



Saturday, September 13, 2025

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Broadcaster August 22, 2025

By William Weber on Monday, August 25, 2025

Call to Order President **Candice Tower** called the meeting to order at 12.05 pm and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Chuck Lang** delivered the meditation and began with asking for continued guidance as we pursue our dedication to service to others in advancing world understanding and peace. He also urged us to never forget the horrors of the Holocaust and the efforts of the Ritchie Boys to bring an end to the war. He also reminded us of the talents and gifts of Rotarians and how we can use those gifts to make the world a better place.



Host Families President **Candice** urged members or other interested families to consider hosting an exchange student in the upcoming year. So far **Denise King** and her husband **John** are the only host family. Please notify either **Denise or Eric Joy** whether you can either be a host family or know of someone who may be interested.

Guests Our speaker, **Jamie Miskowski**, was the only guest today. She was spared the indignity of listening to "Hello"

Announcements

Dog House Sign Up Please check your emails from Eric Joy regarding the Dog House Sign up

District Golf Outing - September 8 at Lakes of Taylor. If you are interested go to the District website.

August 29 meeting - THE STATE OF THE BARBIE - This is a can't miss meeting full of nonsense from the esteemed BBQ committee.

Birthdays Today was **Bruce Baxter's** birthday. **Candice** led the group in a somewhat recognizable version of Happy Birthday.

Program – **June Kirchgatter** introduced our speaker, **Jamie Miskowski**, **Education Manager** at the **Zekelman Holocaust Center**. The Holocaust Center offers a series of Historical Narrative Special Topics . Our presentation today focuses on The Ritchie Boys, Jewish American Soldiers during WWII. Jamie explained the origin of The Ritchie Boys as an initiative

the Army. The Army recognized that it needed German speaking soldiers who also understood the German Culture and who would be used for such things as interrogation of prisoners and counter- intelligence. Many of these recruits were Jewish immigrants and were trained at Camp Ritchie in Maryland. Many of the Ritchie Boys landed in at Normandy, France, on D-Day, June 6, 1994. Following landing at Normandy, they were able to use their special training to gather valuable information and were able to feed this information to the allies. Some of the Ritchie Boys were used as translators and interrogators during the Nuremberg Trials. Today's program featured a number of Ritchie Boys including Guy Stern who also featured on 60 Minutes, Paul Fairbrook and Gunter Kosse.

This was a very moving presentation and I would encourage you to go to the Plymouthrotary.org and access the meeting on the Facebook icon. Additional information is also available on Holocaust Center web site.

.50/50 Jeff Stella, after, once again, fumbling for his ticket, is now \$54 ahead of the game.

2nd Chance 2nd chance drawing, for a whopping \$20 went to Denise King

Four Way Test President Candice Ied in the recitation of the Four Way Test.

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 1:10

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