

Sunday, June 8, 2025



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Club Leaders



<u>James</u> <u>Gietzen</u> President



<u>Candice</u> <u>Towers</u> President-Elect



<u>Daniel</u> <u>Amos</u> Treasurer



Preston Gee President-Nominee Membership Chair



Nancy Ann Baldwin Rotary Foundation Chair



<u>Denise King</u> Youth Exchange Chair

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.

4th of JULY: The Club is looking for volunteers for the 4th 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. Saee 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 27th 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

Broadcaster May 30, 2025

By William Weber on Saturday, May 31, 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. **Kurt Heise** delivered the meditation and his theme for the day was the importance of education both today and into the future. He also elaborated on how fortunate we are to be part of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools. His remarks were certainly appropriate as today's meeting was to recognize the winners of the "Four Way Test."

President James informed the students and their guests today about the numerous opportunities and benefits both for students and guests to become involved in Rotary such as becoming a member of Interact, our club and/or volunteering for Rotary

projects and initiatives.

Host Families President James urged members or other interested families to consider hosting an exchange student in the upcoming year. At this point three families are still needed.

Guests Today's numerous guests included the "Four Way Tests" award winners, parents and teachers.

Rotary Volunteers of the Year President James presented signed State of Michigan proclamations recognizing **Deborah Sivic** and **Kirk Sivic** as the Rotary Volunteers of the Year. In the short time they have been in the club, they certainly have had a positive impact. A huge thank you to you both!

Cultural Center Flower Garden Debbie Sivic announced the plans to "bring to life" the Cultural Center Flower Garden. She spoke of the need for volunteers and any monetary donations as well.

June 6, **2025** Memorial Scholarship recipients will be presented.

June 13, 2025 The Rotary Foundation Board president, **John Buzuvis** will provide a recap of their activities over the past year.

June 20, 2025 Wounded Warrior presentation

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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**.

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

Birthdays Those celebrating birthday's this month include the following: Al Blixit, Melissa Daub, Dave Willett, Diane Harrison, Art Gulick, James Van Horn, Ken Jenkins, Drake Fillipis, Michael Howell, Keri Simmerer and Mathew Wilson. Once again, a rather feeble attempt to sing Happy Birthday was foisted upon all of our guests.

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.

Program Four Way Test Awards Carol Souchock and Bruce Baxter introduced today's program. Carol began by recognizing the pioneering efforts of Dave Campbell and Carol Saunders in establishing the "Four Way Test" awards program of Middle School students. Dr. Monica Merritt also welcomed students and parents and emphasized the role Rotary plays in the community and the role that the district plays both with students and the community. She concluded her comments by stressing the importance of the Four Way Test and that it is truly timeless. Bruce gave a brief summary of current Rotary initiatives, including our support of The Miracle League of Plymouth, Rotary Park, and our support of the PCEP Radio Station 88.1.

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Cooper Jones, 6 grader at West Middle School and **Saanvi Yadau**, 8 grader from Liberty Middle school were selected to read their essays and they both did an outstanding job.

Essay Contest winners are as follows:

Pioneer Middle School First Prize Second Prize

6th grade Stella Vaughan Grace Boyd

7th grade **Aayan Patel** none

Discovery Middle School

6th grade Jayde Stallworth Violet Daul

8th grade Abrianna Wroblewski Sofia Teraguchi

Liberty Middle School

6th grade Olivia Mattson Emersyn McClure

8th grade Myah Sands Saanvi Yadau

West Middle School

6th grade Cooper Jones Alessandra Mautone

7th grade **Alessandra Tan Norah Harrison**

8th grade Sydney Pilarski Easton Wheeler

50/50 Today's raffle was won by Isabella Murphy-Morrow

2nd Chance – Hunter Hall, had he been in attendance would've won a dollar or two. Sorry **Hunter.**

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 Ceasar with or without chicken Greek with or without chicken Spinach with or without chicken Mediterranean