

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

May 26th [NO Weekly Club Meeting-Memorial Day Holiday](#)

May 26th [Music in the Air](#)

May 27th [Rotary International Convention](#)

June 2nd [Plymouth Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker:
Scholarship Recipients
Subject: Bill Weber

June 2nd [Music in The Air - Concert Sponsored by Plymouth Rotary](#)

June 9th [Music in the Air](#)

June 13th [Plymouth Club Board Meeting](#)

June 16th [Plymouth Club Picnic](#)
Speaker:
Club Picnic

June 16th [June 20th](#)

Broadcaster May 19, 2023

By Chris Porman on Wednesday, May 24, 2023



President Penny Joy rang the Rotary Bell at 12:05 to welcome us to our club meeting where we honor our Rotary 4-Way Test Essay Winners.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, **President-Elect Porman** provided the meditation with words by **Shel Silverstein**:

The Voice

There is a [voice](#) inside of you that whispers all day [long](#), 'I [feel](#) that this is right for me, I know that this is [wrong](#).' No [teacher](#), preacher, [parent](#), [friend](#)

or [wise](#) man can [decide](#) what's right for you - just [listen](#) to the voice that speaks inside.

Lunch today was salad and pasta; always a crowd favorite.

Following lunch, **President Penny** explained to our guests and students what Rotary is and what it is we do. She explained the history of the organization and why we do what we do.

The program today was the 4-Way Test Essay Contest. This committee is Co-Chaired by **Bruce Baxter and Carol Souchock**, with many thanks for all the readers.

Bruce introduced Superintendent of Plymouth Canton Community Schools, **Dr. Monica Merritt**, who continued the theme of student voices. She also spoke about the opportunities PCCS has to offer and how our students are our next leaders in the community.

Bruce returned to the podium and explained to the group what the 4-Way Test was and how it is the model for how Rotarians navigate life. He went on to talk about the contest and how many participants. Bruce thanked all the essay readers for their help, as well as the principals and families for their support. A pamphlet explaining the history of the Four Way Test was given to all in attendance. Thanks Penny!

4-Way Test Essay Contest Winners

West Middle School 1st Place 2nd Place

6th Grade Lilly Kiolbasa Owen Rdipath

7th Grade Isla Avery Jones Nick Hayes

8th Grade Eric Early Tyler Tellez

Liberty Middle School 1st Place 2nd Place

6th Grade Keira Penney Maddilyn Tindall

7th Grade Katelyn Ealorega Alaina Patel

8th Grade Lisa Bhuiyan None

Virtual Academy 1st Place 2nd Place

6th Grade Aarti Pradham Evelyn Lorena Duceac

7th Grade Liam Velk Adien Mical

8th Grade Zahraa Albu-ali Enxi Lin

Discovery Middle School 1st Place 2nd Place

6th Grade Abrianna Wroblewski Sofia Teraguchi

7th Grade Madison Kazensky Kayla Konwerski

8th Grade Aliana Lara-Valerio Elvin Cao

President Penny shared that in each bag given to the award winners, there was a 4-Way Test coin for them to carry to remind them of it and to use it to help make good, educated decisions throughout their lives.

Announcements

Last weekend, the USPS/Salvation Army Food Drive collected over 30,000 lbs of food for those in need.

Music in the Air begins this Friday, May 26th. Join fellow Rotarians under and near our tent for camaraderie and great music each Friday this summer. A sign up sheet is being passed at each club meeting!

Main Street Flower planting is tomorrow Saturday 20 @ 8:30 am. Come enjoy coffee, donuts and good conversations while we work together!

Sign up for Meet the Governor Night for our very own, **Russ Jones** is still ongoing. Please let **President Penny** know if you are going and if you want to ride the bus. The more we get to go, the bigger the bus and the less the cost.

Sam Kennedy, Assistant Governor, came up and talked about District Conference for

next year, which will be held in Grand Rapids. Sam also spoke about Rotary Clubs reaching out and helping each other on their service projects.

Closing

50/50 was won by **Doug Willett**- he donated it to the Foundation! And 2nd Chance would've gone to **Craig D'Agostini**.

Yours in Service

Chris Porman

Broadcaster Rep.

Broadcaster May 12, 2023

By Timothy E. Joy on Saturday, May 13, 2023

President Penny called the meeting to order and after a minute or two order was achieved. Penny explained that the meeting would begin differently than usual.

The meeting began with a remembrance of **Stephanie Goecke** who passed away this past week. As all stood, Penny shared her life experiences with Stephanie while working on Rotary projects. Stephanie loved Rotary! She loved children! She was dedicated to the law! Penny chuckled when she recalled Stephanie's marvelous sense of humor! Penny asked for a moment of silence and asked all to remember Stephanie. At this time, there are no funeral arrangements. The family has asked that Memorial Contributions be made to the Plymouth Rotary Foundation.



Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance and then Penny invited **Mary Ann Wood** to come to the podium and share a meditation with the group.

She shared that she has enjoyed driving through downtown Plymouth and seeing all the tulips in flower. They were planted by many of us gathered here. It always makes her smile and makes many others smile! The flowers add beauty to our city. They show someone cared! They show that resources were invested- resources of time, effort, and treasure. Mary Ann shared a poem about Flowers by Wendy Cope.

Guests- Dan Hordov introduced the President of our Interact Club at the Park- **Mariella Ma**.

News Bulletin!!! Members noted that **Dan Hordov** has had a haircut! The first since COVID I think! Everyone chuckled.

Lunch was soup and sandwiches with cookies for dessert!

President Penny called the meeting back in session a bit early.

Penny reminded the club that we are a major sponsor of Music in the Air each Friday evening during the summer. A sign-up sheet was passed to sign up. Open dates remain: June 2; June 30; July 28; August 4; August 25. If you were not at the meeting and are willing to help out – please let Penny know. We have seating for 12 under the Rotary tent.

Update from our PCEP Interact Club

Since **Mariella** needs to get back to school, she was our first presenter and share with us what is happening with our InterAct Club. **Dan Hordov**, our club's Interact advisor, introduced **Mariella** to the club. She shared that they meet biweekly at the Canton

Cafeteria with 20-40 members. Meetings begin with the recitation of the Four Way Test to promote fellowship among members. Their meetings involve service projects for the school, teaching staff and the community. The Interacts fund raising efforts are focused on charitable works outside of the US. Their Peace Summit at the end of the school year is a celebration of that effort!

Plymouth Rotary Foundation Annual Meeting-

Chuck Lang, Foundation President, called the meeting to order. Chuck shared an invocation inspiring each of us to serve with wisdom and kindness. Friends are all about us with gifts and talents to share.

Today's meeting is to conduct nominations for new board members. He introduced our current board members- **Ed Schulz, Vice President; Tim Joy, Treasurer; Bill Weber, Secretary; David Batts, member; Bruce Baxter, member; Rich Eisiminger, member; Ron Lowe, member; Warren Musson, member; Herman Theeke, member.**

Tim Joy was introduced as the Nominating Committee chair. Also serving on the committee were **Dave Batts and Bruce Baxter**. Eight candidates were proposed for election. They are: **Ed Schulz, incumbent; John Buzuvis; Gary Stolz; Bari Livsey; Preston Gee; Dan Hordov; Kirk Kohn; and Dan Kudra**. Nominations from the floor were requested 3 times. A motion to accept the current nominees and close nominations was made, seconded and passed. Ballots will be mailed out and must be returned by noon on June 12th.

Carolyn Mayer representing the Golf Outing Committee asked for donations to the basket raffle that will occur at the outing. She solicited any items that could be combined into a basket. Also requested items for a goody bag. The outing has 4 foursomes available for the May 22nd outing.

June Kirchgatter, Membership chair, followed up on last week's program with information about DEI. June shared some club statistics about our club: in one year, the average age of our club has moved from 65 years to 60 years; 37% female, 63% male; 25% of the club has been a Rotarian for 25+ years; 43% of the club's members are 5 years or less. Since August 1st we have added 13 new members and will induct number 14 next month!

Centennial Project- President Penny requested any and all past Presidents to loan their gavel to the history project at the Historical Museum.

Postal Food Drive is this Saturday May 13, 2023! The food collected goes to our own Salvation Army in Plymouth. Please put a bag out by your mailbox!

Meet the Governor! June 27th Our member Russ Jones is the incoming District Governor. At that meeting a banner is passed from the current governors club to our club. Pres Penny wants a good showing of Plymouth Rotarians to receive the banner and doesn't want the largest club in the district to be embarrassed with a tiny showing! There will be a bus chartered to transport the throng to Amherstburg, Ont for the event (4 pm departure). Bring \$45 USD cash for the event and the bus will cost \$40 to \$50 also.

Rotary Bell has run out of space to add plaques with President's names to the base. If you are a woodworker looking for a project, please let Penny know of your interest.

Four Way Test essay contest winners will be presented at the May 19th meeting. We expect 40 guests for that event and it is a little embarrassing if our members do not show up at the meeting to support this effort. Please attend to show your support of the essay contest. Make sure there are Rotarian at each table to talk to parents about Rotary. Remind middle school kids know about our InterAct Club at the PCEP.

Flower planting on Main Street, May 20 @ 8:30- 10:30 am. Come join us! Bring the family!

No meeting May 26th! Memorial day holiday.

Dan Hordov won (\$55) the 50/50! **Pat Kendrick** would have won the second chance if in attendance (and bought a ticket)!

President Penny ended the meeting with the Four Way Test! We adjourned 5 minutes early! Amazing!

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

Club Leaders



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