



Saturday, March 23, 2024



Events

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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 22, 2024

By William Weber on Saturday, March 23, 2024

March 22, 2024 Meeting

Call to Order President, **Chris Porman**, called the meeting to order at precisely 12:07pm. Chris led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Rich Eisiminger**, in abstentia, led the group in a self meditation.

Guests

Mia Odeh was the guest of **Don Soenen**
Keri Simmerer (Corporate Member of Steri-Clean) was the guests of **June Kirchgatter**

March Birthdays

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

UPCOMING DATES

- April 10th – Rotary BBQ Presentation @ Museum
- April 12th – Plymouth Rotary Foundation Annual Meeting
- April 27th – District Assembly -St. Clair College (Windsor)
- District Conference May 3-5 a great weekend with fellow Rotarians
- May 18th – Rotary Flower Planting – Main St. Islands and Rotary Park (8:30am)
- May 20th Rotary Golf Outing and the golf committee is looking for help
- July 4th 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 20th: 100th year gala at the Mayflower Meeting House. Dinner and program being planned.
- **NO MEETING NEXT WEEK 3/29/24**

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

Program - Judges Ron Lowe and James Plakas were the featured speakers and focused on the future of the 35th District Court.

Judge Plakas stated that there is pending legislation that would reduce the number of Circuit Judges from the current three to two. Both Judges noted that the number of cases, particularly on the Civil side as opposed to the Criminal side, were down from the numbers of previous years. Much of the reductions in cases can be attributed to Covid and just recently there has been a slight uptick in the number of cases. It appears that most of the reductions can be traced to the civil side perhaps from the reduction in the number of traffic violations. It was also noted that technology has had an impact in reducing the number of cases. Judge Plakas stated his opposition to lowering the number of Judges as it would lessen the protections of residents.

Judge Lowe provided a historical perspective beginning when he became a judge in the 1990's when the case load for the court was about 45,000. The extra case loads were handled by a visiting judge as well as a Magistrate. Judge Lowe indicated that the State is surveying the courts with respect to caseloads and staffing and he feels that the State should not rush into passing any legislation at this point, particularly since the State hasn't even talked to the judges. Although it is not entirely clear what the State's intentions are with respect to the courts, it is not out of the questions that they may be looking at an eventual takeover of the Circuit Courts. For all of the above reasons, Judge Lowe believes the Legislature should wait before taking any action. For a more complete presentation, please go to PlymouthRotary.org and click on the Facebook icon to hear the Judge's comments in full.

50/50 Today's raffle was won by **Marie Morrow**.

2nd Chance - **Matt Wilson** was not in attendance and missed out on the 2nd chance dollars.

Four Way Test - **President Chris** led us in the recitation of the 4 Way Test.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05

Plymouth Rotary Foundation Annual Meeting
Plymouth Rotary Foundation, Inc. (a 501(c) (3) Organization)
P.O. Box 5401 - Plymouth, MI 48170

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.

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Rotarian and Foundation Board member, Rich Blominger, 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 12th.

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

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 1, 2024

By Arthur W. Gulick on Monday, March 4, 2024



OPENING: **James Gietzen**, our 2024-2025 President, substituted for **President Chris**. **James** couldn't sound our fine heavy brass bell, because it's still on display at the Historical Museum's Plymouth Rotary exhibit, so he jingled the meeting to order with a little "œring for assistance" bell. **James** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Kurt Heise**, who is the Plymouth Township Supervisor and must be glad to see an end to the season of snowy streets, delivered a Meditation that was a poem celebrating springtime.

GUESTS:

- **Maria**, a potential exchange student, was here with her dad, **Oliver**. They are from Westland and were guests of **Denise King**.
- **Kirk Sivic**, a long-time area resident, was the guest of **June Kirchgatter**. **Kirk** is a potential club member and is opening a new local office of Steri-Clean, Inc., offering clutter clean-up, crime scene cleanup and other services; see www.hoarders.com.
- **Bill West** was a guest of **Bruce Baxter**. Bill's late uncle **Earl West** was a Plymouth Rotarian for many years. Bill doesn't look that different from when he graduated from Plymouth High School with your reporter.
- **Dave Stechholz**, a member of Livonia AM Rotary, was the guest of PDG **Traci Sincock** (wife of our own PDG **Paul Sincock**).

COMING EVENTS: See prior Broadcasters for the stuff that's scheduled. A new item is the upcoming Four-Way Test Committee's essay contest for local middle-schoolers. Watch for committee Chair **Carol Souchok's** message requesting volunteer test graders.

YOUTH EXCHANGE: **PDG Paul Sincock**, who serves on the Central States Rotary Youth Exchange Committee as its Vice Chair and Country Correspondent for parts of Europe and for Africa, spoke to us about our exchange student program. Central States covers some twenty Rotary districts in the USA, sending about 120 students both inbound and outbound yearly. Paul and Traci have been the host family for many inbound students. **Denise King**, our club's Youth Exchange Committee Chair, reports that we are committed to hosting an inbound student next year. We will need five host families. **Denise** is looking for someone to take over the Chair position for 2025-2026.

SPEAKER: **Denise King** introduced our current exchange student, **Noa**, who hails from Charneux, a town near Liège, Belgium. He's 18 and comes from a family with a dad, mom, little sister, and a golden retriever. He's experiencing a year as a student at PCEP and plans to study business when he returns home.

FIFTY-FIFTY: **Al Blixt** won \$52 and **Jeff Stella** got the \$20 Second Chance prize.

FOUR-WAY TEST: We closed by reading our Rotary ethical test.

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