



Tuesday, February 11, 2025



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Barry Simescu February 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Kurt Heise February 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

February 28<sup>th</sup> – 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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/RotaryBannerProgramBrochureandApplication.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

### Events

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

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

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

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

### Club Leaders



[James Gietzen](#)  
President



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President-Elect



[Daniel Amos](#)  
Treasurer



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[Preston Gee](#)  
Membership Chair

[Denise King](#)  
Youth



Exchange  
Chair



Chris  
Porman  
iPast  
President



Marie A.  
Morrow  
Club  
Executive  
Secretary

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 14<sup>th</sup>) as we put together **Penny's Birthday Cake Kits** for the Salvation Army

February 21<sup>st</sup> – Hear from the Red Cross

February 28<sup>th</sup> – 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Broadcaster January 24, 2025**

By Kurt L Heise



**Call to Order:**

**President James Geitzen** called the meeting to order. **Your Scribe** did double-duty today, delivering the daily meditation which reflected on the winter season and hope for brighter times ahead.

**Introduction of Guests:**

Guests today included **Paul Siom** and **Sister Mary Martha and Sister Marie**, visiting from Chicago. Our guests and club members enjoyed sliced pork and mashed potatoes for lunch.

**Special Announcement/Presentation:**

Two new members have been proposed for the Club's consideration:

- **Patricia Reese**, Psychologist, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

Proposers: **Chuck Lang and Russ Jones**

- **Sandra Kline**, Residential & Business Cleaning Services

Proposers: **Gail Grieger and Vikki Plagens**

If anyone has any objections to these proposals, they should be made to **Marie Morrow**, Executive Secretary within 7 days.

**Dave Williamson** was awarded his Paul Harris +4 pin by **President Geitzen**. Congratulations, Dave, from all your friends at the Plymouth Rotary.

## Announcements and Upcoming Events:

**Jan. 31** – Club Meeting at Schoolcraft College with Box Lunch (includes campus tour of new facilities).

**Feb. 7** – District 6400 Membership Program

**Feb. 14** – Lunch & Serve: Penny's Birthday cake kit assembly (a fun event!)

**Feb. 21** – Red Cross presentation

**Feb. 28 - NO LUNCH MEETING** – Evening club meeting at 5:30 p.m. at USA Hockey Arena. Featuring special discount tickets for USA Hockey vs. Omaha junior league hockey game.

Volunteers are also needed for our annual **4-Way Test Award** essay review committee. The award ceremony is in May, but essay review happens over the March-April timeline. See Carol Sochuck for more information.

## Today's Presentation – "New Member Huddle"

**Preston Gee** gave a detailed presentation on the various events, functions and major operations of the Plymouth Rotary Club. While many of these are well-known to senior members, it was a good update for new members and a welcome refresher for us all! Here's a rundown of what Preston touched on:

- **Club Stats:** We have 37 new members since the membership committee started formally meeting in 2023. The average age is 58. 20 new members in the past year. 50 new members in the past 5 years. 25 members have been with us for more than 25 years.
- **Golf Outing:** Proceeds go to Club account, then to Plymouth Rotary Foundation. About \$30,000 raised annually.
- **Art in the Park:** Proceeds go to Club account. Volunteers direct patrons to parking spots and collect a fee.
- **Chicken BBQ:** Proceeds go to Club account, then to Plymouth Rotary Foundation. About \$30,000 raised annually. Preston outlined the various volunteer opportunities available for the days up to and including the day of the event.
- **The Rotary Foundation:** The International Rotary 501(c)(3) supporting Rotary programs and initiatives around the world. A \$1,000 donation to the Foundation recognizes you as a Paul Harris Fellow, which can be donated more than once.
- **The Plymouth Rotary Foundation:** Our local Plymouth Rotary 501(c)(3) which is governed by a board of directors elected by Club members. The Foundation basically funds most of our external programs, scholarships, and donations. Members can donate \$1,000 to become a Walter Panse Fellow.
- **Walter Panse Gifts:** Members are encouraged to donate to the Plymouth Rotary Foundation by making a gift for their birthday or special life event.
- **The Collection Box, 50/50 Raffle, and Sargent at Arms:** These activities help collect small dollar amounts that really add up by the end of the year (upwards of \$2,000). That money also goes to the Plymouth Rotary

Foundation.

**50/50**

Wrapping things up, the 50/50 was won by **Denise King** for \$61. **Penny Joy** would have walked home with \$120 but she didn't make the meeting.

**Until we meet again –**

**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

Cesar with or without chicken

Greek with or without chicken

Spinach with or without chicken

Mediterranean