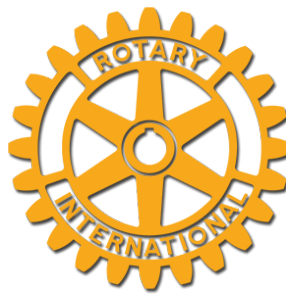


# Rotary

## Club of Plymouth



# IMAGINE ROTARY

### Plymouth

Meets at Plymouth Cultural Ctr.



525 Farmer Street  
Plymouth, MI 48170

Time: Friday at 12:00 PM

### Events

March 31st [Plymouth Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
April 11th [Plymouth Club Board Meeting](#)

Speaker:  
Stacie Diefenbach  
Subject:  
Miracle League Plymouth

April 14th [Plymouth Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
April 18th [Red Cross Blood Drive- Plymouth Rotary](#)

Speaker:  
New Member Induction  
Subject:  
Club Assembly

April 18th [Plymouth Foundation meeting](#)  
April 21st [Plymouth Weekly Club Meeting](#)

## Broadcaster March

By William Weber on Tuesday, March 28, 2023



did the meditation and urged everyone to follow the "Golden Rule" which also mirrors the Rotary "Four Way test."

### Introduction of Guests

**Don Soenen** introduced today's speaker **Lori Kitchen-Buschel**, Executive Director of First Step, **Theresa Bizou**, Director of Philanthropy and Capital Projects at First Step, **Melissa Daub**, Wayne County Commissioner, and **Mia Odeh**, Author.

### Special Announcements

Upcoming Board of Directors election.: There are three positions available on the Rotary Board of Directors. There are six candidates for these positions as follows: **James Gietzen (Incumbent)**, **Preston Gee**, **Diane Harrison**, **Dan Hordov**, **Don Soenen**, **Doug Willett**. If you haven't already done so, get your ballots returned this week.

**Centennial Museum Project** – This project is proceeding nicely but several items are still needed. Copies of the Broadcaster from the 60's, 70's, and 80's, any artifacts or photos that you may have hidden away. Also, past Presidents would you please provide the museum with your

**Call to Order Past President Eric Joy**, who once again was corralled into action by a family member who is still trying to work through the myriad intricacies of hurricane insurance coverage and FEMA, called the meeting to order at precisely 12:00 pm and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Mary Ann Wood**

**Speaker:**

Beth  
Meade

**Subject:**

Community  
Foundation  
- Canton  
and  
Plymouth

gavel (gavel will be returned at the end of the centennial display).

March 31, 2023 **Stacey Diefenbach**, Executive Director of Miracle League of Plymouth will be the speaker.

April 7, 2023. Good Friday – no meeting

April 14, 2023. Club assembly and induction of new members

April 18, 2023, Red Cross Blood Drive from 9:00am – 3:00pm at the Cultural Center Donors and volunteers needed. Contact **Laura Reiners**.

May 5-7 Imagine Collaboration District Conference at Caesars' Windsor. Our club will help to offset the cost of this conference by \$250.

May 22, 2023 Annual Golf Outing Volunteers are needed for three hour shifts. If you can help out please contact **Sandy Mily, Chuck Lang or David Batts**.

**Exchange student** - The club will be sponsoring an exchange student from Belgium next year. If you are interested in hosting this student please contact Denise King.

Library at Rotary Park. **Mary Lu Stone** reports that we are in need for Children's books for our library at the Rotary Park

**Program**

**First Step - Don Soenen** introduced The First Step Executive Director, **Lori Kitchen-Buschel**.

Lori began her presentation by thanking Rotary for our continued support, both financially and by providing "sweat equity" in helping to provide the park where program participants can find safe and comfortable surroundings during the time they are receiving services. First Step, whose 55 staff members provide free services to those impacted by Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. The services provided include the following:

- 24 -hour helpline
- 24-hour on call assault response
- Emergency shelter for individuals, families and their pets
- Transitional support housing
- Counseling, advocacy and support groups for adults and children
- Support and educations for family and friends
- Safety planning
- Criminal Court advocacy
- Personal Protection Order assistance
- Community education and outreach programs
- In-service training on domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking
- Legal, financial, medical and housing information and referrals

As you can see from the above, the services provided by First Step are most extensive. Last year alone they touched the lives of just under 9000 individuals.

**50-50** The 50-50 was won by **Dan Hordov**.

**Weekly Drawing** The winner this week would've been **Scott Lariche** had he been in attendance.

**Four Way Test**

The meeting was concluded with the recitation of the Four Way Test.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15

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**CALL TO ORDER:** **President Penny** called the meeting to order at the appointed hour and the talkative group came together. **Paul Sincock** was called upon to give the meditation moment. His thoughts were of thanks for the work that Rotary does in our local and global communities.

**GUESTS TODAY:** This past Friday we welcomed guests of **Carol Souchock** and **June Kirchgatter**.

**UPDATE FROM UKRAINE:** Our member **June Kirchgatter** updated us on our recent contributions to Ukrainian Relief efforts. Our funds in the amount of \$27,510 have been received and medical equipment has been ordered and is on the way. The first part of the shipment of supplies has been delivered to the front lines. We are expecting photos in the near future. Plymouth Rotary is making an impact in the global community.

**NEW MEMBERS:** This week we welcomed four new members. Please welcome **Al Blixt, Kyle Keaffaber, Robyn Baidas, and Bryce Billinski** to the Rotary family. They were all inducted by President **Penny**, and they were pinned by their sponsors.

**CLUB BOARD MEETING NOTES:** President **Penny** gave a brief report from the recent club Board of Directors meeting. The Board approved for publication a membership application of **Melanie Bell**, who was proposed by **Yasir Khogaii**. The club is looking at expanding the use of DACdb for engagement tracking and some of their financial modules. The Board also adopted the RI Club Constitution as required by Rotary International. There was a discussion about the use of the Rotary Master Brand and how all of our publications need to follow the Rotary standards. There was a discussion about participating in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and doing a year end picnic. The Board also approved accepting a Youth Exchange Student for the 2023 – 24 school year, with the hope of getting an outbound student for the 24 – 25 school year, applications for outbound students will be available in June.

**NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL:** In case you missed it above, **Melanie Bell** has been proposed for membership in our club. Anyone with objections should contact the Executive Secretary or Club President.

**UPCOMING:** Coming up on May 22, 2023, is the Plymouth Rotary Golf Outing. **Chuck Lang** told

us that they are looking for volunteers and golfers for this event. If you can volunteer a few hours on that day, please contact **Chuck Lang** for assignment.

ALSO UPCOMING: The club is sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Cultural Center on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for both volunteers and donors to assist in this club effort. Please roll up your sleeve and help out in this effort. For More information or a flyer for your business to help promote the event please contact **Laura Reiners** at [laura.reiners@gwcares.org](mailto:laura.reiners@gwcares.org).

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: Coming up on March 19<sup>th</sup>, **Mike Muma** will have completed another trip around the sun. **Jeanne Trumpy** celebrates her birthday on March 25 and **Hayley Koetje** will be celebrating on March 25. Celebrating Rotary Anniversaries this month include Bill Weber with 15 years, **Rich Eisiminger** has 13 years as a Rotarian, **Ken Jenkins** is celebrating 9 year, while **Diane Harrison** has four years as a Rotarian. **Jim Schebil** has 40 years, **Bob Waite** has 20 years, **Dave Batts** is celebrating 17 years. **Paul Opdyke** has 17 years as a Rotarian and **Marti McLeish and Dan Kudra** both have two years in Plymouth Rotary. In all 11 of our members are celebrating 159 years of Rotary membership this month.

DISTRICT CELEBRATION: The weekend of May 5 – 7 the Rotary District, which our club is a member of will be celebrating awards and awesome speakers at the Rotary District Conference at Caesars Windsor Resort and Casino. To learn more about Rotary and what Rotary does in southeast Michigan, southwest Ontario and across the world you should attend the District Conference. Also, the club will help pay for you to attend. The club will pay \$250 towards your attendance at the conference. The cost is \$999.00 for two, including two nights in a luxury room overlooking the Detroit skyline at Caesars Windsor, all of your meals starting Friday night through Sunday breakfast. You also get free valet parking, Rotary fellowship and some great speakers including **Mitch Albom, Rotary International President Jennifer Jones** and more. Sign up today at [www.rotary6400.org](http://www.rotary6400.org). For more information contact President **Penny or Paul Sincock**.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS: Soon our club will be celebrating 100 years of service to the local and global community. We have contracted with archivists at the Plymouth Historical Museum to put together our club history. So far, they have reviewed and catalogued 12,501 pieces of history about our club. They are still looking for our Broadcaster newsletter from the 60's, 70's and 80's. They are also looking for any artifacts, think signs, posters, photos, banners, Rotary "stuff." They are also looking to borrow Rotary Presidential gavels for the upcoming display at the museum. Contact **President Penny** if you have any "Rotary stuff" that might be of some help to write the history of our club. No item is too small, and no item is too big.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION: All club members should have received their ballots for the Club Board of Directors. **Those running are James Gietzen (incumbent), Dan Hordov, Preston Gee, Diane Harrison, Don Soenen and Doug Willett.** Please vote for not more than three and return your ballots immediately.

UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST:

- March 21 – Club Foundation Board of Directors Meeting 5:00 p.m. Christensen's Plant Center
- April 18 – Red Cross Blood Drive – Plymouth Cultural Center 9:00 to 3:00
- May 5 – 7 – Rotary District Conference, Caesars Windsor Resort
- May 22 – Plymouth Rotary Golf Outing

WINNERS OF THE WEEK: Your reporter missed who won ( **it was Yasir Khogali and he donated it back!**) the 50/50 pot of \$61.00. **Bob Petersen** would have won \$20 in the second chance drawing, IF he was in attendance.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Perhaps this is a good thought for a younger generation. Walt Disney once said, "People often ask me if I know the secret of success? My answer is you do it by working."

WITH THAT HAVE A SUPER POSITIVE WEEK!

Paul J. Sincock

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## Broadcaster March 3, 2023

By William Weber on Saturday, March 4, 2023

# Friends of the ROUGE

**Call to Order** Past President **Eric Joy**, was corralled into action by a family member who is in Florida trying to work through the myriad intricacies of hurricane insurance coverage, 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 dug deep into the world of poetry for today's inspiration.

### Introduction of Guests

Future Rotarian, **Kyle Keaffaber** was in attendance. Also visiting from the Livonia noon Rotary Club was Todd J.

### Special Announcements

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Individuals proposed for membership are as follows: **Robyn Hyde**, **Al Blixit**, **Kyle Keaffaber**, and **Bryce Blinski**. Induction is scheduled for March 17.

### Coming Events

March 15, 2023 Rotary Foundation Meeting will be held at Christensen's Admin Building 6141 Godfredson at 5:00pm.

April 18, 2023, Red Cross Blood Drive from 9:00am – 3:00pm at the Cultural Center

May 5-7 Imagine Collaboration District Conference at Ceasars Windsor.

May 22, 2023 Annual Golf Outing

**Exchange Student**

Request from Denise King regarding exchange student Juan Gonzales from Columbia  
"Juan is a very respectful and engaging individual. He has some very passionate interests that he would enjoy experiencing during his stay in the United States. History, art, hunting, archery, fishing, nature hikes and veterinary science are his passions and interests. He would enjoy the opportunity to have some experiences in the areas listed below.  
If you are able, he would be extremely grateful and your experience with Juan will be just as rewarding.

Here are some examples of experiences that Juan would welcome and appreciate:

1. Hiking and exploring parks
2. Visiting the Detroit Institute of Art Museum
3. Visiting the Detroit Science Museum
4. Visiting the MSU Campus of Veterinarian Medicine
5. Visiting the Henry Ford Museum
6. Archery shooting—he's a very avid shooter
7. A golfing experience (never golfed)
8. A hunting adventure
9. Fishing experience—Juan loves to fish
10. Visit to the Michigan State Capital
11. Horseback riding
12. Shopping

Please let me know if you are interested in sharing some time with Juan or you can call him directly at 586 248 2490

Thanks to **Chuck Lang** for his generous birthday contribution to the Foundation.

### Program

Friends of the Rouge

**Don Soenen** introduced The Friends of the Rouge Executive Director, **Marie McCormick**. Marie provided us with detailed information as well as current and planned initiatives to help to grow a healthier Rouge River. Marie emphasized the importance of being all inclusive regarding gathering input from all the communities and community members in the Rouge Watershed. Marie provided information of the many Restoration Programs and the impact they have had on the watershed. It should be noted that our own Rotary Club donated \$10,000 towards the Rain Gardens in the PARC parking lot. **Don Soenen** was able to secure an additional \$400,000 to assist with this project. On numerous occasions staff members and volunteers help to monitor the stream conditions by doing bug hunts, frog and toad surveys, fish monitoring and stonefly research. Some interesting facts about the Rouge Watershed are that it encompasses 467 square miles in Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties. There are four major branches with 126 river miles. There are approximately 1.35-1.5 million people living in the watershed area. This was a most interesting presentation and I would encourage Rotarians to go to [plymoputhrotary.org](http://plymoputhrotary.org) and click on the face book icon and watch Marie's presentation in its entirety.

**50-50** The 50-50 was won **Dave Batts**

**Weekly Drawing** The winner this week was **Candice Tower**.

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