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By Albert B. Blixt on Friday, March 15, 2024

OPENING: President **Chris Porman** rang the meeting to order at 12:01PM and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Mary Ann Wood** led the meditation with a series of Irish blessings for St. Patrick's Day. Chris acknowledged the special award presented to the Rotary Club at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Business Awards Dinner in honor of Plymouth Rotary's 100th anniversary.

GUESTS:

- **Kirk Sivic** and his wife **Debbie Sivic**, were joined by **Keri Simmerer**
- **Mark Madonna** introduced by his mother **Deb Madonna**
- **William Moore** was a guest of **president Porman**
- **Ashley Willett** was a guest of her grandfather, **David Willett**

The rowdy table led the room in singing "Hello, Hello, Hello" to welcome our guests.

Lunch was Kurt Heise's favorite: Shepherd's Pie. **Chris** reminded the club members to sign up for lunch in advance. Sign up is important. If you can't sign up electronically, call or email Marie at 734-453-6879 x4 or Marie.morrow@pcuw.org. Chris reminded members to let guests go first to lunch.

BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH:

Chuck Lang	3 rd
Mike Moser	8 th
Bari Livsey	9 th
Sandy Mily	12 th
Linda Jones	15 th
Mike Muma	19 th
Jeanne Trumpy	25 th

UPCOMING DATES

- April 10th – Rotary BBQ Presentation @ Museum
- April 27th – District Assembly -St. Clair College (Windsor)
- District Conference May 3-5 a great weekend with fellow Rotarians
- May 18th – Rotary Flower Planting – Main St. Islands and Rotary Park (8:30am)
- May 20th Rotary Golf Outing and the golf committee is looking for help
- July 4th Parade joint venture between Rotary and Kiwanis. Looking for help with planning and on the day of the parade. See Chris Porman for more
- July 20th: 100th year gala at the Mayflower Meeting House. Dinner and program being planned.

Sandy Mily presented information about the Golf Outing on May 20th and introduced the committee working on the event. This is one of the big fundraisers of the year. The Club will need volunteers,

golfers, and sponsors. Rotary will have help this year from the Detroit and Livonia clubs. He showed a short video showing what youth participants are able to do.

Program – Mark Madonna.

Mark Madonna, president of The Miracle League of Plymouth was introduced by **Deb Madonna**. She described the formation of the Miracle League to serve individuals who might not otherwise be able to play a sport because of disabilities. Approximately 160 youth are able to participate. Mark is a coach in addition to being president. Started as a baseball organization, the League now offers basketball, bowling, yoga, swimming and others. Recent upgrades were reviews and Mark described the major project now being undertaken to resurface the playing surface. Wear and tear of use over 15 years has made this necessary. The new surface is more of a turf like on a football field to make it easier on the athletes while improving drainage and reducing surface heat. The League has currently raised about \$191,000 of the \$225,000 needed for this project. Mark is seeking money and volunteers.

Chris thanked Mark and announced that the Rotary Board and Foundation Board has approved a gift of \$15,000 in celebration of the 100th Anniversary.

The 50/50 of \$54 was won by **Don Soenen** who was elated after nine years of trying. Second chance would have been won **Dale Knab**. Next week 50/50 second chance will reach \$60.

The Four Way test was recited by all. President **Chris** dismissed the meeting at 1:00pm

Submitted
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Photos from March 15, 2024

