



Wednesday, November 9, 2022

# Rotary Club of Plymouth



## Broadcaster November 4, 2022

By William Weber on Friday, November 4, 2022



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#### Call to order

While **President Penny** was in Florida surveying the damages done to the Joy Florida household, **President elect Chris Porman** was called upon to conduct today's meeting. At precisely 12:12pm Chris called the meeting to order and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **June Kirchgatter** did the meditation and quoted from the Innovators Prayer which spoke to great ideas, creativity and innovation. These innovative attributes addressed in the prayer provided a great lead into today's program.

#### Introduction of Guests

There were two guests at today's meeting but due to background noise from the Rowdy table as well as technical difficulties the scribe was unable to correctly identify the guests. My sincerest apologies.

#### Birthdays

**Bill Weber, Jeff Stella, Mike Richardson, Frank Agostini and David Batts** are all celebrating birthdays this month.

#### Anniversaries

- Paul Sincok – 41 year
- Bill Ventola – 34 years
- Dale Knab – 42 years
- Marie Morrow – 33 years
- Tim Joy – 27 years
- Cam Miller – 27 years
- Scott LaRiche – 26 years
- Kent Early – 17 years
- John Buzuvis – 13 years
- Kurt Heise – 13 years
- Don Soenen – 7 years
- James Gietzen – 6 years
- Mary Ann Wood – 1 year
- Jon Solace – 1 year
- Linda Darga -1 year
- Carolyn Butler – 1 year

#### Special Announcements

By all indications the Witches Night Out event was a smashing success. The Club's Poet Laureate, **Herman Theeke** wrote a poem to commemorate the event and read at today's meeting. Great job Herm. A video of the Witches Night Out event was shown during lunch. The video captured several cameo appearances of Rotary volunteers.

**November is The Rotary Foundation month!** A donation made to The Rotary Foundation will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$250 by the Plymouth Rotary Foundation. Donate online; give Marie a check; or there is a donate button on our Club's website.

**Veteran's Day 2022** Following is a message from **PDG Ed Schulz** regarding Veteran's Day:

"As we approach Veteran's Day, please remember those who are serving and those that served our country!

As a Veteran, the VA hospital in Ann Arbor as with all VA hospitals provides excellent medical services – (in Ann Arbor all are doctors from U of M (Michigan Medicine). I have had the opportunity to use the Ann Arbor VA hospital and others in the US for the past 24 years, with excellent services.

I would encourage Rotarians and others that may know of a veteran to encourage them to sign up for their VA benefits at the VA hospital – unfortunately it's not automatic. They need to bring their discharge form DD214 (of course, restrictions may apply))

Again, thank you to all that have served and are currently serving and to everyone who supports them! "

**Ukraine Relief – June Kirchgatter** spoke about the Ukraine Relief efforts and provided a handout on how to do donate. Which is shown below.



IMAGINE ROTARY

### Club Meeting

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

### Events

No Events found

### Club Leaders



**Penny Joy**  
President



**Chris Porman**  
President-Elect



**James Gietzen**  
Secretary



**James Van Horn III**  
Treasurer



**Marti McLeish**  
Club Public Image Chair



**June Kirchgatter**  
Membership Chair



**Charles Joseph Lang**  
Rotary Foundation 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  
Secretary



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P.O. Box 5401, Plymouth, MI 48170  
Or visit [plymouthrotary.org](http://plymouthrotary.org)



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**Program**  
**June Kirchgatter** introduced today's speaker, **Douglas Willet**. As Doug is a relatively new member this presentation had a dual purpose. The first part of his presentation included a brief walk through of his life beginning with elementary, middle, high school and college, how he met his wife, family life and jobs that he has held in the past. Part two of Doug's presentation focused on his current work Luna Tech 3D which is a digital marketing company that uses visual tech to create engaging and immersive environments which helps businesses to tell their story. Doug showed us actual images from Wiltse pharmacy, Sardine Room, Compari's and Fiamma. These virtual tours were able to take us a room by room tour as well as telling the history of the spaces currently being occupied. Doug is also working with the Historical Society to develop a virtual history of Plymouth. Doug then explained his thoughts on creating a Virtual Rotary Room. This was a most fascinating presentation and I am sure I haven't done justice in attempting to explain all that Doug is doing.

**Auction**  
A Rotary scarf and tie were made available for auction. Rotary auctioneer, **Cam Miller** was charged with trying to lighten the wallets/purses of members while auctioning these items. The scarf was purchased by **Dave Willett** for \$65. The tie was purchased virtually by **PDG Ed Schulz** for \$100.  
**50-50 The** 50-50 was won by Kurt Heise.  
**Weekly Drawing** – The weekly drawing went unclaimed so the value next week will be \$40/  
Meeting was adjourned at 1:15

### Broadcaster 10/28/2022

By Chris Porman on Thursday, November 3, 2022



Rotary Club of Plymouth  
Broadcaster  
October 28, 2022

President Penny got an early start to the meeting, ringing the Rotary Bell at 12:04 to welcome us to our weekly club meeting.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, "Meditations with Kurt Heise" took the stage. While it might sound like a podcast, Kurt spoke about "Service Above Self" and to also remember our colleagues no longer with us.

Guests:  
Don Soenen brought our speaker, Mia Odeh, as well as Mike Bell (co-author of Mia Odeh's book), Scott Lorenz, Beth Stewart, and DeeDee McGee.  
Angela Ridpath brought Way County Commissioner Melissa Daub.  
Laura Reiners brought Kyle Wright, the Development Specialist at Growth Works.

Lunch today was sausage and peppers.

Couple quick announcements:  
Monica Merritt was named Superintendent of the Year by the Michigan Association of Superintendents & Administrators (MASA).

For the Polio and annual giving to the Rotary Foundation:  
The Plymouth Rotary Foundation will be matching up to \$250 for donations to the TRF for November Foundation month

Also Ed Schulz PDG Recommends 'the November Rotarian magazine has some great articles'

Asking for Help!  
Sardinia's Comfort Food!!  
Rotary and the Royal family  
Veterans Support Iraq Veteran'  
Polio a 71 Polio Survivor  
And a classmate of mine from 1998-99 rotary governors  
Stephanie Urchick RI President for 2024-25  
And much more ....  
Happy Reading

Sign up for Bell Ringing will be coming out soon. It will take place December 16-17 all around the Plymouth Community. Sign up to ring the bell to help raise money for the Salvation Army Red Kettle and help us beat Kiwanis.

#### Speaker

Our speaker today was author Mia Odeh. Her book Mia's Odyssey: Taking back my soul was written with Mike Bell. Mia Odeh was born in Palestine, where her life took a horrific turn at the age of 16 when her parents married her off to a violent and cruel man. He brought her to America, where she was alone in a strange culture, raising their 5 children in the midst of a sexually and emotionally abusive relationship with no apparent way out. But despite the cruelties she suffered, Mia never stopped dreaming of a different life for her and her children. This is the triumphant story of one woman's journey through the depths of hell and back, a testament to the human spirit and triumph of willpower despite seemingly insurmountable odds. This story ultimately transcends Mia's difficult experiences to offer courage and hope to any reader.

#### Closing

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:  
Nov. 4 – Member Moments – Doug Willett  
Nov. 11 – Veteran's Day Celebration  
Nov. 18 – Margaret Harris – Navigating Medicare  
Nov. 25 – Happy Thanksgiving (no meeting)

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and as a survivor of breast cancer, President Penny brought pink roses to give out to remind women to get their mammograms.

50/50 – the winner of untold riches was Denise King  
2<sup>nd</sup> Chance winner and \$40 richer was Kirk Kohn

Yours in Service  
Chris Porman  
Broadcaster Rep.

## Broadcaster 10/21/2022

By Paul J. Sincok on Monday, October 24, 2022

Rotary Club of Plymouth Newsletter  
Friday, October 21, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: **President Penny** called the meeting to order at the appointed time and after the pledge to the flag she called upon **Paul Sincok** for the meditation moment. His thoughts were of service to the community and the tulip bulb planting for Saturday. We also gave thanks for the opportunity to gather as friends and members of Rotary.

GUESTS: **Andy Savage** brought his wife **Karen** to the meeting today. We also welcomed **Ron Schram** at our meeting today.

CELEBRATE: Lots of birthdays this month and celebrating this week and next week are **Gary Stolz**, **Mary Lu Stone**, and **Brad Aldrich**. Celebrating Rotary anniversaries this month include **Dan DeLano** 23 years in Rotary, our own District Governor Elect **Russ Jones**, who is celebrating 19 years in Rotary. Our own **President Penny Joy** has eight years in Rotary. While **Kim Crouch** has seven years, **Chris Breest** has three years and Helen McFarland has one year in Rotary.

FROM THE WEARABLE COMMITTEE: The Wearable Committee, which is also known as the shirt salespeople. This past week they were selling some of the Plymouth Rotary Polo Shirts, as well as the new "Come Volunteer with us" Plymouth Rotary T-Shirts. Polos are Nike Dri-Fit shirts and are \$55.00, while the T-Shirts are \$20.00. We are in process of getting some more Double XL polo shirts and XL T-Shirts.

PROGRAM REPORT: This past week we heard from **Dr. Chuck Bares** who talked about Rotary's efforts to eliminate the Polio disease from the face of the earth. We also had a video presentation from Rotary International President Jennifer Jones talking about Rotary's efforts in eliminating polio. We saw some of the areas that Jennifer was recently in delivering the polio vaccine. Monday, is World Polio Day

REPORT OF THE BBQ COMMITTEE: We were happy to have **Gary Stolz** give the report of the BBQ Committee. Gary reported that costs were up about \$10,000 over last year due to inflation and supply chain issues. In the end, we cooked 8,672 chickens, we still have a few sponsorship dollars to collect, and Gary and his team are turning over \$32,500 to the Foundation on behalf of the club. **The Larry Turner Award this year is going to Barry Simescu**, who despite his knee surgery did everything and was a major part of the BBQ. Congrats to Barry for his super efforts. In addition, incoming Chairman **Andy Savage** presented **Gary Stolz** with a BBQ Poster Plaque that was signed by all members of this year's BBQ Committee. Great Job by the BBQ Committee for another successful event and we'll see Gary next year at the Magic Kingdom.

WINNERS OF THE WEEK: Taking home \$47.00 was **Andy Savage** in the 50/50 contest. **Mike Howell** could have taken home \$20.00 in the second chance drawing.....IF he had been present and bought a ticket.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: This from the Disney Institute and the Disney Approach to Leadership Excellence, "**Great leaders surround themselves with people to whom they entrust their careers.**"

WITH THAT HAVE A SUPER POSITIVE WEEK! Paul J. Sincok



## Broadcaster 10/14/2022

By Chris Porman on Friday, October 14, 2022



Rotary Club of Plymouth  
Broadcaster  
October 14, 2022

**President Penny** got an early start to the meeting, ringing the Rotary Bell at 12:04 to welcome us to our weekly club meeting.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, **Paul Sincok** offered some words from the American Choctaw Indian Prayer, as well as guidance for our leaders following the upcoming election.

Couple quick announcements:

The First Annual Witches Night Out event was held on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> and was a tremendous success. Over 100 people were in attendance and enjoyed the costume contest(s), raffles, Bazaar, Hot

Chocolate station, performance by the Poor Penny Players, food, and drink.

Thanks to **Diane Harrison** and the committee who has worked tirelessly to make this happen. Also, thanks to the volunteers for helping out that evening.

**Rotary**  
Club of Plymouth

**Save the Date**  
October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
5pm-9:30pm

**Witches NIGHT OUT**

**Tickets \$45**  
(Available August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022)

Scan to purchase tickets

**Costume Contest at 9pm**  
**Black Diamond Pendant door prize**

Sponsorship opportunities available at <https://plymouthrotary.org/event/witches>

**Proceeds to support Women and Childrens Projects**

**Main St. Bulb Planting is this coming Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 8:30AM.**

The link to sign up can be found here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48AFA92BAA8-annual1>

Rotary Shirts Available



- Nike Dry-Fit Shirt

- Men's and Ladies Styles
- Club logo on front
- 100 year celebration logo on sleeve
- MAY be available next week
- \$55.00

#### Speaker

Our speaker today was **Beth Stewart**, Executive Director of Michigan Philharmonic.

**Beth Stewart** has been the Executive Director of the Michigan Philharmonic since 2008. Beth has an extensive background in Arts Administration and holds a master's degree in Historic Preservation with an emphasis in Arts Administration. Under her leadership as Executive Director of the Michigan Philharmonic, she has helped the organization grow from a small community orchestra to a fully professional Regional Orchestra performing in multiple venues across Southeast Michigan. Additionally, Beth has facilitated the growth of the educational outreach program into six local school districts. She founded the *Friends of the Phil* membership group and organized the Michigan Philharmonic Travel Group which has taken 10 trips to Europe.

Formerly the Executive Director of the Plymouth Museum for 17 years, Beth brings a wealth of knowledge and contacts in the arts and culture communities in Wayne County. She and her husband, **John Stewart**, have lived and worked in Wayne County for over 38 years with John served as a former State Representative and currently serves as a Trustee on the Plymouth Township Board. Beth is a member of the Rotary Club of Plymouth AM and served as President in 2007-2008 and again this year 2022-2023. She will serve as President again starting in July 2022. She has served as a Rotary District trainer and in other Rotary leadership positions. Through her work with Rotary, she is a regular volunteer with the Salvation Army in Plymouth and the Plymouth Canton Community Schools.

Beth served on the Board of the Motor Cities Auto National Heritage Area from 2006-2012 where she Co-Chaired the Phoenix Mill Women's History Project with County Commissioner Lyn Bankes. Beth also was appointed to the Wayne County Council for Arts in 2008 and served until 2015.

#### Closing

Tim Joy won the 50/50 this week. I was focused on the 2<sup>nd</sup> chance; as I heard my name called to take home that pot of riches.

Yours in Service  
Chris Porman  
Broadcaster Rep.

## Broadcaster 10-7-22

By Timothy E. Joy on Friday, October 7, 2022  
October 7, 2022

Broadcaster

**President Penny** rang the bell and brought the throng to order. It was a rowdy bunch but control was finally achieved!

**President Penny** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Chris Porman** was called up for our Meditation. **Chris** spoke about how blessed we are to be Rotarians and how we, as Rotarians can, have, and will be a blessing to others.

Today was the first meeting for 2 of our newly minted Rotarians- **Angela Ridpath and Doug Willett**. **Angela** invited a guest who was present on Zoom. Her guest was **Anupam Sidhu**. **Zack Hordov** was a guest of his dad, **Dan Hordov**. **Zach** was the line leader for lunch.

Also joining our meeting by Zoom were: **Carol Souchock, Russ Jones and Bill Ventola**.



**Dave Willett** was called to the podium to introduce today's speaker- **Jerry Vorva**, Plymouth Township Clerk. Jerry's daughter **Madison** was an international scholar that our club helped financially.

**Jerry** gave a brief outline of the Clerks duties: township record keepers; respond to Freedom of Information requests; does the township accounting; and files many schedules of information needed by the State and Federal governments.

Elections and the need for qualified election inspectors (pole workers) was his topic today. Elections are the only thing that are required by the U.S. Constitution.

The township has 12 polling places to staff and that takes about 125 volunteers. The township has had volunteers leave the ranks of needed workers because of COVID, stress and confrontations at the poles. The election workers need to be process aware types of people in their workplaces. They need to be able to deal with the public. They need to control stress and confrontations in the electorate.


The election day volunteers serve very long days. Poles are open from 7 am to 8 pm but the workers arrive an hour earlier and remain an hour after the poles close. Compensation comes in the form of community service and goodwill. Also, there is compensation of a more material nature- pay that ranges from \$175 to \$350 for the day.

**Jerry** passed out applications to be an election inspector to all present.

**President Penny** thanked **Jerry** for speaking to us today.

Witches Night Out will be next Thursday. Rotarians- your help is needed for setup and tear down of the event as well as assisting during the event.

The winner of the 50/50 for \$49 was **Kurt Heise**. And if **Dave Batts** had been here and bought a ticket, he'd be \$40 richer. Woohoo!



Have a safe, kind weekend and week.  
Yours in service,  
Tim Joy

10/11-2022

Other news- President Penny is presently in the hospital. She was admitted with an intestinal blockage. She will be there for days. She asks for your thoughts and prayers. Please understand she is wishing for privacy presently. She's not her usual self.  
Tim

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**Club Officers**