



Monday, April 15, 2024



## Events

April 19th  
**Plymouth Weekly  
Club Meeting**

April 26th  
**Plymouth Weekly  
Club Meeting**

May 3rd  
**Plymouth Weekly  
Club Meeting**

May 10th  
**Plymouth Weekly  
Club Meeting**

## Club Leaders



Chris Porman  
President



James Gietzen  
President-Elect



Candice Towers  
Secretary



James Van Horn  
III  
Treasurer



Charles J. Bares  
Rotary  
Foundation  
Chair



June Kirchgatter  
Membership  
Chair



Penny Joy  
iPast President



Marie A. Morrow  
Club Executive  
Secretary

## Broadcaster April 12, 2024

By Arthur W. Gulick on Sunday, April 14, 2024

### OPENING

Candice Towers, who's going to be our club's 2025-26 president, ran today's meeting. Candice began by leading us in the Pledge to the Flag. Candice then introduced Chuck Lang, whose Meditation was a traditional Boy Scouts of America grace.

### GUESTS

- Dave Williamson, a past member, was guest of Kirk Kohn. We should get Dave to rejoin, now that he's back around town!
- Jacob Poteet, a Steri-Clean corporate member, attended his first meeting. Welcome, Jacob!
- Livonia Rotarian John Larkin joined us today. John is running for Wayne County Circuit Court judge. The primary election is in August.

### VIDEO CONGRATULATIONS

In a recorded message sent from Brazil, former exchange student Jose Eduardo wished us the best on our club's one-hundredth anniversary. Jose Eduardo is now in I.T.

### COMING EVENTS

- This year's District 6400 Conference is coming up April 27, 2024; it's going to be in Windsor, ONT and you can register for it on DACdb.
- Please keep in mind our downtown Plymouth flower planting scheduled for May 18, 2024.
- Our Golf Outing fundraiser will be held May 20, 2024. Sandy Mily says sign up to play golf, sign up to be a sponsor. The Golf Outing is now a major fundraiser for our club, on the level of our Chicken BBQ.
- Carol Souchock needs additional volunteers to read essays submitted by local middle-schoolers in our Four-Way Test Essay Contest. Contact Carol or Bruce Baxter promptly to participate.

### PLYMOUTH ROTARY FOUNDATION

John Buzuvis called for nominations for Directors of the Plymouth Rotary Foundation, Inc., the philanthropic affiliate of the Plymouth Rotary Club. After the closing of nominations, we have five candidates to fill three positions. Regular Rotary Club members--all automatically members of the Foundation also--should watch for their paper ballots in the mail.

Foundation President Warren Musson reported on the Foundation's 2023-24 charitable and philanthropic work. Supported both by club fundraising and by investments, the Foundation covers budgets of our club's community and international service committees and this year provided grants to twelve local organizations. The funds available for disbursement this year were \$139,000.

### FIFTY-FIFTY

Lucky Rich Eisiminger won \$63. Being absent, Tim Joy lost out on the \$20 Second Chance prize.

We closed by reciting the Rotary Four-Way Test.

## Broadcaster April 5, 2024

By Kurt L Heise on Friday, April 5, 2024

### Call to Order:

**Past President Chris Porman** called the meeting to order. Your scribe pulled double duty today with the Meditation, recognizing the glorious weather and Opening Day for our beloved Tigers.

### **Introduction of Guests:**

Guests today included Traci Sincock, Alex Kramer, Julie and Chris Hartig, and Mark Whaler.

### **Birthdays:**

Today was June Kirchgatter's birthday and the whole club sang a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday"

### **Announcements and Upcoming Events:**

- **The Plymouth Rotary BBQ Book** is now available for \$15; several were bought at the luncheon.
- **April 10** " Rotary BBQ Presentation at the Historical Museum at 7 p.m.; doors open at 6.
- **April 27** " District Assembly, St. Clair College Windsor
- **Rotary 6400** District Conference at Amway Grand in Grand Rapids May 3-5. Register online at [rotary6400.org](http://rotary6400.org).
- **Golf Outing** is May 20 at Fox Hills with a 9:30 a.m. shotgun start. Not a golfer? Volunteers are needed as well throughout the day. Contact Sandy Mily for details. They also need "gift cards, cash and booze" for the raffle items!
- **July 4** " Parade coordinated with Kiwanis. We need volunteers throughout the event!
- **July 20** " Plymouth Rotary 100-year gala at the Mayflower Meeting House (tickets are being mailed out now).

### **Special Program:**

Today it was "New Member Moments" with Rotarians **Drake Filippis and Kyle Keaffaber**.

**Drake Filippis** was born in Royal Oak and is a fourth generation relative of the well-known Wright & Filippis company, which has built a well-earned reputation as a leader in prosthetics, orthotics, and accessibility solutions. Drake has been clearly motivated by his family's history and is one of the reasons he wanted to Join Rotary and give back to the community. He is a Purdue graduate and started working at Quicken Loans in Detroit in 2014 where he stayed for 10 years helping Dan Gilbert and his team develop what is now Rock Financial. Drake is now working for Signature Associates, a premier commercial Realtor which is well-known in Southeast Michigan and the Plymouth Community. His hobbies include track and field, skiing, biking, and boxing! Drake is highly motivated and will be a great addition to our Rotary team; he wants to get involved in projects and is committed to the club!

**Kyle Keaffaber** is an architect and lives in Plymouth Township. He is married with two kids aged 2 and 4. He is originally from Lagrange Indiana, where his family owns two acres of land including a historic schoolhouse and winery; Kyle helped rebuild the schoolhouse with his family (he has three grandparents) and put his architectural and building skills to work! Kyle graduated from Ball State University and got his master's degree from Clemson where he lived in the beautiful city of Charleston, South Carolina. His graduate experience took him to Nashville where he worked on several local projects and did a significant project in Ghana where he helped local residents with designing facilities for job training, schools, and resource management. Today, Kyle has his own architectural firm, Faber Design Company, and is working on several projects in the metro Detroit area. He also wants to get more involved in our club, especially with fundraising. Kyle's dedication to his craft and his love of family and community are what inspired him to join Rotary and to play a larger role in our mission of service.



### **50/50**

Wrapping things up, the 50/50 was won by **Diane Harrison** for \$53 and **Kyle Keaffaber** won the Second Chance for \$80. Welcome to Rotary, Kyle!

**Lunch ordering- Advance sign up is IMPORTANT!**

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Salad options available:

Maurice Salad

Cesar with or without chicken

Greek with or without chicken

Spinach with or without chicken

Mediterranean