

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

April 11th [Plymouth Club Board Meeting](#)
April 14th [Plymouth Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker:
New Member Induction
Subject:
Club Assembly

April 18th [Red Cross Blood Drive- Plymouth Rotary](#)
April 18th [Plymouth Foundation meeting](#)

April 21st [Plymouth Weekly Club Meeting](#)
April 28th [Plymouth Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Beth Meade
Speaker: PCCS Bond Update
Subject: Community Foundation
Subject: Monica Marritt

Broadcaster March 31, 2023

By Kurt L Heise on Friday, March 31, 2023



Call to Order:

Past President Eric Joy called the meeting to order. It was another nice crowd today with at least 35 in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the group, and **Your Scribe** delivered the meditation for the day which featured the famous quote "In the Arena" by President **Theodore Roosevelt**. Lunch featured a chicken stir fry.

Introduction of Guests:

Guests today included **Deb Madonna, Beth Stewart** and **Stacey Diefenbach** from the Miracle League of Plymouth.

Announcements and Upcoming Events:

Items are still needed for the Plymouth Rotary Centennial exhibit at the Historical Museum. They are looking for old Broadcasters, Presidents' gavels, photos, and other items. You will get them back!

- **NO MEETING** this Friday the 7th – Good Friday.
- **April 14** – Club Assembly and New Member Induction
- **April 18** – Red Cross Blood Drive, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Cultural Center
- **Rotary 6400** District Conference at Caesars Palace in Windsor, May 5-7. Register with Sue Campbell at suecampbell922@gmail.com or online at rotary6400.org.
- **Golf Outing** is May 22. Not a golfer? Volunteers are needed as well throughout the day. Contact Sandy Mily, Chuck Lang, or Dave Batts for details. They also need "gift cards,

cash and booze" for the raffle items!

Special Program:

The club was honored to have **Deb Madonna and Stacey Diefenbach** as our guest speakers. Deb is well-known in the Plymouth Community and was one of the founders of the Miracle League of Plymouth. Their specialized field and clubhouse, Bilkie Family Field, was built in 2011 just south of the Cultural Center by the PARC football field. Stacey is the new Executive Director of the Miracle League, lives in Farmington Hills, and has two special needs children of her own. She also serves on the Farmington Hills Recreation Commission representing children with special needs.

Miracle League of Plymouth accepts anyone 5 years and older with a disability, and now has 12 teams with 190 players. They also need volunteer 'buddies' 16 and older to work with the players, as well as announcers, concession stand workers, photographers, and set-up/tear down assistance.

The Miracle League also offers two basketball seasons, holiday celebrations, and special events to expose members to new experiences, like swimming, rock climbing, and music.

Of course, donations to the Miracle League are always appreciated by emailing Stacey at Stacey@miracleleagueofplymouth.com or by sending a check to Miracle League of Plymouth, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth MI 48170. Sponsorships range from \$500 to \$6,000. You can also follow them on all the major social media services.

50/50

Wrapping things up, the 50/50 was won by **Joyce Johnson**, and **Johnathon Solace** would have won the Second Chance for \$60.

Until we meet again –

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Salad options available:

Maurice Salad

Caesar with or without chicken

Greek with or without chicken

Spinach with or without chicken

Mediterranean

Broadcaster March

By William Weber on Tuesday, March 28, 2023

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** 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 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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Broadcaster March 17, 2023

By Paul J. Sincok on Saturday, March 18, 2023



CALL TO ORDER: President Penny called the meeting to order at the appointed hour and the talkative group came together. **Paul Sincok** 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 4th 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 18th. 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.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: Coming up on March 19th, **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. 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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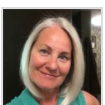
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