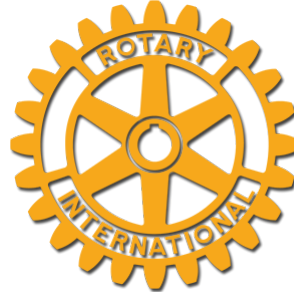




Friday, February 10, 2023

# Rotary

## Club of Plymouth



### 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



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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

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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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## Broadcaster Jan 27, 2023

By Arthur W. Gulick on Saturday, January 28, 2023



BROADCASTER 1/27/2023 ART GULICK

OPENING: President **Penny Joy** led us all in the Pledge of Allegiance, then **Mary Ann Wood** delivered our Meditation. Mary Ann told us to be grateful for the winter season, but to be mindful of folks who could use extra help at this time of year.

GUESTS: It was great to see **Al Blixt** again--he's on the way to joining the club--and **Bryce Bilinski**, who's getting his application papers in order. **Dave Willett** hosted his guest, **Victor Koppeng**. **Dan Smith** was back for a visit, looking quite at home at the Rowdy Table.

BIRTHDAY: Thanks to **Dave Batts** who celebrated his day with a nice donation check for the Plymouth Rotary Foundation.

MEMBER MOMENT: **Don Soenen** introduced our own **Gail Grieger**, who gave us a great autobiographical account. Gail is the Executive Director at PARC (hence the intro by Don), but she's accomplished a variety of things. Coming from a small town in Indiana, she went to law school at DePaul University. Her work as a staff attorney, helping prisoners at institutions like Jackson Prison has informed her impulse to social activism.

CALENDAR:

- Tuesday, January 31, 2023: Plan to learn about the club's new membership information system by attending the online "DACdb University." It starts at 4:30 in the afternoon. You need to talk to President Penny to get enrolled for this event.
- Friday, February 3, 2023: we'll hear **Mike Moser's** Member Moment. Past President **Kirk Kohn** will preside at this meeting.
- Saturday, February 4, 2023: Meet at 5:00 pm at the fountain in Kellogg Park to participate in a club photo op during the Plymouth Ice Festival. You can participate in Ice Festival Bingo, too.
- Friday, February 10, 2023: **June Kirchgatter** has arranged for us to get an online report from Poland about the funds we sent for Ukraine relief. At this meeting we also induct new member **Liz Orbitz**.
- Friday, February 17, 2023. Penny has arranged for us to assemble a bunch of cake mix kits which the Salvation Army can distribute to families where kids aren't able to have birthday cakes. **Don Soenen** has helped purchase the supplies for these kits.
- Thursday, February 23, 2023. District 6400 is taking part in Take Action for Peace, There's a 6:30 PM showing at the Penn Theater of "Pursuit for Freedom," a film about human trafficking.
- Friday, February 24, 2023. **The Sun Never Sets on Rotary** We're having a breakfast meeting so that we can participate in a special 24-hour-long broadcast featuring Rotary clubs across the world. We appear online in the final hour of this program, starting at 8:00 AM.
- Monday, May 22, 2023. Mark your calendar now: it's the Plymouth Rotary Golf Outing.

FIFTY-FIFTY: **Eric Joy** read the winning ticket number. **Candice Tower**, who's a banker at Lake Trust, won the big moolah, showing how money attracts money (maybe). **Marie Morrow** was absent, missing her opportunity to get the Second Chance prize.

We closed the meeting by reciting the Rotary Four-Way Test.

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## Broadcaster Jan 20, 2023

By William Weber on Friday, January 20, 2023

### Call to order

While President Penny was in Florida working to restore the Joy Florida household, Past President, **John Buzuvis** called the meeting to order at precisely 12:05 pm and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Kurt Heise** did the meditation and gave several entertaining quotes regarding lunches . He ended the meditation by quoting Milton Friedman, "There's No Such Thing As a Free Lunch".

### Introduction of Guests

There were several guests at today's meeting including two former Rotarians, **Bob Bake** and **Dan Smith**. Also attending were **Al Blixt**, **Mia Odeh**, **Kyle Keaffaber**, **Deborah Willett** and two other guests whose names the scribe was unable to identify due to background noise and technical difficulties. My sincerest apologies.

## **Special Announcement**

Ice Festival. **Diane Harrison** announced that Rotarians should meet on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at the fountain in Kellogg Park to distribute Rotary Bingo Cards. More information to follow.

**Gail Grieger**, Executive Director of PARC will be the featured speaker at the January 27, 2023 meeting.

Many thanks to **Dave Willett** for generously donating the proceeds of the Ice Festival magazine back cover to the club.

## **Program**

**Don Soenen** introduced today's speaker, **Brian Turnbull**, Mayor of Northville. Brian's complete and impressive resume is available on the January 20, meeting announcement.

**Mayor Turnbull** began his informative and moving presentation by explaining his deep roots in the community as he represents the 5<sup>th</sup> generation of his family residing in Northville. Following are just a few highlights of Mayor Turnbull's presentation and I would encourage everyone to access his full presentation at [Plymouthrotary.org](http://Plymouthrotary.org) and click on the Facebook tab.

- Northville, early on was referred to as the North Village.
- Because of the rivers and mills in Northville, they were the #2 economic engine in the state in the 1920's.
- Presentation of the plans for Northville Downs race track which will include condominiums, homes, apartments, a business street as well as a river walk.
- The race track has been in Northville since the late 1800's.
- The future of the downtown road closures
- A new roundabout at the intersection of Sheldon Road and 7 Mile road
- Installation of river walks and trails throughout the community as well as the new Northville Downs community. (There is an encased river running through Northville Downs which will be returned to its' natural state).
- The Farmer's Market will be relocated.
- New entryways will be installed at Ford Field as well as ADA restroom facilities
- They are looking at possibilities for the existing Marquis Theatre
- Northville Downs project to begin this spring with a completion date in 3-4 years.
- If all goes well the current racetrack will be relocated in Plymouth Township.

Mayor Turnbull, very graciously stayed to answer questions after his presentation.

**50-50** The 50-50 was won by **David Batts**

**Weekly Drawing** – The weekly drawing was won by **Jeanne Trumpy**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15

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## Club Officers