

# 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

August 11th  
[Plymouth Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
[Speaker: Music in the Air](#)

**Speaker:**  
Bridget O'Brien & Charlie Brennan, co-directors of Gateway Farm  
**Subject:**  
Gateway Farm

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## Broadcaster August 4, 2023

By William Weber on Sunday, August 6, 2023



**Call to Order** President, **Chris Porman**, called the meeting to order at precisely 12:00 pm. Chris led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Kurt Heise** did the meditation and acknowledged that he “lifted” certain often used phrases used by **Paul Sincoc**. Kurt extended best wishes for the president, the club and all members as we move forward.

### **Introduction of Guests**

- **Carol Marvin** was introduced by **Don Soenen**
- **Michael Grabowski** was introduced by **Gail Grieger**
- **Syd Snyder**, a visiting Rotarian from Hawaii introduced his son-in-law **Jim Crowe**
- **Melissa Daub**, Wayne County Commissioner was introduced by **Nick Moroz**
- **Chuck Lang** introduced our former exchange student, **Benjamin Krag** who is visiting from Denmark. Benjamin gave us a quick summary of all of the activities he has been involved in since he was last here as well as his future plans. An outstanding young person and we wish him the very best. 🤔

**James Van Horn and Eric Joy** led us in a robust, somewhat in tune, version of Hello, Hello.

### **New Member Induction**

**Jacqueline George** was inducted as our newest member by President **Chris Porman**. Jacqueline was sponsored by **Carol Souchock**.

### **August Birthdays**

- Jacqueline George
- Todd Raska
- Helen Yancy
- Tim Joy
- Kurt Olsen
- Bruce Baxter
- Bill Ventola
- Craig D’Agostini
- Michelle Hall

### **Special Announcements.**

Welcome our new Exchange Student **Noa**. Our exchange student will arrive on Saturday, August 26, 2023 on Delta flight #133. If you are available at that time, a hearty Rotary welcome would be appreciated.

Back to School Supply Drive – This activity, sponsored by United Way ends on August 18, 2023. Supplies include almost every conceivable supply ranging from pens, pencils, markers, paper to back packs.

For additional information call 734-453-6879 EXT 3.

*Beyond Their Stories* – This is a conference on Human Trafficking which will be held on September 15, 2023 from 8:00am-1:30 pm at Henry Ford College in Dearborn.

**District Governor’s Golf Outing.** This outing will be held on Monday, September, 2023 at Grosse Ile Country Club. Proceeds for this event support World Community Service Projects of D6400. Please contact **Sandy Mily** for additional information. Our Club needs golfers!

August 11 – **Bridget O’Brien**, Co-director of Gateway Farm will be our speaker

August 12 - Rack cleaning – **Andy Savage**, this years’ head Cluck introduced committee members and provided us with up coming dates including the rack cleaning,

August 18 – No noon meeting. There will be a Picnic at Rotary Park followed by Music in the Air.

September 9 - BBQ setup. This is a mandatory show up day!

September 10 – THE BIG DAY Bring a friend to help! This is a mandatory show up day!

September 11- BBQ clean up! We’ll need the help!

October 27 – **Official visit from District Governor Russ Jones.**

The **Plymouth Historical Commission**, as part of the Plymouth Rotary History initiative has produced a document featuring the Plymouth Rotary Club Chicken Barbeque

## Program

**Don Soenen** introduced today's speaker, **Janice Blixt**, Producing Artistic Director of the Michigan Shakespeare Festival. Janice provided us with the history of Michigan Shakespeare Festival, funding sources, their journey from the Jackson location to their current home at PARC. The performances are held at The Cherry Hill Village facilities. Janice explained how the Michigan Festival compares favorably to the Stratford productions. She also spoke of the number of actors, cast members, designers and support people. Janice provided an interesting perspective on each of the productions that are being performed this year. This year they are putting on three productions; The Tragedy of Macbeth, Pericles, Prince of Tyre, George Feydeau's A Flea in Her Ear. These productions are being performed now through August 20 at the Village Theater, Canton. Tickets can be purchased on line at [www.canton-mi.org/439/](http://www.canton-mi.org/439/) Upcoming Performances or by calling the Box Office at 734-394-5300.

**50-50** The 50-50 was won this week by an unknown soul. Sorry! .  
Second Chance – If **Eric Joy** had purchased a ticket this week he would have pocketed \$200. I'm sure Eric caught a lot of grief over not buying a ticket! His Dad pulled his number!

### Four Way Test

The meeting was concluded with the recitation of the Four Way Test.  
Meeting was adjourned at 1:15

## Broadcaster July 28, 2023

By Timothy E. Joy on Tuesday, August 1, 2023

President Elect **James Gietzen** rang the bell and called the meeting to order. President Porman was up north enjoying the benefits of living in this Great State!

**Angela Ridpath** introduced her daughter **Grace** and son **Jack** to the gathered crowd! **Grace** is newly returned from a 1 year Rotary Exchange in Japan.

Meditation- **Paul Sincok** spoke about Rotarians as creators of hope in our community and our global community. We were challenged to enhance the image of Rotary by how we conduct our daily lives.

And, as always, he quoted his favorite Choctow saying "Walk the Good Road Together".

**James** asked our guests to go to lunch first. However, they politely declined because of food allergies. That didn't seem to be an issue for the rest of the crowd. Your scribe had a Maurice salad which I found to be very tasty!

Speaker- **Grace Ridpath** was our presenter today. Grace talked about her exchange year in Japan and how that, on returning home, how that has changed her. Grace now looks at her home country with different eyes as she now has an opportunity to compare us with a more global experience. She also had 4 host families so she had the opportunity to experience different family dynamics.

Grace attended school (Kwassui High School) during her year in Japan. Schooling there is more structured with fewer electives. The school is also religious based. The language barrier took some time to adapt to but Grace enjoyed the challenge.

Grace had the opportunity to travel to Hokaido Island; Nagasaki; a basketball tourney; and meet monthly with other exchange students. The school had a mandatory 'Culture Day' and among the



activities Grace got to shoot archery.

Exchange has allowed Grace to be more confident and articulate. She has learned to speak up for herself. To say 'Yes' more! To set strong boundaries for herself! And one of lives lessons- It is OK not to be perfect!

Why did Grace decide to Exchange? She realized staying home would limit her. She wanted to learn a new language. Now she is reconsidering her college path with her new perspective.

Grace spoke eloquently and with confidence.

Upcoming Speaker - Next weeks speaker is from Gateway Organic Farm.

Upcoming Events - **August 18th** - Picnic at Rotary Park (NO REGULAR MEETING)  
**August 18** - Music in the Air - Kellogg Park @7pm

**September 18th** - District Governors Golf Outing - Grosse Ile Country Club  
Single golfer cost \$190; Dinner only cost \$60  
Plymouth Rotarian Golfers are needed!!!!!!

**Now thru August 18th** - United Way School Supply Drive - contact Marie Morrow for details

**October 27th** - District Governor Russ Jones official visit

The meeting ended with the Four Way Test!

Cheers! till we meet again! Tim

## 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 X 4

Salad options available:

Maurice Salad

Ceasar with or without chicken

Greek with or without chicken

Spinach with or without chicken

Mediterranean

## Club Leaders



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