



Sunday, March 22, 2026

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## Events

March 27th  
**Plymouth  
weekly meeting**  
April 3rd  
**Plymouth  
weekly meeting**  
April 10th  
**Plymouth  
weekly meeting**  
April 17th  
**Plymouth  
weekly meeting**

## Club Leaders



**Candice  
Towers**  
President



**Preston  
Gee**  
President-  
Elect



**Kasey  
Kohn**  
Secretary



**Daniel  
Amos**  
Treasurer



**Nancy Ann  
Baldwin**  
Rotary  
Foundation  
Chair



**Eric M. Joy**  
Youth  
Exchange  
Chair



**James  
Gietzen**  
iPast  
President



**Marie A.  
Morrow**  
Club  
Executive  
Secretary

## Broadcaster March 20 2026

By William Weber on Friday, March 20, 2026



**Call to Order** Past President **James Gietzen** stepped in at the last minute, calling the meeting to order at 12:10pm and leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Liz Orbits** was called upon unexpectedly and provided meditation, encouraging us all to pause briefly to reflect on fellowship and the true meaning of the 4 Way Test. Liz reiterated that if all our actions were based on truth and fairness, we could change the world.

**Guests** Today's guest, **Anthony Pisco**, is a prospective member. My only hope is that the mournful rendition of "Hello" does not cause him to reconsider becoming a member.

**Birthdays** The members' birthday is closest to today's meeting date is Jeanne Trumpy. Based upon the embarrassing rendition of "Hello", no attempt was made by the club to sing Happy Birthday.

### Announcements

**Four Way Test** readers are still needed. If you can spare some time for this important event, please contact **Carol Souchock** or **Tim Baxter**.

**Exchange Student** We are still in need of host families. As reported earlier, being a Rotarian is not a requirement so if you are aware of any potential host families, please contact **Eric Joy**

**Understanding AI** This event will be held on Tuesday, March 24 at 7 pm at the Wilcox Theater at PARC. Pre-registration is required.

### Upcoming Programs

**March 27** – **Joel Batterman** from Transportation Riders will update us on legislation to extend public transit in western Wayne County.

**April 3** – No Meeting

**April 10** – **Keither Ledbetter** from the SE Michigan Construction Academy will share the importance of skilled trades to our economy.

**April 24** – **Trivia Night #2**. The recent success of the 1<sup>st</sup> Trivia event has prompted the club to host Rotary Trivia Round Two at EG Nicks. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes dinner. As there are only 32 slots, this will fill up soon so either let Nancy Baldwin know or sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4CAAAD2DA3FB6-63071876-plymouth>

**Program - Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency Tim Reimink** introduced today's speakers **Karin Bolwahun and Joe Zakens**. The agency mission as identified in their 2025 Annual report is "In our pursuit to eliminate poverty, Wayne Metro empowers people and communities to be strong, health and thriving". They envision thriving communities where all people have hope and opportunities to realize their full potential. The presenters stressed that the philosophy of the agency is grounded in the belief that ending poverty requires more than addressing immediate needs. It requires intentional, coordinated strategies that build power, opportunity and long-term mobility for individuals, families, and communities. While the agency has a substantial budget and employs many people, the use of volunteers is an essential part of their program. Part of the presentation centered on how volunteerism works in the agency and how to become involved. They can be reached at: [wmmconnectcenter@waynemetro.org](mailto:wmmconnectcenter@waynemetro.org). Among other things, the agency provides Utility Assistance including water, electricity and natural gas support and guidance; Housing Services which includes homelessness data systems, trauma informed housing assessment tools, countywide youth homelessness needs assessments. These housing services include classes regarding budget and credit, landlord and tenant rights as well as the entire home buying process and connecting people to the appropriate resources. They also provide programs to empower individuals and families experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness with solutions to achieve housing stability and long-term self-sufficiency. Neighborhood beautification is also a provided service. Financial Mobility is an important service as it assists clients with the skills and foundation to be able to have lasting financial stability. Initially, it may help with City income tax relief, Income Tax preparation for eligible clients. This also overlaps with the housing services as they assist new homeowners with financing, insurance, and other needs. The agency also provides Early Learning and preschool opportunities, adult education and family literacy programs, food support, domestic violence support, Veteran support services for both veterans and their families. They also provide employment assistance including job training and work readiness training.

**50/50** Today's raffle was won by **Anthony Pisco**. This was a double win for Cam as he was also claiming the proceeds from the Rowdy table.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Chance** – **Dave Latawec** would have been a \$100 better off had he been in attendance and bought a ticket. Next week the pot will be worth \$120.

**Four Way Test** – Past President **James** led us in the recitation of the 4 Way Test.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

## Broadcaster March 13, 2026

By William Weber

**Call to Order** President **Candice Towers** called the meeting to order at 12:05m and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Chuck Lang** delivered the meditation and in recognition of today's program regarding Exchange Students, Chuck implored all of us to listen carefully to today's speakers and to consider the long-standing efforts of this Host Families.

**Guests** Today's guest **Robert Reizner** from the Jackson Noon Club was celebrating 33 years of perfect attendance. Robert was a guest of **Bari Livsey**.

**Birthdays** The members birthdays closest to today's meeting date included **Sandy Mily, Linda Jones and Mike Muma**. They were serenaded either in person or in absentia but in any case, they all need to match their birthdays in giving to the Foundation.

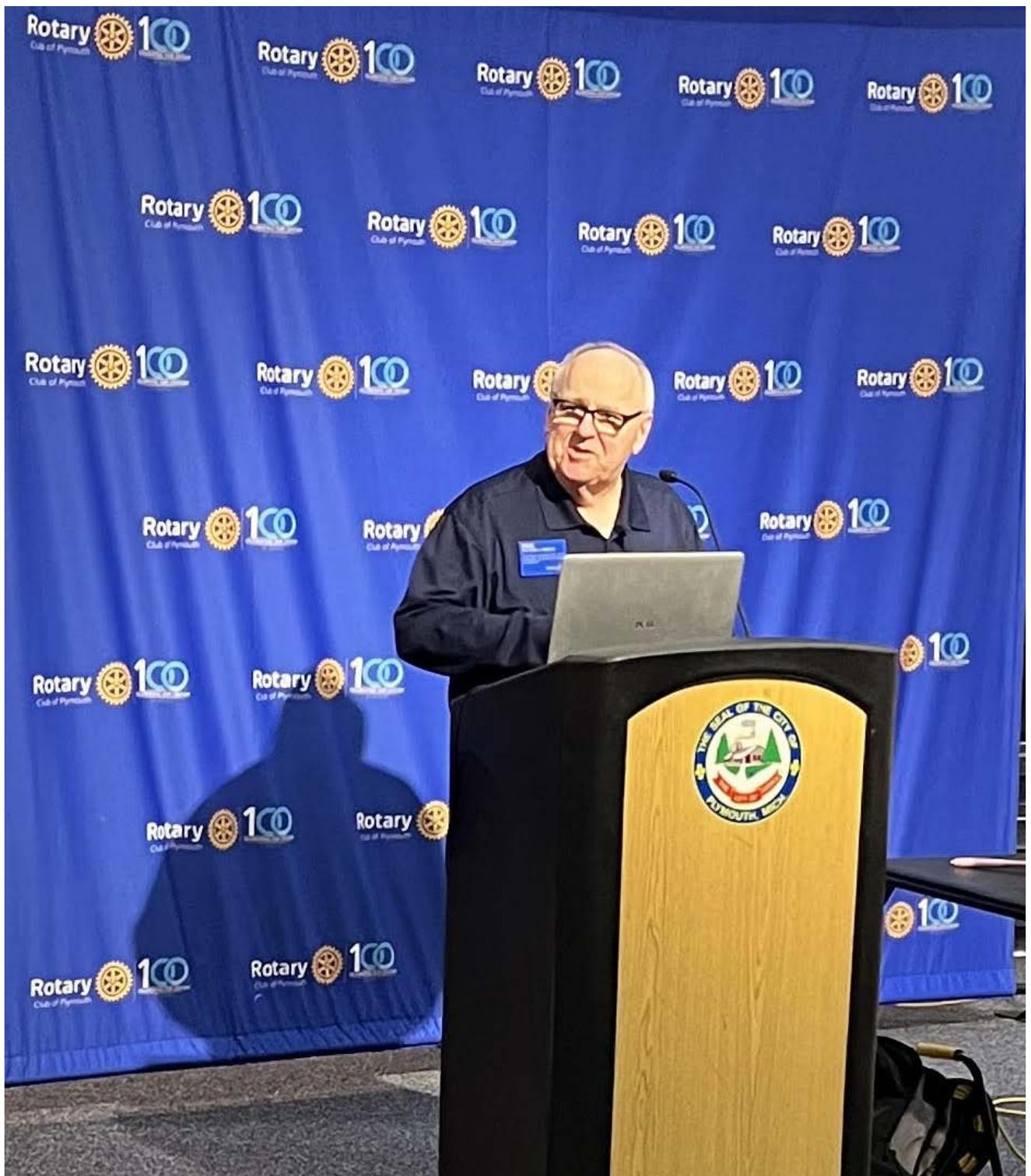
### Announcements

**Four Way Test** readers are still needed. If you can spare some time for this important event, please contact **Carol Souchock** or **Bruce Baxter**.

**Understanding AI** This event will be held on Tuesday, March 24 at 7 pm at the Wilcox Theater at PARC. Pre-registration is required.

**Program - Rotary Youth Exchange Program** **Eric Joy** presented the Club with some history of the Youth Exchange Program and that is sponsored by Rotary clubs in over 100 countries. Students participating in this program learn languages, new cultures as well as leadership skills. It should be noted that, while the exchange students benefit greatly, so do the host families, schools and the community. Eric pointed out the enormity of this program as over 4700 Rotary clubs participate, over 11,000 host families and over 25,000 volunteers. Rotary clubs hosting students had noted more hands-on experiences from members and provided newer members with opportunities host, tutor and mentor exchange students. It should also be noted that nearly half of the volunteer work with exchange students is provided for by non-Rotary members. 99% of the U.S. host schools agreed that hosting an exchange student supports international awareness for both the student body and the exchange students. Undoubtedly there are numerous advantages to having a club sponsor exchange students. One of the difficulties that this club has faced, as well as many other clubs, is securing host families. While our club has been able to meet the challenge, it must be noted that most of the onus has been due to the extraordinary generosity and commitment of just a few Rotary families. On the other hand, once an exchange student has been placed, it must be noted that an extraordinary number of members of this club have stepped in provided a multitude of experiences for our exchange students. Eric called upon **Michelle Hall, Paul Sincock, Chuck Lang** and **Denise King** to inform the club about how gratifying an experience it has been for them and their families to host exchange students. Every member spoke passionately about what it meant to them and even now how they keep in contact with their former exchange students. Paul Sincock, who is now responsible for Youth Exchange programs throughout the Midwest and parts of Canada explained that this program is part of our National Foreign Relations program.





What now??? For our club to be able to host another exchange student we must secure three host families. Host families aren't required to be Rotarians. It would be wonderful if everyone considered hosting a student. In the alternative, if you talk it up among friends or acquaintances it just might garner some interest. For additional information please feel free to talk with Eric, Michelle, Paul, Chuck, Denise or Penny and Tim Joy.

**50/50** Today's raffle was won by **Cam Miller**. This was a double win for Cam as he was also claiming the proceeds from the Rowdy table.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Chance – Andy Savage** would have been a little better off had he been in attendance and bought a ticket. Next week the pot will be worth a Franklin.

**Four Way Test – President Towers led** us in the recitation of the 4 Way Test.  
Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.  
Bill Weber, Scribe 3/15/26

**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