



Saturday, February 18, 2023

# Rotary

## Club of Plymouth



### Broadcaster February, 17, 2023

By William Weber on Saturday, February 18, 2023



**Call to Order** President **Penny Joy** called the meeting to order at precisely 12:05 pm and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Meditation**

**Chris Porman** did the meditation and quoted Tom Izzo's comments regarding the recent tragedy at Michigan State University. Izzo's words in many respects reflect much of what Rotary encompasses:

"For 40 years, I've always believed that at Michigan State University, we are at our



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#### **Club Meeting**

Plymouth  
Meets at Plymouth  
Cultural Ctr.  
525 Farmer Street  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
Time: Friday at  
12:00 PM

#### **Events**

No Events found

#### **Club Leaders**



[Penny Joy](#)  
President



[Chris Porman](#)  
President-  
Elect

[James Gietzen](#)  
Secretary



James Van Horn III  
Treasurer



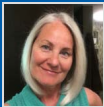
Marti McLeish  
Club Public Image Chair



Charles J. Bares  
Rotary Foundation Chair



June Kirchgatter  
Membership Chair



Nicholas Moroz  
Club Service Chair



Timothy E. Joy  
International Service Chair



Denise King  
Youth Exchange Chair



Dale F. Yagiela  
iPast President



Marie A. Morrow  
Club Executive Secretary



strongest when we are together. In athletics, the best teams are always greater than the sums of their individual parts. The same is true for our community.”

“We all have a platform. Some are small, some are high, but we all have a platform, and I hope each and everyone on you use your platform to help others so other families don’t have to go through what these families are going through now.”

“Our hearts are heavy. Our loss has been great. Our lives have been permanently changed. But with a shared commitment to help each other and a promise to remember those we have lost, we will learn to find joy again.”

### Introduction of Guests

There were three very special sisters who happened to be daughters of **Candice Tower** and they just happened to be excellent cake bakers. Also attending were **Al Blixt, Heather Rhodes and Marsha Bird.**

### February Birthdays

**Barry Simescu, Kurt Heise, Josh Mrozowski, Danny Hyman, Jonathan Solace, Penny Joy, Paul Sincock, Christina Vega, Tom Araledes, James Gietzen, Rich Eisiminger, Chris Porman**

### Rotary Anniversaries

**Mike Muma, 37 years: Mike Richardson, 35 years: Bob Carrigan, 21 years: Terry Durkin, 15 years: Ron Shmyr, 13 years: Kurt Olsen, 6 years: Jeanne Trumpy, 4 years: Preston Gee, 1 year.**

### Special Announcements

Upcoming Board of Directors election.: There are three positions available on the Rotary Board of Directors. There are six candidates for these positions as follows: **James Gietzen (Incumbent), Preston Gee, Diane Harrison, Dan Hordov, Don Soenen, Doug Willett.** Ballots will be in the mail shortly.

### New Member Proposals

Individuals proposed for membership are as follows: **Robyn Hyde, Al Blixt, Kyle Keaffaber, Bryce Blinski**

### Upcoming Meetings/Events

February 21, 2023 Rotary **Foundation Meeting** 5:00pm at Christensen's Administration Building

February 22, 2023 **New Member Huddle** at Ebenezer’s beginning at 5:00 pm. All member social beginning at 5:30 pm.

February 23, 2023 **Pursuit of Freedom-** A film on Human Trafficking will be show at the Penn Theatre. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

February 23, 2023. **The Sun Never Sets on Rotary.** Our meeting will begin at 7:30 am starting with breakfast followed by a Rotary 24 hour event featuring 50 countries from around the world.

March 3 **Friends of the Rouge**

April 18, 2023, **Red Cross Blood Drive** from 9:00am – 3:00pm at the Cultural Center. Our Club is the facilitator.

May 5-7 Imagine Collaboration **District 6400 Conference** at Ceasars Windsor. Let's support Traci Sincock!

May 22, 2023 **36th Annual Plymouth Rotary Golf Classic-** Fox Hills Golden Fox

**Request from Denise King regarding exchange student Juan Gonzales from**

## Colombia

Juan is a very respectful and engaging individual. He has some very passionate interests that he would enjoy experiencing during his stay in the United States. History, art, hunting, archery, fishing, nature hikes and veterinary science are his passions and interests. He would enjoy the opportunity to have some experiences in the areas listed below.

If you are able, he would be extremely grateful and your experience with Juan will be just as rewarding.

Here are some examples of experiences that Juan would welcome and appreciate:

1. Hiking and exploring parks
2. Visiting the Detroit Institute of Art Museum
3. Visiting the Detroit Science Museum
4. Visiting the MSU Campus of Veterinarian Medicine
5. Visiting the Henry Ford Museum
6. Archery shooting—he's a very avid shooter
7. A golfing experience (never golfed)
8. A hunting adventure
9. Fishing experience—Juan loves to fish
10. Visit to the Michigan State Capital
11. Horseback riding
12. Shopping

Please let me know if you are interested in sharing some time with Juan or you can call him directly at 586 248 2490

## Program

Today's program can best be described as Penny's Birthday Service Project which consisted of providing Birthday Cake Boxes for persons in need. Penny ordered us all into assembly line mode and we then packaged 100 birthday cake kits and then gave them to the Salvation Army for distribution. Special thanks to **Penny, Don Soenen** for his generous contribution and **June Kirchgatter** for locating appropriate sized boxes for this project.

**50-50** The 50-50 was won by **Bill Weber**

## Four Way Test

The meeting was concluded with the recitation of the Four Way Test.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15

Bill Weber 2/18/2023

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## Broadcaster February 10, 2023

By Kurt L Heise on Friday, February 10, 2023

### Call to Order:

**President Penny Joy** called the meeting to order. It was big crowd today with at least 35 in attendance and a few more on zoom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the group, and **Paul Sincok** delivered the meditation for the day which included a special message for the more than 20,000 people who have perished in the terrible earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Lunch featured a special

Polish feast in honor of our special guest speakers. **Norm Weast** recognized **your scribe's** 57<sup>th</sup> birthday and noted that his birthday is always the same year as the Super Bowl. Your Scribe was thoroughly embarrassed by Norm's kind gesture.



#### **Introduction of Guests:**

Guests today included **Al Blixt** with the Michigan Shakespeare Festival, **Marsha Bird**, **Juan Jose**, exchange student from Colombia, and **Cat Coburn**.

#### **Special Presentation:**

**Liz Orbitz** was formally inducted into the Club by President Penny and Liz' sponsor, **Preston Gee**. Liz is a retired Administrative Dean at Washtenaw Community College and has lived in the Plymouth community for 15 years. She likes to travel and has two sons and two grandkids. Welcome aboard, Liz!

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- **Rotary 6400** District Conference at Caesars Palace in Windsor, May 5-7. Register with Sue Campbell at [suecampbell922@gmail.com](mailto:suecampbell922@gmail.com) or online at [rotary6400.org](http://rotary6400.org).
- **New Members Huddle** – Thursday, February 23 at the Ebenezer (305 Fleet Street in the Alley). 5 p.m. will be the time for new members; everyone else is invited at 5:30 p.m. for social hour.
- At the **February 17** meeting we will be packaging cake mixes for the Salvation Army. No cooking skills needed!
- **February 23** at the Penn Theater there will be a special movie on Human Trafficking entitled "Pursuit of Freedom" hosted in part by the Rotary Action Against Slavery initiative.
- **February 24** the Sun Never Sets on Rotary – we will be hosting our meeting in the morning a 7:45 a.m. and serving breakfast. Expect a special video visit from our Rotary International President!

#### **Special Program:**

The club was honored to have on Zoom several guests from the Rotary Club of Poznan, Poland – **Wojciech Majchzcki** and **Kasia Rajewska**, who brought us up to speed on the tremendous work they are doing to provide modern medical equipment to the victims of the war in Ukraine. Working through a contact at the Grants Pass, Oregon Rotary Club, our member **June Kirchgatter** took the lead and was able to find the Poznan Poland Rotary who has been instrumental in getting aid into the war-torn



country. The Plymouth Rotary Club, through our Foundation and other grants, has provided **\$27,510** to date for the Poznan Rotary's outstanding efforts. Not only is the Poznan Rotary providing the basics of food and clothing to the Ukrainian people, they are also using Rotary donations from around the world to purchase modern life saving equipment, identical to what modern EMS first responders use in the field, like video laryngoscopes, emergency medical backpacks, portable ultrasound, CPR equipment, portable ECG devices, trauma kits, and protective coverings. In addition, and perhaps most importantly, the Poznan Rotary and their allies have purchased and donated a brand new, modern ambulance for use in the Ukrainian conflict. Overall a wonderful and inspiring job that we will certainly be keeping an eye on in the future!

### **50/50**

Wrapping things up, the 50/50 was won by **Tim Joy** and collected by **Penny Joy** (hmmmm) and **Chris Porman** won the Second Chance for \$60 – don't tell his wife!

**Until we meet again –**

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## **Broadcaster February 3, 2023**

By Chris Porman on Friday, February 10, 2023

Past President **Kirk Kohn** 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, **June Kirchgatter** led us in our weekly meditation. Using the words of Muhammad Ali, Woodrow Wilson, and Eleanor Roosevelt, June warmed our hearts on a cold February afternoon.

Guests:

**Kurt Heise** brought **Catherine Coburn**, whom I had the pleasure of joining at our lunch table.

Lunch today was Mexican; always a crowd favorite.

### **Speakers**

At the meeting, we were introduced to two of our newer members, **Yasir Khogali** and **Mike Moser**.

Yasir shared a great deal of who he is starting with being born in Sudan, growing up in East Lansing, his education at Western Michigan University and U of M Dearborn. Following his education, he worked for Yazaki and now, Nissan. During his career, he has been involved in wiring design for 14 vehicle programs. Interesting note, in a vehicle, there is over mile of wiring inside.

Yasir serves on the Board of Trustees for the Plymouth District Library, as well as on the Industry Advisory Board for WMU College of Engineering, and also on the National Society of Black Engineers Detroit.

Yasir's real passion is his family and if there is any free time in his busy schedule, he enjoys soccer, college football, and his new hobby, bbq.

Following our introduction to Yasir, **June Kirchgatter** explained some changes happening in the membership committee and introduced another of newer members, **Mike Moser**.

Mike graduated from Bentley High School in Livonia and then attended Michigan Tech. Following his Sophomore year he was married and took that year off to save money to finish his last two years.

Mike's career has taken him from Michigan to Minnesota to Missouri back to

Minnesota to El Paso to Austin and then back to Michigan. He is a retired Engineer with 36 years at 3M working on design and manufacturing. With his retirement, Mike wants to golf more (who doesn't?!?), continue walking 2+ miles/day, and give back to the community. While Mike may be new to our club, he is no stranger to Rotary having been a part of his club in Austin.

### **Closing**

On February 24, our club has been given the opportunity to participate in “**The Sun Never Sets on Rotary**” a 24-hour event with clubs all around world participating. Our club has been chosen to represent the home district of Rotary International President Jennifer Jones with **our meeting taking place at 8am. We will serve breakfast likely before 8am** and have an awesome meeting with videos of what is going on around the district, and be able to showcase to the world our club. There may be some special guests from around the world joining us via Zoom. Please stay tuned for more info.

Yours in Service

**Chris Porman**

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## **Club Officers**