



Broadcaster- Veterans Day 11/11/2022

By Timothy E. Joy on Monday, November 14, 2022



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**President Penny** called the meeting to order. It was a light crowd today and I hope our members were with a veteran on this day. **President Penny** reminded us that this Plymouth Rotary meeting is in honor of our clubs veterans, both those that are still with us and those that have passed. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the assembled group.

**Mary Ann Wood** provided our meditation this week. **Mary Ann** plugged the Tree Lighting and Kettle Kick Off tonight (11/11) In Kellogg Park. She asked that we offer gratitude for the blessing of living in our country. We are grateful for life, breath, our country and community, and especially our friends and family. Always SEE our veterans and thank them for their service- offer them your respect and honor.

Broadcaster rep is **Tim Joy**.

Guests today are **Landon McDowel**, family friend of **John Buzuvis**. Landon attends Schoolcraft and will transfer to Ferris State,

majoring in business. **Eric Joy** introduced Airforce Chief Master Sargent **Eric Scott**, today's speaker. Eric is also a Lieutenant Colonel in the Civil Air Patrol- the civilian branch of the Air Force.

Our veterans and guests lead the club to a lunch of meat loaf and mashed potatoes. President Penny called the meeting back to order- and speaking of orders, she pointed out the order forms on the table for Logo'd polo/golf shirts with our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo on them and Rotarian at Work tee shirts that are available for purchase. See **Paul Sincok**.

**Eric Joy** introduced our speaker for Veterans Day- Air Force Chief Master Sargent **Eric Scott**. Eric S is stationed at Battle Creek and serves at the 217<sup>th</sup> Air Intelligence Squadron of the 110<sup>th</sup> Wing. Eric S also is the Civil Air Patrol Region Chief of Staff. In high school, he joined the CAP as a cadet in 1987. In 1989, he joined the Air Force. His military bio is lengthy and impressive. His family has served our country- grandpa in WWII, Dad in Vietnam, and Eric S served in Iraq twice.

Eric stated that 22-23% of the 550,000 men and women Michigan Vets do not take advantage of the benefits that are available to them. He pointed out that the Michigan Veteran Affairs Agency is an underutilized resource for Veterans. He recommended that the Vets call them or search their website for available benefits. 1-800-642-4838 or Michigan.gov/mvaa

He recommended that any WWII veterans or their families research whether a Combat Infantry Badge was earned. That automatically earns an infantryman the Bronze Star medal from the Army.

Returning Vets also have a dark side. 22 Vets commit suicide daily. That is preventable if the vet takes advantage of the benefits available thru the VA & the Michigan Vet Affairs agency. Eric reminded us that "Homecoming is a process, not an Event".

Asked about the Civil Air Patrol- Civil Air Patrol began Dec 1, 1941 and was necessary to patrol our coastlines for enemy submarines while our military focused on the war itself. Its mission has morphed to include forest fire prevention and inland search and rescue. If you want to learn more, please talk to CAP Lieutenant **Eric Joy**.

The Rotary Foundation month is November. Our Foundation will match \$ for \$ your contribution to TRF thru Nov 30. Up to \$250. It's not about the money, **it's about what the money can do!**

PCCS Holiday Concert our annual event has hit a snag. \$2000 is needed for transportation of the students. Donations are needed. Please help!

Upcoming Events- Nov 18- Navigating Medicare, Margaret Harris. November 25- No Meeting- Thanksgiving. Please enjoy your family/friend. December 2- Public Service Awards December 9- Fellowship meeting. December 16- Holiday Concert, hopefully December 23- No meeting

Sadly, I never heard who won the 50/50. Last chance to **Eric Lloyd** but he wasn't present.

The meeting ended with a video tribute to our Clubs' Veterans. Lee Greenwood accompanied the video and concluded with Taps.

I'm humbled.....



**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**  
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Club Public Image Chair

 **June Kirchgatter**  
Membership Chair

 **Charles Joseph Lang**  
Rotary Foundation Chair

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 **Denise King**  
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## 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 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 Sincock – 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.



Your donation is tax deductible through our 501(c)3 Club Foundation. 100% of your donation will be sent directly to the Rotary Club of Poznan to purchase and deliver critical medical supplies. To donate now, make checks payable and mail to:  
**Plymouth Rotary Foundation**  
P.O. Box 5401, Plymouth, MI 48170  
Or visit [plymouthrotary.org](http://plymouthrotary.org)



**Rotary**  
Club of Plymouth

[plymouthrotary.org](http://plymouthrotary.org)

**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 10/14/2022

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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.

A purple and white poster for the Rotary Club of Plymouth Witches Night Out event. The poster features the Rotary logo and the text "Save the Date October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 5pm-9:30pm". It also says "Tickets \$45 (Available August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022)" and includes a QR code with the text "Scan to purchase tickets". The main title "Witches NIGHT OUT" is in a large, stylized font. Below the title, it says "Costume Contest at 9pm" and "Black Diamond Pendant door prize". At the bottom, it says "Sponsorship opportunities available at https://plymouthrotary.org/event/witches" and "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.