



Wednesday, January 29, 2025



Broadcaster January 24, 2025

By Kurt L Heise



Events

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Club Leaders



[James Gietzen](#)
President



[Candice Towers](#)
President-Elect



[Daniel Amos](#)
Treasurer



[Nancy Ann Baldwin](#)
Rotary Foundation Chair



[Preston Gee](#)
Membership Chair

[Denise King](#)
Youth

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:



Exchange
Chair



Chris
Porman
iPast
President



Marie A.
Morrow
Club
Executive
Secretary

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 –

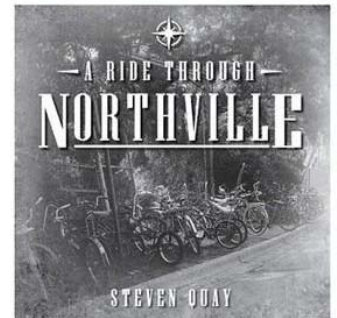
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By William Weber

January 17, 2025 Meeting

Call to Order President **James Gietzen** called the meeting to order at precisely 12:05m and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

June Kirchgatter delivered the meditation and spoke about the meaning of community, particularly in reference to the homes, families and communities in Southern California. June emphasized that communities are much more than just the tangibles but are also built on good will and better friendships. Communities are connections that one builds over time and she urged us to do one more thing for our own community....



Guests .Our guests included our speakers, **Ellen Elliott, Paul Snyder and Hugh Jordan** from Northville, Past District Governor and new Executive Director of the Northville Historical Society, **Traci Sincock, Kellas Brown** from RCB Industries and **All Kassab** , owner of Town Center Carpet.

January Birthdays Nancy Baldwin, Don Soenen, Mark Waller, Win Schrader, Jeff Horton, Denise King and Julie Howell

UPCOMING DATES

January 24, 2025 – Preston Gee shares tips and general information about the Club and our practices.

January 31, 2025 Meeting will be at Schoolcraft College hosted by Club member, **Matthew Wilson**. This meeting will include a behind-the-scenes tour of the Culinary Center, Vista Tech and the Health Sciences program.

February 7, 2025 As part of RI Speaker's Bureau we will hearing a thought provoking presentation on Membership

February 14, 2025 Service project. In what has become a tradition, we will be packing **Penny's Birthday Cakes** for local school children in honor of **Penny's** birthday.

February 21, 2025 – Diane Risk from the American Red Cross will discuss blood drives and other initiatives impacting our community.

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 stay for the game.

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.

Program - Northville's Forgotten Neighborhoods.

June Kirchgatter introduced today's speakers, **Hugh Jordan**, a Northville native and published author and **Ellen Elliott**, a Plymouth icon, author, who also volunteers at the Northville Historical Society. **Ellen, Hugh** and **Paul** were all contributors to the book. The title of the book is "**A Ride Through Northville**" and is available at the Northville Historical Society.

Hugh's vision was to write about Northville's Forgotten Neighborhoods starting with some of the demolished homes which included a history of who lived there and interviews with descendents when possible.

Ellen and Hugh described the process they used to approach this project. In short, they divided Northville into five distinct areas and provided a brief history of each of the areas.

The areas included **Beal Town and Surrounds, Orchard Heights and Surrounds, Buchner Hill and Surrounds, Cabbage Town and Surrounds** and the **Business District**. The presentation includes photos from each area as well as a bit of history. The presentation also included a segment on **Millrace Village**.

Their next project will be a "**History of Maybury Sanitorium**".

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

50/50 Today's raffle was worth \$73 and was won by **Candice Towers**.

2nd Chance – Robyn Hyde, had she been in attendance would've won \$100. Sorry Robyn. Next week's drawing will be worth \$120.

Four Way Test – President James led us in the recitation of the 4 Way Test.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.
Bill Weber, Scribe 1/19/2025

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