



Monday, February 24, 2025



## Broadcaster February 21, 2025

By William Weber on Monday, February 24, 2025

### SUN NEVER SETS IN ROTARY:



### 120 Years of Service & Unity

**Call to Order** The meeting began somewhat differently than in the past as we began lunch prior to the meeting being called to order in order for us to watch two videos regarding the upcoming "The Sun Never Sets on Rotary " meeting which will be held on Sunday, February 23 at 11:am.. The two videos which we watched were entitled "The Sun Never Sets on Rotary" which explained the purpose of the 24 hour meeting. The other Video was "Celebrating 120 Years of Rotary".

Following the viewing of the videos, President **James Gietzen** called the meeting to order and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. President **James** then welcomed the Rotary Clubs throughout the world to our meeting. As our District encompasses both Canada and the United States, the National Anthems of both countries were sung with gusto. **June Kirchgatter** delivered the meditation and spoke about the meaning of community, particularly related to "The Sun Never Sets On Rotary" **June** read quotes from **Jimmy Carter, Coretta Scott King, Helen Keller** and **Mother Theresa** all of which pointed to the notion that collectively we can build strong communities.

**James** then showed a video from Rotary International President, **Stephanie A. Urchick**, Rotary International President, who gave greetings and a brief summary of the workings of Rotary International.

**Chris Porman**, Past Plymouth Rotary President, welcomed the World Wide Rotary Club members to the Plymouth Rotary and to District 6400 which includes clubs from Southwest Ontario and Southeast Michigan. **Chris** talked about the many

### Events

February 28th  
[Plymouth Weekly Club Meeting](#)

March 7th  
[Plymouth Weekly Club Meeting](#)

March 14th  
[Plymouth Weekly Club Meeting](#)

March 21st  
[Plymouth Weekly Club Meeting](#)

### Club Leaders



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contributions that our club has made, including the \$200,000 grant to the PCEP Radio station. 88.1, the \$15,000 grant to the Miracle League of Plymouth to upgrade their facilities, the generous contributions for upgrades to Rotary playgrounds, as well as the thousands of dollars for scholarships. **Chris** also described many of the community based contributions made by other clubs including our neighbors in Ontario. **Chris** then showed a video primarily devoted to our Chicken BBQ as well as downtown Plymouth.

### Upcoming Meetings

**February 28, 2025** Meeting at USA Hockey Arena featuring a chalk talk by the coaches, a tour of the facility, a meal and an opportunity to say for the game.

**March 7, 2025** A RI representative will share information about local ways to elevate the Rotary Public Image.

**March 14, 2025** Member Moments Day **Vikki Plagens** and **Dave Mueller** will each give a short Bio presentation. Also, in honor of **St. Patrick's Day**, our luncheon will be catered by our own **David Mueller**, owner of **Bode's Corned Beef**. So, if you are so inclined please wear your green...which of course, includes Spartan Green.

**March 21, 2025** Rotarian **Aruna Koushik** will tell us about the Adivasi Widows who face social isolation, discrimination and poverty in India.

**March 28, 2025** A board member from the local branch of the **Society of Notre Dame de Bon Secours**.

**RI Foundation** This is just a reminder that the Club will match up to \$500 for any contribution to The Rotary Foundation. This Paul Harris contribution recognizes and acknowledges individuals who contribute or have made contributions in the name of others.

### Paul Harris Recognition

**Russ Jones**, Past District Governor presented **Kurt Heise** with his **Paul Harris** recognition pin for his contribution to the **Rotary International Fund**. Congratulations, **Kurt**.

### Program-Red Cross

**David Williamson** introduced today's speakers, **Diane Risko**, Blood Drive Coordinator, **Carnel Richardson**, Disaster Program Manager, **LaToysa "Toy" Rooks**, Regional Disaster Officer.

**Diane** explained the importance and the value of giving blood and then showed a WDIV video featuring a young girl who needed transfusions every three weeks due to a genetic defect. Without these transfusions she couldn't begin to lead anything close to a normal life. **Diane** also stated that The Red Cross recently changed some of the restrictions for giving blood, i.e. out of country travel as well as certain medications. For a complete listing of the new requirements you can call 1-800-RED CROSS. Or 1-866 236-3276

Both **Carnel** and **LaToysa** spoke about the Disaster Relief efforts including locally, nationally and internationally.

This was a most informative presentation and I would encourage you to visit our web page, **Plymouthrotary.org** and click on the Facebook icon to see the full

presentation.

**50/50** Today's raffle was worth \$67 and was won by **Jeanne Trumpe**.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Chance – Dan Delano**, had he been in attendance would've won a few dollars. Sorry **Dan**. Next week's drawing will be worth \$40.

**Four Way Test – President James** led us in the recitation of the 4 Way Test. Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

## 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

The Sun Never Sets on Rotary event –it is Sunday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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!

**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