



Sunday, June 15, 2025



## Broadcaster June 13, 2025

By William Weber on Sunday, June 15, 2025

### Events

June 20th  
Plymouth Weekly  
Club Meeting

June 27th  
Plymouth Weekly  
Club Meeting

### Club Leaders



James  
Gietzen  
President



Candice  
Towers  
President-  
Elect



Daniel Amos  
Treasurer



Preston Gee  
President-  
Nominee  
Membership  
Chair



Nancy Ann  
Baldwin  
Rotary  
Foundation  
Chair



Denise King  
Youth  
Exchange  
Chair



Chris Porman  
iPast  
President



**Call to Order** President **James Gietzen** called the meeting to order at 12.05 pm and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Paul Sincock** delivered the meditation and his themes for the day were to "unite for good both locally and globally", "healing for those who cannot be here due to illness", and to "make a difference in the work place and community".

**Host Families** President **James** urged members or other interested families to consider hosting an exchange student in the upcoming year.

**Guests** Today's guests included prospective member **Alan Samaha** and **Aditi Passalacqua**, guest of **Kent Early**, who is considering membership in Rotary.

**More Guests** **Denise King** introduced our exchange student, **Martin Loehr** who in turn introduced his family who journeyed from Germany. In addition to introducing his family members, sister **Anna**, brother **Clements**, mother **Ursula** and father **Torsten**. **Martin** was able to provide a few humorous anecdotes about each of his family members. As it turns out his mother, **Ursula** was celebrating her birthday and the club honored her with the



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Club  
Executive  
Secretary

best version of Happy Birthday that we have heard in a long time.

**Birthdays** Those celebrating birthday's this month include the following: **Vikki Plagens, Preston Gee, Chuck Bares, Andy Savage, Cam Miller, John Buzuvis, Bob Carrigan. James Hockenberry, James Carney, Dan Kudra, Susan Spelker Chris Breest.** Following our best version of "Happy Birthday" we returned to the norm and once again, a rather feeble attempt/s to sing Happy Birthday was foisted upon all of the celebrants.

**Future Rotary Member.** The Rotary Board voted to approve the application of **Alan Samaha** for membership in the club. Should there be any objections, please contact President James no later than June 18, 2025.

### **Program - Rotary Foundation Annual Meeting and Report to the Membership**

**Club President James** introduced **Foundation President John Buzuvis.** John explained that the Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization and is committed to using our available funds for the betterment of society both locally and internationally. John introduced the current directors. Bruce **Baxter, Warren Musson, Tim Joy, Kirk Kohn, Bari Livsey, and Gary Stolz** along with newly elected members **Jeff Stella, Chuck Lang** and **Todd Raska.** John also thanked outgoing members **Ed Schulz, Herm Theeke** and **Rich Eisiminger** for their dedication and service to the Foundation.

Special thanks and tribute were given to Past Club President, **Tom Adams** who manages the investments for the Foundation. Through the years Tom has done a magnificent job in managing the funds and growing our investments, all of which has allowed us to provide even more for grants to support Rotary causes.

John explained that the Foundation revenues come from donations from members and friends of Rotary, Walter Panse gifts, Magera Trust, Chicken BBQ, Rotary Golf Outing, and Charitable IRA donations (Required Minimum Distributions). John stated that our current Foundation Account Balance is just over \$2,000,000... John also explained how the Foundation Annual Budget is determined, which this past year was \$141,000. This number, lovingly referred to as FATS (Funds Available to Spend) is based upon a formula utilizing the past four years of spending.

This year's spending included: Memorial Scholarships, Four Way Test Essay Competition, Seedlings for elementary students, Main Street flower planting, PCCS Mental Health Fair, Salvation Army Summer Camp, Friday Night Music in the Air, Good Morning 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Exchange Student sponsorship, Clean Water Projects, Days for Girls, Polio Plus, and Shelter Box and many others. In the past, we have also been major donors to The Miracle League of Plymouth.

The Centennial Projects included \$200,000 for the WSDP Radio Station upgrades as well as \$120,000 for the Rotary Park upgrades.

### **Future Programs**

**June 20, 2025** Wounded Warrior presentation

**June 27, 2025** This is a must attend for all of us as we honor President **James** for his success and welcome President Elect **Candice** to her new role as Club President.

**July 4, 2025** No meeting but the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade needs volunteers

**July 11, 2025** No meeting as we will all be volunteering to park cars during

## Art in the Park

**July 18, 2025** President **Candice** kicks off the new Club year and all are encourage to wear their **Rotary gear for Swag Day**. Coupons were distributed to save 10% on Rotary Swag.

**July 25, 2025** **Stephanie Jones** will inform us how fellow Club member **Alex Kamer** helped lead the Michigan Surrogacy Advocacy initiative in Lansing.

**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 Kirk Kohn** is now \$44 better off than when he arrived today...but since he lost out on the \$60 2nd Chance drawing last week he is still at a net loss. Too bad, Kurt

**2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Liz Orbits** pocketed the \$80 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance winnings. I hope she thanks Kurt for the extra dollars.

**Four Way Test – President James** led Rotarians and guests in the recitation of the 4 Way Test.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

## Broadcaster June 6, 2025

By Paul J. Sincock on Sunday, June 8, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: **President James** called the meeting to order at the appointed hour and welcomed our many guests who were here for the Memorial Scholarship Awards. Our President called on **Liz Orbits** for today meditation moment. Here thoughts were of community leadership, the 4-Way Test and she recommended that we lose ourselves in service. James then welcomed our guests with two attempts at the Hello Song, without much success with our singing ability.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: We said happy birthday to a few of our members. Celebrating another trip around the sun were: **Chuck Bares, Preston Gee, and Andy Savage**.

4<sup>th</sup> of JULY: The Club is looking for volunteers for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. A sign-up genius went out already, and if you cannot find the link that was sent to you, just let either **Chris Porman or President James** know that you are available and willing to help. Sorry, that you already missed out on the coveted opportunity to follow the Sheriff's Horse detail. There is a need for parade marshals along the route to keep the parade together.

NEED FOR A HOST FAMILY OR TWO: **Denise King** is looking for a couple of host families for our Swedish Exchange Student arriving in August. This is a great experience to help make the world a smaller place. As a host family you will get your own International leaf raking service, International snow removal service and even International dog walking service. Contact either **Denise King or Eric Joy** if you or someone you know might like to know more information.

PROGRAM REPORT: This past Friday we got to meet some of the Plymouth Rotary Memorial Scholarship winners. **Dr. Bill Weber** introduced us to the incredible students and some of their accomplishments and dreams for the



future. The Rotary Memorial Scholarship takes into account academic achievement, as well as other very important factors like community service, financial need, and the Rotary credo of Service above self. The members of the Rotary Review Committee were **Mary Ann Wood, Denise King, Jonathan Solace and Josh Mrozowski**. We also recognized the parents and guardians of the students as well as the teachers and administrators for their schools. The Committee awarded six scholarships, \$1,000 to Hanna Thomas, \$2,000 to Tess O'Donnell, \$3,000 Cecilia Moore, \$4,000 Priscilla Fernandes, and Shourik Das will receive \$13,000 over a period of four years and will be attending the University of Pittsburgh, where he has guaranteed admission into medical school. Sae Pawar will also receive \$13,000 over four years and will be attending the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan.

WINNERS OF THE WEEK: Taking home \$48.00 was **Paul Sincock** and the Second Chance winner would have been **Kirk Kohn**; except he was not in attendance at the meeting. He missed out on \$60.00, and so the pot grows to \$80.00 next week.

NEXT WEEK: The Plymouth Rotary Foundation will present their annual program. On June 27<sup>th</sup> we will have the "changing of the guard" as President James' term as President comes to a close and President Elect **Candice Towers** term begins as President.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Since today is the anniversary of D-Day, it seems that a quote from **Sir Winston Churchill** would be appropriate; "We must always be ready to make sacrifices for the Great Causes; only in that way shall we live to keep our souls alive."

WITH THAT HAVE A SUPER POSITIVE WEEK!

Paul J. Sincock

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Spinach with or without chicken

Mediterranean