



Sunday, February 16, 2025



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Club Leaders



[James Gietzen](#)
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Membership Chair

[Denise King](#)
Youth Exchange Chair

Broadcaster February 14, 2025

By Timothy E. Joy on Saturday, February 15, 2025



President James called the meeting to order and wished everyone a Happy Valentines Day!

The members found a small Valentine treat on the tables from **Penny Joy!** Enjoy!

President James asked that we all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. **Kirk Sivic** reminded all to remove their hats!

PDG **Paul Sincock** provided today's meditation. Paul's message was one of peace and kindness between all of us in this world. Paul charges Rotarians to carry the message of peace and understanding, even with those that we might disagree with. He wants each of us to cherish our many, many blessings.

Guests today were: Eric Joy's son **Nathan (my grandson!)**; John Buzuvis brought his **daughter Meggan and wife Shannon**; Eric introduced PDG **Liz Smith** as his guest! Past President **Penny Joy** introduced former member **Helen Yancy** as her guest! **Denise King** brought our exchange student Martin Lohr and his host family! The Hello song was sung- in many different keys!

Hats?? At the request of PDG **Liz Smith** the members were supposed to wear a hat today. I think **June Kirchgatter** had the most distinctive! PDG Liz took a group photo of those with hats and of the dessert cake Liz provided. Thanks Liz! It was yummy!

President James invited our guests to go to lunch first! We enjoyed a pasta lunch both with meat and without. Please remember to sign up for your lunch in advance. John B sends out a Sign Up twice weekly. Check your email, please!

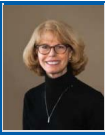
Birthdays this week are: **Gail Grieger, Danny Hyman, Jon Solace, and Penny Joy!** We sang Happy Birthday.....?

Upcoming Events

NO CULTURAL CENTER MEETING FEB 28!!!!

USAA Hockey, Feb 28, cost \$13.00

5:30 at CJ'S chalk talk with coaches; 6 pm Social hour at CJ's; 7 pm Team USA vs Omaha Lancers



Chris Porman
iPast President



Marie A. Morrow
Club Executive
Secretary

The Sun Never Sets on Rotary event –it is Sunday Feb 23rd. More info to come Pres James will send an email about this. Stay tuned!

PRESENTATION

Denise King requested host families for next year's exchange student.



Denise introduced our exchange student, **Martin Lohr**.

Martin Sebastian Lohr is 16 years old; he's 6' 4" tall; from Munchen (Munich), Germany. He's active outdoorsman; plays ice hockey; enjoys art. Germany is actually the Federal Republic of Germany. He spoke about how Germany is governed. He showed a slide illustrating the history of Germany which is long and varied. In 1998 the Berlin Wall fell and East and West Germany reunited.

Martin is from Bavaria which is known for the Oktoberfest. Martin's hometown is Kempten, near Munich. His home town existed when the Roman's showed up in 15 BC.

His experience in the USA has been truly wonderful. He has enjoyed his time here. He enjoys the Detroit sports teams.

SERVICE PROJECT

Eric Joy introduced the Birthday Cake kit which the Salvation Army distribute at their food pantry. The entire club participated in the assembly of the kits. 50 kits were assembled and the contents labeled. The room erupted in conversation! Boxes were assembled; then filled in a production line assembly and gathered in the back of the room. Took 10 to 15 minutes!

Eric Joy won the 50/50 for \$69. Second chance for \$20 was won by **Marie**

Morrow!

The Four way Test ended the meeting!

February 7, 2025

By Chris Porman on Friday, February 7, 2025

President **James Gietzen** rang the Rotary Bell at 12:05pm to welcome us to our club meeting where we welcomed **Chris Hardy** who discussed Rotary membership and offered some suggestions on recruitment and retention of our members.



Following the Pledge of Allegiance, **Mary Ann Wood** provided the daily meditation with words of thanks as well as honoring Black History Month.

President James introduced and welcomed our guests including: past Rotarian **Don Masini**, as well as **Chris and Assistant Governor Julie Hardy** from the Passport to Service Club.

Lunch was a crowd favorite of Mexican with make your own tacos/nachos.

Announcements:

Birthdays for the week include:

Robyn Hyde February 2nd

Barry Simescu February 5th

Kurt Heise February 9th

The Sun Never Sets on Rotary Meeting will take place on Monday, February 24th. More info to come on time, etc.

February 28th – Join us as we visit USA Hockey as they face off against the Omaha Lancers. Discounted tickets are just \$13. Chalk Talk with the coaching staff at 5:30pm, followed by a social hour at CJs at 6, and the puck drops at 7pm. Purchase your tickets by February 26th by calling the box office at 734-453-8400. Rotary is sitting in section 120. Questions or more info, please contact **Dave Williamson** at drw1956@hotmail.com

The Rotary Club of Plymouth AM Club has a Military and Veterans Banner Program Recognizing and honoring brave individuals who are serving or have served in the United States Armed Forces. More information as well as how to sign up can be found here. The link will take to our Club's DacDB site.

Banner Program:

https://dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/6400/Downloads/3047/Rotary_Banner_Program_Brochure_and_Application.docx

New Member(s) Induction

President James swore in two new members;

Sandy Klin, owner of More Grime than Time who was pinned by **Vikki Plagens**

Patricia (Tish) Reese, retired Psychologist from Plymouth Canton Community Schools, who was pinned by **Chuck Lang**

Paul Harris +8

Kurt Kohn was pinned by **Kasey Kohn** to celebrate his significant

contributions to the Rotary Foundation

Assistant Governor **Julie Hardy** introduced her husband, **Chris Hardy**, who spoke about membership. Chris shared the benefits of being a member of Rotary, the reasons people join and stay in Rotary, as well as ways to enhance member experience and increase member engagement.

A reminder of **Rotary's Vision Statement:**

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Why membership matters: Global impact, community service, and personal growth

Why do people join and stay in Rotary: Community impact, friendship and fellowship, and networking

Why do people leave: lack of engagement, time constraints, and lack of meaningful connections

Ways to increase/enhance member engagement: Active participation, leadership opportunities, and volunteerism

Best Practices for growth; strategic planning, effective communication, community outreach, and membership engagement

Coming Up:

Join us on Valentine's Day (February 14th) as we put together **Penny's Birthday Cake Kits** for the Salvation Army

February 21st – Hear from the Red Cross

February 28th – USA Hockey outing

We still have a couple members that need to pay their dues. Please contact **Marie** to stay current.

50/50

Untold fortunes were awarded to **Eric Joy** as the 50/50 winner and **Jeff Stella** also walked away with a heavier wallet as our 2nd Chance winner

President James closed the meeting by leading the club in the 4 Way Test and rang the bell and wished everyone a great weekend.

Yours in Service,

Chris Porman,
Broadcaster Rep.

Lunch ordering- Advance sign up is IMPORTANT!

Respond to the weekly email or Email Marie.morrow@pcuw.org or Call Marie - 734- 453-6879 X 4

Salad options available:

Maurice Salad

Cesar with or without chicken

Greek with or without chicken

Spinach with or without chicken

Mediterranean