



Monday, March 4, 2024



## Events

March 8th  
**Plymouth Weekly  
Club Meeting**

March 9th  
**Rotary Night at the  
Museum**

March 15th  
**Plymouth Weekly  
Club Meeting**

March 22nd  
**Plymouth Weekly  
Club Meeting**

## Club Leaders



Chris Porman  
President



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## Broadcaster March 1, 2024

By Arthur W. Gulick on Monday, March 4, 2024



OPENING: **James Gietzen**, our 2024-2025 President, substituted for **President Chris**. **James** couldn't sound our fine heavy brass bell, because it's still on display at the Historical Museum's Plymouth Rotary exhibit, so he jingled the meeting to order with a little "ringing for assistance" bell. **James** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Kurt Heise**, who is the Plymouth Township Supervisor and must be glad to see an end to the season of snowy streets, delivered a Meditation that was a poem celebrating springtime.

GUESTS:

- **Maria**, a potential exchange student, was here with her dad, **Oliver**. They are from Westland and were guests of **Denise King**.
- **Kirk Sivic**, a long-time area resident, was the guest of **June Kirchgatter**. **Kirk** is a potential club member and is opening a new local office of Steri-Clean, Inc., offering clutter clean-up, crime scene cleanup and other services; see [www.choarders.com](http://www.choarders.com).
- **Bill West** was a guest of **Bruce Baxter**. **Bill's** late uncle **Earl West** was a Plymouth Rotarian for many years. **Bill** doesn't look that different from when he graduated from Plymouth High School with your reporter.
- **Dave Stechholz**, a member of Livonia AM Rotary, was the guest of PDG **Traci Sincock** (wife of our own PDG **Paul Sincock**).

COMING EVENTS: See prior Broadcasters for the stuff that's scheduled. A new item is the upcoming Four-Way Test Committee's essay contest for local middle-schoolers. Watch for committee Chair **Carol Souchok's** message requesting volunteer test graders.

YOUTH EXCHANGE: **PDG Paul Sincock**, who serves on the Central States Rotary Youth Exchange Committee as its Vice Chair and Country Correspondent for parts of Europe and for Africa, spoke to us about our exchange student program. Central States covers some twenty Rotary districts in the USA, sending about 120 students both inbound and outbound yearly. **Paul** and **Traci** have been the host family for many inbound students. **Denise King**, our club's Youth Exchange Committee Chair, reports that we are committed to hosting an inbound student next year. We will need five host families. **Denise** is looking for someone to take over the Chair position for 2025-2026.

SPEAKER: **Denise King** introduced our current exchange student, **Noa**, who hails from Charneux, a town near Liège, Belgium. He's 18 and comes from a family with a dad, mom, little sister, and a golden retriever. He's experiencing a year as a student at PCEP and plans to study business when he returns home.

FIFTY-FIFTY: **Al Blixt** won \$52 and **Jeff Stella** got the \$20 Second Chance prize.

FOUR-WAY TEST: We closed by reading our Rotary ethical test.

## Broadcaster February 16, 2024

By William Weber on Saturday, February 17, 2024

**Call to Order** President, **Chris Porman**, called the meeting to order at precisely 12:07pm. **Chris** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Paul Sincock**



gave the meditation and as usual asked that we take a moment in peace and meditation and urged us to make an impact on both our local and global communities. He also implored us to expand our image and to be bold in our thinking as we create new programs. In closing, Paul recited an old Apache saying meant to bring us into harmony as "we walk the good road together."



#### **Guests**

**Deborah Willett (Dave Willett's daughter)**

**Ashley Willett (Dave Willett's granddaughter)**

**Rachelle Vartanian (Today's speaker)**

A somewhat "off key" version of "Hello" welcomed the guests.

#### **February Birthdays**

- **Robin Hyde**
- **Barry Simescu**
- **Kurt Heise**
- **Josh Mrozowski**
- **Danny Hyman**
- **Jon Solace**
- **Penny Joy**
- **Paul Sincock**
- **Christina Vega**
- **James Gietzen**
- **Tom Adams**
- **Rich Eisiminger**

#### ***Special Announcements and Upcoming Events***

**February 23 - Chris** announced that our club will once again be hosting the "The Sun Never Sets on Rotary" meeting at noon on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please make every effort to attend the meeting on that day. Please plan on getting there a few minutes early so we can be all set up for the noon hookup.

**March 9** " This is **Rotary Night at the Museum**. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

**April 10** " Rotary BBQ Presentation at the Museum

**April 27** " District Assembly at St. Clair College (Windsor)

**May 3-5** " District Conference in Grand Rapids. The Board will pay \$250 towards conference cost to the first 10 attendees.

**May 20** " Golf Outing. This is a major club fund raiser so we need all hands on deck to be successful... This includes volunteering, being a sponsor, contacting potential sponsors and of course signing up to golf if you're so inclined.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July** " Rotary is planning to co-sponsor the Plymouth 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade with the Kiwanis. Chris is looking for volunteers to help. There are many opportunities. If you are interested, contact him. Chris noted that there have been no volunteers so far.

#### **Program " Living and Learning**

**Carol Souchock** introduced today's speaker **Rachelle Vartanian**. President and founder of Living and Learning Enrichment Center. **Rachelle**, the mother of an autistic child, chronicled her pathway to founding and leading the work at the Living and Learning Enrichment Center which is located in Northville. Rachelle was a Special Education teacher in the Farmington Public Schools for 20 years and left her position to found the

Living and Learning Center. Rachelle spoke about the autism spectrum and how children presenting autistic symptoms are frequently overlooked or misdiagnosed. Rachelle explained how there many strategies available to work with autistic children with very favorable results both short term and long term. Rachelle said that their mission is to support teens and adults with autism and/or related challenges reach their full potential in work relationships and in the community. There are a multitude of programs available to the clients they serve, including Art Therapy, Music Therapy, Applied Behavior Analysis, Social Skills Groups, Special Interest groups, Summer camps and the list goes on. This was a very moving program and captured the very essence of "Service Above Self"

Rachelle can be reached at [rvartanian@livingandlearningcenter.org](mailto:rvartanian@livingandlearningcenter.org)

**50/50** Today's raffle worth \$44 was won by **Mike Muma**.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Chance** "Terry Durkin" was not in attendance and missed out on \$80. Next week's put will be \$100.

**Four Way Test** "President Chris" led us in the recitation of the 4 Way Test.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05

**Lunch ordering- Advance sign up is IMPORTANT!**

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Maurice Salad

Ceasar with or without chicken

Greek with or without chicken

Spinach with or without chicken

Mediterranean