



Saturday, June 21, 2025



Events

June 27th
Plymouth Weekly
Club Meeting

Club Leaders



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Gletzen
President



Candice
Towers
President-
Elect



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Call to Order:

President-Elect Candice Towers called the meeting to order.

Your Scribe led the meditation today with a baseball-themed prayer in honor of the First Place Detroit Tigers who are 9.5 games up.

Introduction of Guests & Announcements:

Guests today included prospective member **Alan Samaha**, along with **Tammy Haggerty, Mark Salloum** and **Ellen Elliott**.

- **Volunteers** are needed for the Plymouth 4th of July parade!
- **Host families** are also needed for our 2025-26 Exchange Student
- **Rotary Swag** is on the way – check back at future meetings for more information; email already went out
- **Blood Drive** is July 8 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center

Today's Presentations – Tammy Haggerty, Wounded Warrior Project

In addition to Tammy's Day job as owner of MJ Jewelers in Canton, she volunteers her time for the Wounded Warrior project. Her father, grandfather and brother are all combat veterans of various conflicts, and the project has raised \$1 million in Michigan alone, thanks to volunteers like Tammy. They also support veterans' caregivers and families, especially those with mental health issues. Wounded Warriors assist 3,547 veterans in Michigan, providing nearly \$3 million in financial wellness programs, benefit services and the 'Warriors to Work' program.

Tammy showed two very powerful videos about the Wounded Warrior Project and the diverse veteran community that they serve.

The Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) began in 2003 as a small, grassroots effort providing simple care and comfort items to the hospital bedsides of the first wounded service members returning home from the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. As their post-service needs evolved, so have their programs and

services. Today, through their direct programs in mental health, career counseling, and long-term rehabilitative care, along with their advocacy efforts, Wounded Warriors improve the lives of millions of veterans and their families.

This effort requires the passion and commitment of friends, supporters, and like-minded organizations that enable them to fulfill their mission. With their collaboration and support, Wounded Warriors strive to ensure that when those who serve come home, they're afforded every opportunity to be as successful as a civilian as they were in the military. Of course, they are always looking for individual donations and corporate sponsors. Go to www.woundedwarriorproject.org for ways to get involved.

Mark Salloum – World War 2 Documentary

In keeping with today's veteran's theme, longtime Plymouth Township resident Mark Salloum gave an update on his upcoming documentary on the many local heroes of World War 2. Mark was inspired to develop this documentary after attending Memorial Day observances in Plymouth and hearing the stories of so many vets at those events.

Mark explained how after the attack on Pearl Harbor, men of all ages answered the call and quickly enlisted. Women were also committed to the Arsenal of Democracy, building bombers in factories and providing triage in the fields. On the racial front, fearless African American men became the unsung heroes as Tuskegee Airmen and the Montford Point Marines. Sadly, less than 50,000 WWII veterans remain alive, while losing hundreds each day. And with each loss, another part of living history is gone forever. Fortunately, the stories of 25 veterans and their family members live on.

Filmmakers Mark Salloum and Keith Famie are joining forces with their new studio, Bending River Films. This film will be one of their first projects together, as it pays tribute to the brave men and women who served our country during World War II. The film takes audiences on a journey starting from the youthful days of these veterans, whether they grew up on city streets or country farms. It follows their transition to the battlefields and communications rooms where they played crucial roles in the war effort. The narrative continues to explore the challenges and triumphs veterans faced upon returning home and adjusting to civilian life.

Through the eyes of our veterans and their children, the film portrays the profound impact of war on their lives. It captures their stories of bravery, resilience, and sacrifice, offering a deep personal glimpse into the experiences of those who served.

Beyond storytelling, the film is crafted with a strong educational component aimed at informing and inspiring future generations. Mark and Ellen Elliott explained how the documentary is already being used in the Plymouth-Canton High Schools to engage students on the faces and stories of the war, and how they can research and better understand the sacrifices they made so long ago. Remember, high school students today were not born in the 20th Century and really gravitated to this interactive learning opportunity, which included marching in the Plymouth Memorial Day Parade.

Mark showed us a compelling sneak peak at the documentary, which will make its debut at the Penn Theatre in November and will air on PBS Detroit in December.

50/50

Wrapping things up, the 50/50 was won by **Eric Joy** for \$58. **Kirk Kohn** walked home with \$100 in the Second Chance Drawing. (He wins every week!)

Until we meet again – Kurt Heise

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By William Weber on Sunday, June 15, 2025



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 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 4th 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 4th 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

2nd Chance Liz Orbits pocketed the \$80 2nd 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.

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