



Call to

Monday, May 5, 2025



Events

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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



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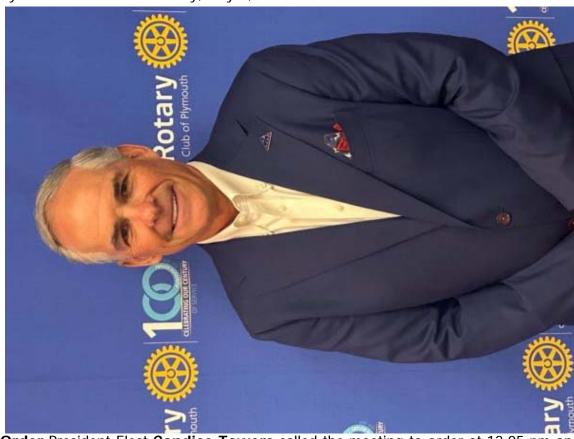
Nancy Ann Baldwin Rotary Foundation Chair



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

Broadcaster May 2, 2025

By William Weber on Monday, May 5, 2025



Order President Elect **Candice Towers** called the meeting to order at 12.05 pm and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Chuck Lang** delivered the meditation and his theme for the day was "What can we do today to make a positive impact on someone."

Guests Today's guests included well know Plymouth enthusiast **Scott Lorenz, Nick Schultz,** Accountant, Westland Rotary Club member, **Danielle Strachan. Adam Powers**, Vassar Digital.ai. The guests were greeted with a barely recognizable version of Hello.

Upcoming Meetings

May 9 Meeting will be at **Chicane**. We will experience an epicurean delight and **Don Soenen** will enlighten us with the details of his journey to open this restaurant.

May 16 Tim and Penny Joy recently returned from a trip to Ghana. They will recap their recent trip and highlight the impact that "Days for Girls" is having in remote villages in the region.

May 30, 2025 Carol Souchock and Bruce Baxter will present the "Four Way Test" essay contest winners.



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

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.

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

Golf Outing Our annual Golf Outing which will be held at The Golden Fox on May 19. We are still in need of golfers and volunteers. If you are planning to golf or are going to encourage others to golf, please contact **Sandy Mily**. Please contact **Chuck Lang** to offer your volunteer services.

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 Scott LaRiche, emcee extraordinaire, set aside the five page resume provided to him by the speaker and merely introduced our speaker, former Rotarian, **Dan Smith** as a person truly committed to providing his time and effort to promote the principles of the **Folds of Honor**. **Dan** began the presentation by showing a video regarding the origins of the **Folds of Honor** and then provided examples of how this organization has assisted others. To date Folds of Honor has provided \$290million in scholarships to nearly 62,000 individuals. In Michigan there are two Chapters. Additionally, American Dunes Golf Club in Grand Haven is a major sponsor and donor of Folds of Honor. Following is a quote from the Folds of Honor which describes their purpose.

"Folds of Honor is a leading non-profit organization that provides educational scholarships to the children and spouses of America's fallen or disabled military service members and first responders. Folds of Honor was founded in 2007 by Lt. Col. Dan Rooney and has grown from a vision to a movement. The folded flag is a constant reminder of those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom. It inspires us to help equip and educate their loved ones in need of our support. Thank you for embracing the call." To learn more, visit, **FOH.ORG.**

50/50 Today's raffle was worth \$70 and was won by **Kurt Heise**. **2nd Chance – Linda Jones**, had she been in attendance would've won \$40. Sorry **Linda**.

Four Way Test – President Elect Candice led us in the recitation of the 4 Way Test. Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Broadcaster April 25, 2025

By Paul J. Sincock on Saturday, April 26, 2025
CALL TO ORDER – **President James** called the meeting to order at the appointed time and asked **Mary Ann Wood** to provide today's meditation. Her thoughts were of thanks for the summer weather, and the renewal of spring. We also gave thanks for Rotary's efforts to bring goodwill and peace to the community and to the world.

We also learned that the United States Post Office is doing their annual food drive to help fill the pantry at the Salvation Army.



The event is on Saturday, May 10th and the Salvation Army needs help with this program on that date. Also, we learned how important it is for the community to join in by providing canned

and boxed food for the Salvation Army's pantry, as this is the largest restocking of the pantry all year.

GUESTS: This past week we welcomed guests of **Don Soenen**, **Dave Willett**, **Kasey Kohn**, the **Interact Club Board** and **Wes Graf** from the Chamber of Commerce.

REMINDER: Each week members receive an email or two about signing up for the weekly lunch. Signing up helps the club to avoid additional expenses for meals that people don't eat or making sure we have enough meals on hand. Please respond to those emails, Thank you!

BIRTHDAYS: This past week we celebrated birthdays for Warren Mussen and Carol Souchock.

NEW MEMBERS This week two new members were inducted into the Rotary Club of Plymouth. Casey Kohn and Don Soenon sponsored Dave Latawiec and June Kirchgatter sponsored Susan Spekler (sorry if the name isn't correct).



4th of JULY: Just a reminder to block out your calendar for the morning of July 4th to help out with the parade down Main Street, which will kick off at 9:00 a.m. **President James** indicated that he would be sending out a sign-up list soon.

EXCHANGE STUDENT: **Eric Joy** spoke to the club about our new exchange student from Sweden and the need for a host family. He will be arriving in August and **there is a need to identify a host family very soon**. It does not have to be a Rotary Family, and you can host even if you don't have children in the house or if you do have kids in the house.

Being a host family is a wonderful experience for both the family and the student.

MEDICAL UPDATE: **Eric Joy** told us that **Mary Lu Stone** went back to the hospital this week and was diagnosed with blood clots in both lungs. She had surgery this week and she is ready to go home this weekend. Drop her an email, text or a card to help her on the road to recovery.

TIME TO PLANT THE FLOWERS: We were reminded that the Main Street Island Flower Planting is scheduled from Saturday, May 17th at 8:30 a.m. Family and friends are all welcome to come and plant.

ROTARY GOLF CLASSIC: **Cam Miller** announced that the 38th Annual Plymouth Rotary Golf Classic is on Monday, May 19th at Fox Hills. They are still looking for sponsors and door prizes. This is an all-hands-on deck event, for everyone to either play golf in the event or volunteer at the event.

ON FRIDAY: We will have Plymouth native, now Northville resident and former club member **Dan Smith**, will speak on a program that he is heavily involved with the Folds of Honor. This program provides scholarships for families of American heroes.

ON MAY 9th: The club will be "on the road" as we go over to Chicane at 885 Starkweather. This is where we will experience first-hand one of Plymouth's newest restaurants and hear about the path to opening.

PROGRAM REPORT: Club member **Mark Waller** was talking on the topic of car design, and he showed us how it takes about three to four years to go from planning to production. We learned that is important to compare the computer models to the "bucks & clay models." It was a very interesting program.

WINNER OF THE WEEK: Taking home \$74.00 was **Dan Kudra**, his first win as a member of Rotary. ??

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: This from Walt Disney; "I use the entire company for ideas. If the janitor has a good idea, I'd use it."

WITH THAT HAVE A SUPER POSITIVE WEEK!

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