meeting ended with the Four Way Test!

Cheers! till we meet again! Tim

Broadcaster July 14, 2023

By William Weber on Sunday, July 16, 2023

Call to Order Our new president, Chris Porman, called the meeting to order at precisely 12:00 pm. Chris led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Kurt Heise did the meditation and extended the very best to President, Chris Porman and the members of the executive board in their endeavors for the upcoming year.

Introduction of Guests – Rachael Moss from the Fairlane Club was today's only guest.

Special Announcements.

Past Rotary Foundation president, Chuck Lang announced that the new officers of the association are as follows: Warren Musson. President. Ed Schulz, Vice-President, Tim Joy, Treasurer, Bruce Baxter, Secretary.

Chris Porman, Rotary President announced that James Gietzen will serve as President-Elect and Candice Towers is our President Nominee.

July 17 – The Plymouth City Commission will be meeting at Rotary Park
July 21 – There will not be a noon meeting, but rather a picnic at Rotary Park followed by a trek to Kellogg Park to see Music in the Park.
August 4 - Our speaker will be Rotarian Al Blixt who will speak about the Michigan Shakespeare Festival.
August 11 – See July 21.

July Birthdays

Brandon Bundt, Ed Schulz, Dale Knab, Eric Joy and Rich Cherney are all celebrating July birthdays. They were all treated to a somewhat intriguing rendition of “Happy Birthday” which was led by choirmaster James Van Horn.

Program

Ellen Elliott, Executive Director of the Penn Theatre introduced today’s speaker, Melanie Elliott who just happens to be a close relative. Today’s program “Humanitarian Mission for Eye Care” VOSH Dominica was about the volunteer optometric service to humanity for the citizens of Dominica which is an island nation in Caribbean. Melanie is studying to be an Optometrist at Ferris State University. Melanie, along with over 290 other volunteers visited Dominica for the purpose of examining and testing island residents for the purpose of improving their eye care and vision. The organization collects used donated eye glasses and sorts them by lens type, power and every other conceivable manner. While there the team was able to exam close to 1000 residents and just over a 100 residents with significant eye issues were referred to an Ophthalmologist. Upon examining the residents, they were fitted with donated glasses which came very close to meeting their particular needs. During the course of their stay, they donated over 1000 pair of glasses, another 1000 readers as well as 1500 pairs of sunglasses. Melanie, in closing, urged all of us to donate our used prescription glasses so they may benefit others.

50-50 Fittingly, the 50-50 was won this week by one of our birthday honorees, Eric Joy. If Danny Hyman had been present he would he would have won the 2nd chance drawing.

Four Way Test

The meeting was concluded with the recitation of the Four Way Test
Meeting was adjourned at 1:15

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

Club Leaders

[Chris Porman](#)

[James Gietzen](#)

[Candice Towers](#)



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