

# Rotary

## Club of Plymouth



# IMAGINE ROTARY

### Plymouth

Meets at Plymouth Cultural Ctr.



525 Farmer Street  
Plymouth, MI 48170

Time: Friday at 12:00 PM

### Events

May 5th **Speaker- Erin Dewsbury Ribeiro, DEI Officer at Robert Bosch** **Speaker:** Erin Dewsbury Ribeiro, DEI Officer at Robert Bosch  
**Subject:** DEI

May 5th **District 6400 Conference** **Speaker:** Mitch Albom

May 9th **Plymouth Club Board Meeting**

May 12th **Plymouth Weekly Club Meeting** **Speaker:** New Member Induction  
**Subject:** Club Assembly

May 16th **Plymouth**

May 19th **Plymouth**

## Broadcaster April 28, 2023

By Timothy E. Joy on Sunday, April 30, 2023



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**President Penny** rang the bell and our meeting was off and running! Everyone was invited to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. There was an outstandingly large turn out for our meeting! An extra table had to be hurriedly set up. Thanks to **Ron Baase** from the Cultural Center staff and help from **Paul Sincok** and **Chris Porman** for the help!

Our Meditation moment was delivered by **Chris Porman**. He quoted Jay Leno's Commencement address: Jay talks about the twenty rules to be followed. Here is the summary of his speech:

- Try not to get a regular job! When you have a regular job, you wind up acting like a regular person.
- Be ready for the real world experiences by start collecting necessary information. It will help you differentiate good and bad stuff.
- Think of yourself as an artist, suffer for your work. Take every degrading job, every experience will teach you something new.
- Always keep people in your life who don't quite understand your work. It will keep you humbled and it will make you realise that you are not as important as you think you are.
- There is nothing wrong in failing because I am not good enough, there is nothing sadder than I could have tried a little harder.
- Nothing connects human beings with each other than the human contact.
- Keep the friends you made at early age and from your field.

Foundation meeting Weekly Club Meeting  
**Speaker:** 4 way- test essays  
**Subject:** Carol Souchuck

May 20th Main Street Flower Planting  
May 22nd 36th Annual Plymouth Rotary Golf Classic

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May 26th Music in the Air

May 27th Rotary International Convention

- Do not judge your success by the success of others.
- Never turn down a job because of money, turn it down if you don't like it (Money will come later).
- Its nice to believe in your self, its better to have other people believe in you.
- Keep your eyes on the ball.
- You can never make it too late, you can only make it too soon.
- If you can't get in the front door, Go through the Back Door.
- You can only live in the time you live in (You cannot change it, so rather than stop complaining start dealing with the realities).
- Don't have a relationship with a partner who doesn't get it. You need a soulmate, not a cellmate.
- Never go on stage mad, anger robs your creativity.
- Never create anything bigger than your act. (He examples here about Mary! Streep, she is recognised for her talent, her brilliance not how much money she is paid for her work).
- When you start feeling too comfortable (in your work), move on. The tough situations will make you better at your skills.
- All manufacturing has a scrap date. Accept criticism and resolve it to do better. You learn more from your critics than from your friends.
- Anybody can have a life, careers are hard to come by.

**President Penny** took the mic and asked our guests to introduce themselves. **Doug Willett** brought a guest and perspective member **Todd Raska** from EZ Storage. Next, **Nick Brandon** from Plymouth Canton schools introduced himself. Next Penny approached **Donna Gatkse**, a journalism teacher at Salem High. Accompanying Donna were several editors of the student-run school newspaper- The Perspective. **Lucas Gentillia**, Sports editor. **Teddy Moore**- content editor. **RJ Dorsevitz**- editor-in-chief of The Perspective. **Dan Hordov** introduced his Mom but didn't say her name. **Todd Jaggi** from the Livonia Club joined us. And lo and behold, all the way from New Mexico- our own **Bill Morrison!** WOW! He brought Rotary memorabilia for our 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration!

**Dave Willett** got a surprise today! His family decided to celebrate his birthday at our meeting! On Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, Dave will enjoy his 80<sup>th</sup> trip around the sun! **Susan Willett** brought birthday cakes to share with the crowd! They were delicious! We sang Happy Birthday (almost in tune!).

**Pres. Penny** invited our guest to be first to enjoy a lunch of chicken picada.

**Don Masini** and **Bill Ventola** joined us on zoom today. They had a nice zoom conversation while the club had lunch!

**Norm Weast** turned into a poet today- Roses are red, violets are blue, **Dave Willett** you don't look a bit over 62!

Music in the Air on Friday nights is sponsored by our club. A sign up sheet went around for your opportunity to represent our club at each concert. There's a tent and chairs there for you. Wear Rotary garb and enjoy! Be the FACE of Rotary. Arrive about 6:30pm. Please sign up!

Birthday boy **Dave Willett** introduced our speaker **Dr. Monica Merritt**, superintendent of Plymouth Canton Community Schools. Monica praised the young people in our schools and that the future is in young but capable hands. Monica updated us on the \$275,000,000 2020 bond and the investment in our schools without raising taxes! Our district is 193 years old. A Strategic Plan was created in 2021 to guide the investments in our schools for 6 years. Some of the goals are Student achievement, innovation, updated facilities, school safety and security, improved facilities (theater upgrade, new sports field, additional swimming pool and fiscal responsibility with bondmonies. The PCCS website has the 2020 bond activities available to see in the effort to be transparent with the community.

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce has named our own **Denise King** as Volunteer of the Year!

Congratulations Denise!

Centennial Museum Project- Artifacts are needed for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Looking for Broadcasters from the 60's, 70's, 80's. Old pictures. President's gavels, plaques. Anything will help!

Meet the Governor our own **Russ Jones** - sponsored by the Harrow Rotary is June 27<sup>th</sup> in Amherstburg, Ontario. We're working on having bus transportation to the event with a 4 pm departure. Please RSVP to Penny by June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Next week's speaker- **Erin Dewsbury Riberio** from Robert Bosch will enlighten us about Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Upcoming Events-

District 6400 Conference- May 5 to 7 at Caesar's Windsor Casino  
Foundation Meeting May 12, 5 pm @Christensen's Admin Building  
Seedling Distribution May 18 or 25- 9:30am @ Christensen's  
Main Street Flower Planting May 20- 8:30 to 10:30 am  
Plymouth Rotary Golf Classic May 22 @ Fox Hills  
Music in the Air May 26 @ 6:30pm

The 50/50 was won by **Norm Weast!** He generously donated it to the Foundation!  
The meeting ended with the Four Way Test!

## Broadcaster April 21, 2023

By Chris Porman on Friday, April 21, 2023



**President Penny Joy** 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, **Kurt Heise** provided the meditation with words by Anthony Bourdain:

*"Eat at a local restaurant tonight. Get the cream sauce. Have a cold pint at 4 o'clock in a mostly empty bar. Go somewhere you've never been. Listen to someone you think may have nothing in common with you. Order the steak rare. Eat an oyster. Have a negroni. Have two. Be open to a*

*world where you may not understand or agree with the person next to you, but have a drink with them anyways. Eat slowly. Tip your server. Check in on your friends. Check in on yourself. Enjoy the ride."*

Lunch today was Caesar salad and pasta; always a crowd favorite.

### **Announcements**

**Rotary Club of Canton is hosting their 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** Lunch on Monday, May 1st from 11:30 to 1:30 at Rose's Restaurant at 201 N Canton Center Rd. Cost is \$25. Please RSVP to [barry.burnham@me.com](mailto:barry.burnham@me.com) if you're interested.

**Meet the Governor Night is Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.** Please join as we welcome our very own, **Russ Jones** as he begins his service as District Governor. This is a fun, annual event put on by the Rotary Club of Harrow. There is a bus that is planned to depart the Cultural Center at 4pm. For more info, please see **President Penny or Pres-Elect Chris**.

**Plymouth Today** magazine ran a story about our involvement in the "Sun Never Sets on Rotary" event. You can find the article here: <http://mymediaflip.com/publication/?m=32390&i=788372&p=50&ver=html5>

**Flower Planting- Main Street Boulevard- May 21 @ 8:30-10:30** Bring a trowel, broom, rake, knee pad, a friend or a Rotarian you haven't seen in a while.

**Upcoming Speaker- May 5th- Erin Dewsbury Ribeiro from Robert Bosch speaking about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion!**

### **Speaker**

Our speaker was **Beth Meade**, President and CEO of the Local Impact Alliance.  
[bmeade@cantonfoundation.org](mailto:bmeade@cantonfoundation.org)

#### ***Who we are:***

The Local Impact Alliance was formed in May of 2019 after Community Foundation of Plymouth became an affiliate of Canton Community Foundation. The Local Impact Alliance was formed to strengthen and promote organized philanthropy in the Western Wayne area, particularly through the promotion and development of local community foundations and nonprofits. The Alliance was started to educate the public on the benefits, purpose and role of the local community foundations and non profit organizations.

The Local Impact Alliance comprises three Community Foundations affiliates, [Canton Community Foundation](#), [Community Foundation Plymouth](#), [Westland Community Foundation](#) a Womens Giving Circle, [Giving Hope](#), Community programs PORCH which addresses the issues of social isolation and loneliness and [Future Fit](#) a talent pipeline for local studnets and bussiness in community, nonprofit [Eagles for Children](#) which raises funds to support local children's charities which benefits disadvantaged children. The Alliance provides each affiliate with management, administrative, and development expertise and services, so every local foundation, giving circle and community program can focus on promoting philanthropy, building endowment, and making a difference in their community. Through the establishment of endowed funds created by caring donors to benefit community causes, Alliance affiliates work to improve the quality of life in their local communities by distributing a portion of the funds' earnings to local non-profit organizations, in the form of annual scholarships and grants.



Each affiliate foundation has a volunteer Advisory Board whose role and efforts are focused on asset development, learning about the community's charitable needs and nonprofits working to meet them, and awarding grants and scholarships.

***10 Reasons to Give Locally through a Community Foundation***



1. **Local.** Each Community Foundation is a **local organization** with deep roots in the community.
2. **Broad expertise.** Our staff has **broad expertise** regarding community issues and needs.
3. **Personalized service.** Each community foundation provides highly **personalized service** tailored to each individual's charitable and financial interest.
4. **Invest in causes.** Our funds help people **invest in the causes** they care about most.
5. **Asset Variety.** We accept a wide **variety of assets**, and can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving.
6. **Professional advisors.** We partner with **professional advisors** to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.
7. **Tax advantages.** We offer maximum **tax advantage** for most gifts under federal law. Please always consult with your tax advisors on any charitable giving.
8. **Multiply the impact.** We **multiply the impact** of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants.
9. **Expertise in endowment.** We **build endowment** funds that benefit the community forever and help create personal legacies.
10. **Leadership.** We are a **community leader**, convening agencies and coordinating resources to create positive change.

#### Closing

50/50 was won by Bill Weber and the 2<sup>nd</sup> chance was won by yours truly.

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

**Respond** to the weekly email or Email [Marie.morrow@pcuw.org](mailto:Marie.morrow@pcuw.org) or Call Marie - 734- 453-6879  
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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

#### Club Leaders



[Penny Joy](#)  
President



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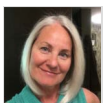
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