

Tuesday, March 19, 2024



**Events**

March 22nd  
**Plymouth Weekly Club Meeting**

April 5th  
**Plymouth Weekly Club Meeting**

April 12th  
**Plymouth Weekly Club Meeting**

**Club Leaders**



**Chris Porman**  
President



**James Gietzen**  
President-Elect



**Candice Towers**  
Secretary



**James Van Horn III**  
Treasurer



**Charles J. Bares**  
Rotary Foundation Chair



**June Kirchgatter**  
Membership Chair



**Penny Joy**  
iPast President



**Marie A. Morrow**  
Club Executive Secretary

**Broadcaster March 15, 2024**



By Albert B. Blixt on Friday, March 15, 2024

**OPENING:** President Chris Porman rang the meeting to order at 12:01PM and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary Ann Wood led the meditation with a series of Irish blessings for St. Patrick’s Day. Chris acknowledged the special award presented to the Rotary Club at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Business Awards Dinner in honor of Plymouth Rotary’s 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**GUESTS:**

- **Kirk Sivic** and his wife **Debbie Sivic**, were joined by **Keri Simmerer**
- **Mark Madonna** introduced by his mother **Deb Madonna**
- **William Moore** was a guest of **president Porman**
- **Ashley Willett** was a guest of her grandfather, **David Willett**

The rowdy table led the room in singing “Hello, Hello, Hello” to welcome our guests.

Lunch was Kurt Heise’s favorite: Shepherd’s Pie. **Chris** reminded the club members to sign up for lunch in advance. Sign up is important. If you can’t sign up electronically, call or email Marie at 734-453-6879 x4 or [Marie.morrow@pcuw.org](mailto:Marie.morrow@pcuw.org). **Chris** reminded members to let guests go first to lunch.

**BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH:**

- Chuck Lang 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Mike Moser 8<sup>th</sup>
- Bari Livsey 9<sup>th</sup>
- Sandy Mily 12<sup>th</sup>
- Linda Jones 15<sup>th</sup>
- Mike Muma 19<sup>th</sup>
- Jeanne Trumpy 25<sup>th</sup>

**UPCOMING DATES**

- April 10<sup>th</sup> “ Rotary BBQ Presentation @ Museum
- April 27<sup>th</sup> “ District Assembly -St. Clair College (Windsor)
- District Conference May 3-5 a great weekend with fellow Rotarians
- May 18<sup>th</sup> “ Rotary Flower Planting “ Main St. Islands and Rotary Park (8:30am)
- May 20<sup>th</sup> Rotary Golf Outing and the golf committee is looking for help
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade joint venture between Rotary and Kiwanis. Looking for help with planning and on the day of the parade. See Chris Porman for more
- July 20<sup>th</sup>: 100th year gala at the Mayflower Meeting House. Dinner and program being planned.

**Sandy Mily presented information about the Golf Outing on May 20th and introduced the committee working on the event. This is one of the big fundraisers of the year. The Club will need volunteers, golfers, and sponsors.**

Rotary will have help this year from the Detroit and Livonia clubs. He showed a short video showing what youth participants are able to do.

Program " Mark Madonna.

Mark Madonna, president of The Miracle League of Plymouth was introduced by Deb Madonna. She described the formation of the Miracle League to serve individuals who might not otherwise be able to play a sport because of disabilities. Approximately 160 youth are able to participate. Mark is a coach in addition to being president. Started as a baseball organization, the League now offers basketball, bowling, yoga, swimming and others. Recent upgrades were reviews and Mark described the major project now being undertaken to resurface the playing surface. Wear and tear of use over 15 years has made this necessary. The new surface is more of a turf like on a football field to make it easier on the athletes while improving drainage and reducing surface heat. The League has currently raised about \$191,000 of the \$225,000 needed for this project. Mark is seeking money and volunteers.

Chris thanked Mark and announced that the Rotary Board and Foundation Board has approved a gift of \$15,000 in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The 50/50 of \$54 was won by Don Soenen who was elated after nine years of trying. Second chance would have been won Dale Knab. Next week 50/50 second chance will reach \$60.

The Four Way test was recited by all. President Chris dismissed the meeting at 1:00pm

Submitted

Al Blixt

Plymouth Rotary Foundation, Inc. (a 501(c) (3) Organization)

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March 20, 2024

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

The Plymouth Rotary Foundation, Inc. officially announces, by this correspondence, the Annual Meeting of the Foundation to take place on April 12, 2024, during the regularly scheduled Rotary Club meeting.

At the Annual meeting, nominations of individuals to run for election to serve as a Board member will be conducted. All nominations must be made during this Annual Meeting of those in attendance and participating on zoom. There are three vacancies to fill. Once nominations are closed during this session, no others will be accepted. The names of the nominees will be recorded during the session and presented to the Foundation's Nominating Committee Chair. If you are unable to attend this session and would like to nominate someone, I would encourage you to ask a fellow Rotarian to place the nomination for you. If you are a corporate Rotarian member, only the lead Rotarian in your company will be able to nominate and vote.

I have asked Rotarian and Foundation Board member, John Buzuvis, to Chair the Nominating Committee. He has accepted and asked Kirk Kohn and Bruce Baxter to serve on the committee. Both are Board members of the Foundation and have accepted. Rotarian and Foundation Board member, Rich Eisiminger, has been asked to assign the numbers to the ballots as outlined in the "Approved Procedures for the 2024 Elections". H has

accepted.

The ballots will be mailed on April 30, 2024. You can return your ballot by mail or by delivering it to the Rotary Club Office. Instructions will be included with the ballot. We have allowed sufficient time for the mailing and return of ballot. That being said, the USPS delivery has slowed down. You may have noticed. Your ballot will be mailed to the same address used for this letter. If you would like your ballot to be sent to a different address to speed up the delivery time, please contact Marie Morrow or myself no later than April 12<sup>th</sup>.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to join us for the Annual Meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions prior to the meeting, I encourage you to call me or any Foundation Board member.

Yours in Service,



Warren Musson President  
Plymouth Rotary Foundation, Inc.

## Broadcaster March 8, 2024

By Albert Blixt on Tuesday, March 12, 2024



OPENING: President **Chris Porman** rang the meeting to order at 12:02PM and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **June Kirchgatter**, wore purple in recognition of International Women's Day and delivered the meditation featuring quotes from famous women including Helen Keller, Margaret Thatcher, Maya Angelou, and Rosa Parks.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTIONS: Three new members and their sponsors/mentors were introduced. The induction was

conducted by District Governor **Russ Jones**.

- **Vicki Plagens** branch manager of Cross Country Mortgage sponsored by **Don Soenen** and mentored by **Gail Grieger**.
- **Matthew Wilson**, corporate member from Schoolcraft College sponsored by Don and also his mentor
- **James Hockenberry**, retired, sponsored by **David Willett**

GUESTS:

- **Debbie Sivic**, represented her husband **Kirk Sivic** who is a future member but unable to attend today
- **Nathan Joy**, was introduced by his dad **Eric Joy** and will be helping with the birthday cake kit

assembly project

- **David Mueller**, owner of Bodeâ€™s Corned Beef House, wants to be more involved in the community and with Rotary

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:.

- Birthdays including serenading Mike Moser and Bari Livsey who was celebrating their birthday
- Rotary Night at the Museum coming March 9<sup>th</sup>
- March 14<sup>th</sup> Chamber Business Awards Dinner where Rotary will be honored as the Business of the Year
- Also, Save the Date Thursday, March 21, next New Member Huddle. Everyone is invited!
- April 10<sup>th</sup> Rotary Barbeque book tour celebration
- Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> District Assembly at St. Clair College in Windsor
- District Conference May 3-5 a great weekend with fellow Rotarians
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#### **New Member Announcement**

**Chris Porman requested** our Club consider the appointment of three more individuals for membership in the Club. Please inform Chris if you have any objection to their membership.

**June Kirchgatter**, chair, and the Membership Committee are pleased to present our newest member candidates!

**Alexandra Kamer**

**Kirk Sivic**

**Dave Mueller**

These individuals are invited to Induction into our Club during the regular Club meeting on April 5, 2024.

#### SERVICE PROJECT

**Eric Joy** introduced the **Penny Joy Birthday Cake Project** being held once again this year.

For context, why we packed the cake packages.

When **Penny Joy** was an educator, classrooms usually recognized a student's birthday with the family bringing in a cake for the class. But some families don't have the means to bake a cake (which needs a pan, candles, frosting, even eggs and oil). Penny spotted a short-cut recipe for cakes without eggs, etc. Just add a can of Sprite soda, bake and walla, cake.

All members joined in assembling birthday cake kits so that children will have a birthday. Because of Amazon supply chain issues, some components did not arrive and so **Nathan Joy** has graciously offered to complete the assembly later. Once complete the birthday cake kits will be distributed to families by the Salvation Army.

The 50/50 winner of \$55 was Cam Miller

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance winner would have been Andy Savage

The Meeting Closed with the 4 Way Test at 1:05PM

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

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Salad options available:

Maurice Salad

Cesar with or without chicken

Greek with or without chicken

Spinach with or without chicken

Mediterranean