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By William Weber on Saturday, February 17, 2024

Call to Order President, Chris Porman, called the meeting to order at precisely 12:07pm. Chris led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Paul Sincock gave the meditation and as usual asked that we take a moment in peace and meditation and urged us to make an impact on both our local and global communities. He also implored us to expand our image and to be bold in our thinking as we create new programs. In closing, Paul recited an old Apache saying meant to bring us into harmony as â€œwe walk the good road together.â€

Guests
Deborah Willett (Dave Willettâ€™s daughter)
Ashley Willett (Dave Willettâ€™s granddaughter)
Rachelle Vartanian (Todayâ€™s speaker)

A somewhat â€œoff keyâ€ version of â€œHelloâ€ welcomed the guests.

February Birthdays
- Robin Hyde
- Barry Simescu
- Kurt Heise
- Josh Mrozowski
- Danny Hyman
- Jon Solace
- Penny Joy
- Paul Sincock
- Christina Vega
- James Gietzen
- Tom Adams
- Rich Eisiminger

Special Announcements and Upcoming Events
February 23 - Chris announced that our club will once again be hosting the â€œThe Sun Never Sets on Rotaryâ€ meeting at noon on the 23rd. Please make every effort to attend the meeting on that day. Please plan on getting there a few minutes early so we can be all set up for the noon hookup.

March 9 â€“ This is Rotary Night at the Museum. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.
April 10 â€“ Rotary BBQ Presentation at the Museum
April 27 â€“ District Assembly at St. Clair College (Windsor)
May 3-5 â€“ District Conference in Grand Rapids. The Board will oâ€$250
**Program â€“ Living and Learning**

**Carol Souchock** introduced todayâ€™s speaker **Rachelle Vartanian**, President and founder of Living and Learning Enrichment Center. Rachelle, the mother of an autistic child, chronicled her pathway to founding and leading the work at the Living and Learning Enrichment Center which is located in Northville. Rachelle was a Special Education teacher in the Farmington Public Schools for 20 years and left her position to found the center. Rachelle spoke about the autism spectrum and how children presenting autistic symptoms are frequently overlooked or misdiagnosed. Rachelle explained how there many strategies available to work with autistic children with very favorable results both short term and long term. Rachelle said that their mission is to support teens and adults with autism and/or related challenges reach their full potential in work relationships and in the community. There are a multitude of programs available to the clients they serve, including Art Therapy, Music Therapy, Applied Behavior Analysis, Social Skills Groups, Special Interest groups, Summer camps â€¦ and the list goes on. This was a very moving program and captured the very essence of â€œService Above Selfâ€” Rachelle can be reached at rvartanian@livingandlearningcenter.org

**50/50 Todayâ€™s raffle worth $44 was won by Mike Muma.**

**2nd Chance â€“ Terry Durkin** was not in attendance and missed out on $80. Next weekâ€™s put will be $100.

**Four Way Test â€“ President Chris** led us in the recitation of the 4 Way Test.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05
will meet for planning on Monday, 2/19/24 at 5:30 pm upstairs at City Hall.
• “The Sun Never Sets on Rotary”: We participated in this 24-hour-long webcast last year. This year our club represents the whole US and Canada, so we all need to be present a bit before noon on Friday 2/23/2024 here at the Cultural Center. Our part in this program is only one hour long.
• We celebrate our Rotary exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum 6:00-8:00 pm Saturday, 3/9/2024. Signup for this celebration is underway.
• The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Business Awards are held Thursday, 3/14/2024. Our club will get a special recognition award.
• Thereâ€™s a new book rollout at the Plymouth Historical Museum at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, 4/10/2024. This features Ellen Elliott and Liz Kerstenâ€™s new book Plymouth Rotary Club Chicken Barbeque.
• District 6400 Conference is in Grand Rapids this year, 5/3-5/2024. Remember, this is the year our own Russ Jones is District Governor. Special financial incentives are available to encourage attendance.
• Our clubâ€™s Golf Outing will be held 5/24/2024 at Fox Hills. Please consider contributing as a sponsor. Go to www.eventregisterpro.com/event.

YOUTH EXCHANGE COMMITTEE: Weâ€™re committed as a host club next year, so we have started to look for host families. Contact President Chris or committee chair Denise King.

CLUB BOARD OFFICIAL STUFF:
• The Club Board has approved funding and will forward requests to our Plymouth Rotary Foundation to support the Miracle League baseball field and PCEPâ€™s 88.1 WSDP radio station.
• Work has begun on the Gala to be held in July.
• Rotary Park improvements are being discussed.
• Improvements to The Gathering are being explored--things like removable doors for better winter use--accomplished along with community partners.

SPEAKER: Plymouth-Canton Community Schoolsâ€™ Frank Ruggirello emceed the introduction of Plymouth Rotarian Monica Merritt, who has headed the District as Superintendent for several years now. Monica reminded us that a school millage renewal will appear on our February 27 primary ballot.

The proposal is for 18 mils and continues the current tax that has been levied on local non-homestead property (like commercial and rental property). This funding is important to the School District and amounts to some $33.5 M annually. If you want, click the Learn More button at the www.pccsk12.com website.

Paul Sincock reminded us that you need to participate in the election to vote on this millage, and if you donâ€™t care to vote for a Democrat or Republican primary candidate, you can ask for an Independent ballot.

FIFTY-FIFTY: Sandy Mily won $59. Too bad for the absent Danny Hyman, who could have won the $89 Second Chance money.

FOUR WAY TEST: President Chris had us all stand up and recite our non-sectarian ethics code.

NEW MEMBER PROPOSALS: June Kirchgatter, chair of the Membership Committee, announces the proposal of:

• James Hockenberry
• Matthew Wilson (corporate membership)
• Vikki Plagens.
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

Objections, if any, should be promptly communicated to the club President.
Induction on 3/8/2024 is anticipated.