



Saturday, May 13, 2023

Rotary

Club of Plymouth



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By Timothy E. Joy on Saturday, May 13, 2023



President Penny called the meeting to order and after a minute or two order was achieved. Penny explained that the meeting would begin differently than usual.

The meeting began with a remembrance of **Stephanie Goecke** who passed away this past week. As all stood, Penny shared her life experiences with Stephanie while working on Rotary projects. Stephanie loved Rotary! She loved children! She was dedicated to the law! Penny chuckled when she recalled Stephanie's marvelous sense of humor! Penny asked for a moment of silence and asked all to remember Stephanie. At this time, there are no funeral arrangements. The family has asked that Memorial Contributions be made to the Plymouth Rotary Foundation.

Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance and then Penny invited **Mary Ann Wood** to come to the podium and share a meditation with the group.

She shared that she has enjoyed driving through downtown Plymouth and seeing all the tulips in flower. They were planted by many of us gathered here. It always makes her smile and makes many others smile! The flowers add beauty to our city. They show someone cared! They show that resources were invested- resources of time, effort, and treasure. Mary Ann shared a poem about Flowers by Wendy Cope.

Guests- Dan Hordov introduced the President of our Interact Club at the Park- **Mariella Ma**.

News Bulletin!!! Members noted that **Dan Hordov** has had a haircut! The



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Club Meeting

Plymouth
Meets at Plymouth
Cultural Ctr.
525 Farmer Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
Time: Friday at 12:00 PM

Events

May 13th
[Post office Food Drive](#)

May 18th
[Seedlings for 2nd
grade- PCCS
elementary Schools](#)

May 20th
[Main Street Flower
Planting](#)

May 22nd
[36th Annual Plymouth
Rotary Golf Classic](#)

May 26th
[Music in the Air](#)

May 27th

Rotary International Convention

June 2nd

Music in The Air - Concert Sponsored by Plymouth Rotary

June 9th

Music in the Air

Club Leaders



Penny Joy
President



Chris Porman
President-Elect



James Gietzen
Secretary



James Van Horn III
Treasurer



Marti McLeish
Club Public Image Chair



Charles J. Bares
Rotary Foundation Chair



June Kirchgatter
Membership Chair



Nicholas Moroz
Club Service Chair



Timothy E. Joy
International Service Chair



Denise King
Youth Exchange Chair



Dale F. Yagiela
iPast President

Marie A. Morrow
Club Executive

first since COVID I think! Everyone chuckled.

Lunch was soup and sandwiches with cookies for dessert!

President Penny called the meeting back in session a bit early.

Penny reminded the club that we are a major sponsor of Music in the Air each Friday evening during the summer. A sign-up sheet was passed to sign up. Open dates remain: June 2; June 30; July 28; August 4; August 25. If you were not at the meeting and are willing to help out – please let Penny know. We have seating for 12 under the Rotary tent.

Update from our PCEP Interact Club

Since **Mariella** needs to get back to school, she was our first presenter and share with us what is happening with our InterAct Club. **Dan Hordov**, our club's Interact advisor, introduced **Mariella** to the club. She shared that they meet biweekly at the Canton Cafeteria with 20-40 members. Meetings begin with the recitation of the Four Way Test to promote fellowship among members. Their meetings involve service projects for the school, teaching staff and the community. The Interacts fund raising efforts are focused on charitable works outside of the US. Their Peace Summit at the end of the school year is a celebration of that effort!

Plymouth Rotary Foundation Annual Meeting-

Chuck Lang, Foundation President, called the meeting to order. Chuck shared an invocation inspiring each of us to serve with wisdom and kindness. Friends are all about us with gifts and talents to share. Today's meeting is to conduct nominations for new board members. He introduced our current board members- **Ed Schulz, Vice President; Tim Joy, Treasurer; Bill Weber, Secretary; David Batts, member; Bruce Baxter, member; Rich Eisiminger, member; Ron Lowe, member; Warren Musson, member; Herman Theeke, member.**

Tim Joy was introduced as the Nominating Committee chair. Also serving on the committee were **Dave Batts and Bruce Baxter**. Eight candidates were proposed for election. They are: **Ed Schulz, incumbent; John Buzuvis; Gary Stolz; Bari Livsey; Preston Gee; Dan Hordov; Kirk Kohn; and Dan Kudra**. Nominations from the floor were requested 3 times. A motion to accept the current nominees and close nominations was made, seconded and passed. Ballots will be mailed out and must be returned by noon on June 12th.

Carolyn Mayer representing the Golf Outing Committee asked for donations to the basket raffle that will occur at the outing. She solicited any items that could be combined into a basket. Also requested items for a goody bag. The outing has 4 foursomes available for the May 22nd outing.

June Kirchgatter, Membership chair, followed up on last week's program with information about DEI. June shared some club statistics about our club: in one year, the average age of our club has moved from 65 years to 60 years; 37% female, 63% male; 25% of the club has been a Rotarian for 25+ years; 43% of the club's members are 5 years or less. Since August 1st we have added 13 new members and will induct number 14 next month!



Secretary

Centennial Project- President Penny requested any and all past Presidents to loan their gavel to the history project at the Historical Museum.

Postal Food Drive is this Saturday May 13, 2023! The food collected goes to our own Salvation Army in Plymouth. Please put a bag out by your mailbox!

Meet the Governor! June 27th Our member Russ Jones is the incoming District Governor. At that meeting a banner is passed from the current governors club to our club. Pres Penny wants a good showing of Plymouth Rotarians to receive the banner and doesn't want the largest club in the district to be embarrassed with a tiny showing! There will be a bus chartered to transport the throng to Amherstburg, Ont for the event (4 pm departure). Bring \$45 USD cash for the event and the bus will cost \$40 to \$50 also.

Rotary Bell has run out of space to add plaques with President's names to the base. If you are a woodworker looking for a project, please let Penny know of your interest.

Four Way Test essay contest winners will be presented at the May 19th meeting. We expect 40 guests for that event and it is a little embarrassing if our members do not show up at the meeting to support this effort. Please attend to show your support of the essay contest. Make sure there are Rotarian at each table to talk to parents about Rotary. Remind middle school kids know about our InterAct Club at the PCEP.

Flower planting on Main Street, May 20 @ 8:30- 10:30 am. Come join us! Bring the family!

No meeting May 26th! Memorial day holiday.

Dan Hordov won (\$55) the 50/50! **Pat Kendrick** would have won the second chance if in attendance (and bought a ticket)!

President Penny ended the meeting with the Four Way Test! We adjourned 5 minutes early! Amazing!

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By William Weber on Monday, May 8, 2023

Call to Order Incoming president, **Chris Porman**, called the meeting to order at precisely 12:00 pm as President **Penny Joy** and her entourage were attending the Rotary Convention in Windsor.

Chris led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **June Kirchgatter** did the meditation urging Diversity, Peace and Understanding which was a great lead in to today's program.



Introduction of Guests – there were several guests in attendance today

including **Dave Trumpy** husband of **Jean Trumpy**, **Kathleen Philo** from the Plymouth District Library, **Jess Wilson** of the Dundee Rotary Club, **Jarad Sparr** who is President of the AM club, **Vikki Plagans** from the mortgage industry and **Ilija Trninic**, who is the president of the Rotary Club of Bosnia (pictured below).



Special Announcements

Centennial Museum Project – This project is proceeding nicely but several items are still needed. Copies of the Broadcaster from the 60's, 70's, and 80's, any artifacts or photos that you may have hidden away. Also, past Presidents would you please provide the museum with your gavel (gavel will be returned at the end of the centennial display).

Rotary survey – If you haven't already done so, please fill out the online survey as the results of the survey will help to guide the direction of the club next year.

May 13 Post office food drive for the Salvation Army - Volunteers are needed to help sort and package food.

May 20 – Flower Planting on Main Street beginning at 8:30am and lasting to about 10:30. The more volunteers we have the quicker the job!

May 22, 2023 Annual Golf Outing - Volunteers are needed for three hour shifts. If you can help out please contact **Sandy Miley, Chuck Lang or David Batts**. We are still in need of golfers, gifts and raffle baskets. Please donate any items that you may have as soon as possible to Dave, Chuck or Sandy.

May 26 – Music in the Air - As you are aware, Rotary is one of the major sponsors of Music in the Air and it would be most helpful to have Rotarians attend these events. We have a tent and seating available.

June 27 - Meet the Governor night sponsored by the Harrow Rotary. Our own **Russ Jones** will be the new District Governor so a huge turnout would certainly be fitting. The club is planning to rent a bus for Rotarians planning to attend this event so please contact one of our board members.

Meeting time adjustments – On June 16, July 21 and August 18 there will not be a noon meeting but rather a meeting at Rotary Park beginning at about 4:30 pm with a party snack and then proceed to the Music in the Air concert.

Exchange student - The club will be sponsoring an exchange student from Belgium next year. If you are interested in hosting this student please contact **Denise King**.

Little Free Library at Rotary Park. **Mary Lu Stone** reports that we are in need for Children's books for our library at the Rotary Park.

Paul Harris Recognition – Danny Hyman was recognized for his very generous Rotary donation.

Program

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – **Danny Hyman** who spent his career at Bosch introduced today's speaker, **Erin Dewsbury Riberio**, Officer of DEI for the Bosch Corporation. In introducing the speaker, Danny spoke about the overall importance of a program such as DEI to the health of an organization.

Erin has been with the Bosch Corporation for 17 years and talked about her journey to becoming the director of DEI for a corporation of 36,000 employees. As the scribe cannot do justice to Erin's presentation I encourage you to view the presentation on Facebook. In summary, Erin stated that DEI is the cornerstone of Bosch values and that it is the right of all employees to experience, dignity, self-respect and safety. Erin said that her journey toward the DEI initiative began with the George Floyd incident.

She views this initiative as a chance for all employees to have a fair chance. She emphasized throughout her presentation that this model is designed to create an atmosphere of belonging... Each individual is unique and that organizations only grow stronger when that uniqueness is recognized and valued.

Four Way Test

The meeting was concluded with the recitation of the Four Way Test.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15
