



Monday, May 4, 2026

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Rotary

## Broadcaster May1, 2026

By William Weber on Saturday, May 2, 2026



**Call to Order** - President **Candice Tower**, called the meeting to order at 12:05pm and lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Because this meeting is being held at Graye's Greenhouse we proceeded directly to the program.

### Program - Graye's Greenhouse

Today's speaker, **Kyle Keaffaber** is a Rotary member and an owner of Graye's Greenhouse. Several of us have been visiting the greenhouse for many years while for others this was their first time visiting. The changes that have been made in just a small amount of time are remarkable.

Initially, this greenhouse had very narrow aisles with dirt walkways. Kyle and the team have created an event space in the greenhouse by widening aisles and replacing a few flower beds and piping and installing bricks and pavers. This event space has since been used for Yoga, weddings, art workshops and today hosting our Rotary meeting.

Graye's greenhouse, located at the Northeast corner of Joy and Lilley consists of 6.5 acres. The original greenhouse, home and barn were built almost 100 years ago by European immigrants. The greenhouse supported the home, barn, expenses, taxes, and neighboring land for many years. As times changed with the advent of big box stores selling plants at discounted prices, changing shopping habits, taxes and the list goes on, the greenhouse, on its own, was no longer able to support the home, barn and acreage. Clearly, if the greenhouse was to survive, a different business model was required.

Enter Kyle Keaffaber and his team who were daring enough to reimagine the property and came up with a plan where the barn, surrounding property and other initiatives would support the greenhouse rather than the other way around.

Hosting numerous community meetings and submitting proposals to the Plymouth Township Board a plan was devised and tentatively accepted by the Township Board. The "new" Graye's greenhouse property will consist of the greenhouse with all of it's former charm but will also include an events venue which has already been modified as described above. Additionally, there will be a 1.5-acre park which will include opportunities for families to bring their children and at the same time enjoy the other amenities of the property.

Also existing on the property is a Michiganense Native Species business. The entrance way to the greenhouse will be moved at least 100 feet east on Joy Road to avoid the congestion on the corner of Joy and Lilley. The exiting parking area will be moved somewhat south and consist of approximately 100 spaces. The long term hope is that

### Events

No Events found

### Club Leaders



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small businesses, such as coffee shops and the like will become part of the greenhouse site.

Kyle showed us a “passion flower” whose bloom only lasts for a day. This flower was produced by a vine that has lived in the greenhouse for over 60 years. Through the years, the greenhouse has been known for its succulent plants, cactus, and many other plants that you could never find at a big box store.

I would certainly encourage all of you to visit this greenhouse and to join in with the vision of Kyle and his family. I would also encourage you to visit the Graye’s website as there are numerous before and after photos as well as links to several publications that have written about the greenhouse through the years. For those of you who have met Kyle, you will find him as a visionary at heart. Kyle is an architect by trade and has his office in the home adjoining the greenhouse.

The photo below shows the proposed finished product of the greenhouse project.



Finally, kudos to **June Kirchgatter** and her committee for putting together this off-site gathering.

### Upcoming Meetings

**May 8** – Our Youth Exchange student, Malte, will tell us about his time in our community.

**May 15** – Four Way Test Essay Contest winners will be honored.

**May 22** – **No meeting**, Memorial Day Weekend

**May 29** – Meeting at Karl’s Cabin. **Ed Wendover** and **Ron Lowe** present “How to Kill Your Local Judge” based on a recent book written by Ed.

**June 5** – Memorial Scholarship recipients will be presented.

**Guests and Birthdays** - This was a double win as no guests or birthdays were recognized, which meant no off-key - sound deaf singing.

**50/50** Today's raffle was won by **June Kirchgatter**.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Chance** – Today's 2<sup>nd</sup> chance was replaced by a drawing for a plant which was won by **Nancy Baldwin**.

## Broadcaster April 24, 2026

By Timothy E. Joy on Saturday, April 25, 2026



President Candice called the meeting to order. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Candice asked Liz Orbits to lead us in a meditation.

Liz announced the passing of Tina Theeke, wife of Rotarian Herman Theeke. Tina's celebration of life will be on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> at Marry's Funeral Home in Tecumseh at 11:30 am. All are asked to remember their family in our thoughts and prayers.

The meditation reminded us to hold this precious community of Plymouth dearly. We need to embrace truth, fairness and compassion in our uncertain world. May Rotary worldwide shape understanding where misinformation divides people.

President Candice reminded Rotarians to sign up for lunch. Then visitors were greeted and announced. Candice asked if we wanted to sing Hello. Tim Joy said he would pay if we didn't sing. (I happily paid). Candice invited our guests to lead the club to lunch- a spectacular taco buffet!

After lunch, Candice recognized Rotarians with April Birthdays.

## Important Dates

- Shakespeare Festival fundraiser is April 29<sup>th</sup> (At Chicane)
- Packaging seedlings for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders is May 6<sup>th</sup>
- Delivery of seedlings is May 7<sup>th</sup>
- Club Board meeting is May 8<sup>th</sup>
- Foundation Board meeting is May 15<sup>th</sup>
- Golf Classic Outing is Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>
- Art in the Park parking is July 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>
- BBQ rack cleaning is August 8<sup>th</sup>
- Chicken BBQ is September 13<sup>th</sup> (mandatory participation)

### **Exchange Student- HOST FAMILIES ARE NEEDED!**

Our incoming exchange student is Max from Slovakia. Please consider hosting him. It is a wonderful way to learn about other countries and their culture!

Trivia Night at E G Nicks was a blast! The repeat winners were the 'VanCam' (Van Horn & Miller) team ( thanks to the wives, I hear). And the next closest team was 'Guys & Dolls' (Sivics and Castles). A big shout to Nancy Baldwin for a great time-again!

**Social Committee** has announced that events at the Penn Theater are coming on May 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

**RESURGO DETROIT - THE RISE FROM WITHIN** This is a short film about the rebirth of Detroit. Thursday, May 14 at 7:00pm. Including a Q&A session with filmmaker Stephen McGee. All Seats \$5.00.

**DEVIN SCILLIAN - LIVE IN CONCERT** Friday, May 15 at 7:00pm  
One night only! Join us as Devin Scillian takes the stage at the Penn Theatre for a fun evening of song and storytelling.. [TICKETS \\$25](#)

We are also considering getting a group together the 1st week of May for Xgolf in Canton. Please also email Diane Harrison back if this is something you would be interested in, along with the number of guests that would be in your group. Simulators are \$50 per hour for 4-6 golfers.

**TIGERS GAME IN A SUITE!** Nancy Baldwin wants to gauge interest in a trip to Comerica Park on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> -Tigers vs the Houston Astros- first pitch at 6:40PM. \$200 per person. This is a deal! Suite located above the Tigers dugout.

Please let Nancy know of your interest: Payment due April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Text 734-417-3409

email [Nancybaldwin57@gmail.com](mailto:Nancybaldwin57@gmail.com)

Game Tickets

VIP parking

Beer/soft drinks

Food

and the Suite (nice flush toilets!)

### **Program**

Chris Porman introduced Mayor Liz Filipczak and Mayor Pro Tem Joe Elliot. They spoke about the Strategic Plan of the city. The plan is a 5 year guide of where the community wants to be in the future. The current plan is from 2022 to 2027. Now a revision of the plan will serve as a guide to the next 5 years- 2027-2032.

It must contain feedback from the community to help elicit their vision of the future. The current goals the city is focusing on are: sustainable infrastructure; staff development training & succession; community connectivity; and attractive livable community.

They tag teamed discussing each of these four goals. They discussed creating priorities of need to maintain our infrastructure and how that impacts budgets and

funding. The city commission has many challenges and opportunities to maintain and improve the city to maintain an attractive, livable community. Meeting available on youtube.

**Celebration of Life for Andrea Knab** Rotarian Dale invites members and friends to celebrate a life well lived! Join Dale on July 11<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm at: Washtenaw Golf Club 2955 Packard Rd Ypsilanti, mi 48197.  
Please RSVP to Dale at [ddknab@hotmail.com](mailto:ddknab@hotmail.com)

In closing the meeting, Pres Candice asked Denise King to announce the 50/50 and second chance winners. Don Soenon won the 50/50! Michelle Hall would have won the second chance if she were in attendance.

The Four Way Test was recited by those gathered.

Editors note:

If you like to write; looking for a way to show creativity or you are just willing to help, the Broadcaster is looking for Rotarians to volunteer to write the Broadcaster. You will write 6 to 8 each Rotary year- July to June. Please email: [timjoy663@gmail.com](mailto:timjoy663@gmail.com)  
Cheers!

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

**Respond** to the weekly email or Email [Marie.morrow@pcuw.org](mailto: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