

Saturday, June 1, 2024



## Broadcaster May 31, 2024

By Arthur W. Gulick on Friday, May 31, 2024



### Events

June 7th  
[Plymouth Weekly Club Meeting](#)

June 7th  
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June 28th  
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### Club Leaders



[Chris Porman](#)  
President



[James Gietzen](#)  
President-Elect



[Candice Towers](#)  
Secretary



[James Van Horn III](#)  
Treasurer



[Charles J. Bares](#)  
Rotary Foundation Chair

### OPENING

President **Chris Porman** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Delivering a Meditation Moment, PDG **Paul Sincock** read US President Harry Truman's 1949 message calling for the transition from war to peace.

### FOUR-WAY TEST ESSAY WINNERS

Chairpersons **Carol Souchock** and **Bruce Baxter** presented the award program for local middle school students who were selected as winners in our club's recent essay contest.

The students were challenged to write essays applying the Rotary Four-Way Test (see below) to personal challenges. Our meeting room at the Plymouth Cultural Center was filled with winning students, family members, and teachers who joined us for lunch.

Bruce recognized contributors who helped make our program possible, including Vassal's Main Street Catering and Helen Yancy Fine Art and Photography. Jackie George supplied decorations for our dining tables.

**Monica Merritt**, Plymouth Rotarian and P-CCS Superintendent congratulated the contest winners. Originally an English teacher, Monica Merritt was recognized as 2023 Superintendent of the Year by the Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators.

The two top student essays, thoughtful and impressive, were read to us. Then all students were called forward to be recognized and to shake hands with DG Russ Jones and President Chris. A total of 29 students were congratulated from seven local middle schools:

- All Saints Catholic School
- P-CCS Virtual Academy
- Liberty Middle School
- Pioneer Middle School
- Discovery Middle School
- East Middle School, and
- West Middle School

Over 500 students participated in this year's contest.

Bruce thanked all the students, parents, administrators and teachers who helped make this contest a success. Bruce urged the students to investigate joining the Interact Club when they get to high school, and he encouraged parents to think about joining Rotary.

### UPCOMING EVENTS



June Kirchgatter  
Membership  
Chair



Denise King  
Youth  
Exchange  
Chair



Penny Joy  
iPast  
President



Marie A. Morrow  
Club  
Executive  
Secretary

- Fourth of July Parade: we need Rotarians to volunteer for this effort, which we are doing jointly with Kiwanis.
- On July 20, 2024, our club's 100-year anniversary Gala will be held at the Mayflower Meeting House. For tickets, go to <https://www.simpletix.com/e/rotary-club-of-plymouths-century-of-service-tickets-162216>

#### CLOSING

**Denise King** won the Fifty-Fifty drawing.

We ended the meeting by reciting the Four-Way Test:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Is it beneficial to all concerned?

#### SPECIAL NOTE

Opening this weekend at the Plymouth District Library is the new outdoor Wilcox Amphitheater, named after the late Plymouth philanthropist Jack Wilcox. It's in front of the library, nestled in an elegantly landscaped nook next to City Hall.

## Broadcaster May 17, 2024

By William Weber on Monday, May 20, 2024



#### Call to Order

President, **Chris Porman**, called the meeting to order at precisely 12:07pm. Chris led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Elizabeth Orbits** led the meditation by quoting from several Rotarians from across the country with the overall theme of "service Above Self."

#### Guests

**Kasey Kohn** introduced her husband, **Steve Pranger** as her guest.

#### May Birthdays

**Dave Willett, Al Blixit, Dianne Harrison, Art Gulick, James Van Horn, Ken Jenkins, Drake Filippis, Mike Howell, Matt Wilson, Russ Jones and Melanie Bell.**

#### UPCOMING DATES

- May 18<sup>th</sup> – Rotary Flower Planting – Main St. Islands and Rotary Park (8:30am)
- May 20<sup>th</sup> Rotary Golf Outing is a sellout however the committee could always use an extra hand on the 20<sup>th</sup>.
- May 24<sup>th</sup> - First night for Music in the Air at Kellogg Park. Chris announced that a new tent is on the way! **Dave Batts** will be sending out a sign up sheet for attendance at the Friday concerts.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade- joint venture between Rotary and Kiwanis. Looking for help with planning and on the day of the parade. See Chris Porman for more
- July 20<sup>th</sup>: 100th year gala at the Mayflower Meeting House. Dinner and program being planned. There have already been several people registered and some sponsorships have been secured.

**NO MEETING NEXT WEEK 5/24/2024 Enjoy Memorial Day! Thank a Veteran!**

### **Program -Presentation of Rotary Memorial Scholarships**

**Bill Weber** presented the recipients of the Memorial Scholarships. These scholarships take into account several factors including academic achievement, leadership, character, school activities, community service as well as financial need. The many service projects that these recipients have been involved in are truly remarkable as are their academic achievements. Aside from all of their achievements, they are just really nice people who do very much for other people.

All of these students exhibited leadership traits by participating in Student Government, National Honor Society, Service clubs including Interact and Key Club. In some capacity, they served as mentors to other students including participating in Link Crew where upperclassmen adopt incoming freshman to help them acclimate themselves to school... All of them have participated in athletics and activities ranging from basketball, swimming, cross country track and field wrestling, Science Olympiad, National Honor Society, Aeronautics club, and Scouting to name just a few. Not only did they participate in these activities, they were selected to be captains and/or leaders of their teams.

Much of this scholarship is also based on community service. When we look at this aspect we are looking to the experiences that students have that are not related to mandatory service often associated with clubs such as NHS or Interact. I guess the best way to describe it- what do these students do when no one is looking and the services they participate in are outside of any requirements. Rest assured their contributions are impressive.

The recipients are as follows:

**Maya Joiner** - Maya will receive a scholarship totaling \$6,000 and will be attending Hiram University in the fall and plans to study Biology and Psychology and perhaps find time to play a little basketball.

**Emily Lin** - Emily will receive a scholarship totaling \$4,000 and will be attending The University of Michigan in the fall and plans to study engineering.

**Gage Ellis** - Gage will receive a scholarship totaling \$12,000 and will be attending Western Michigan University in the fall and plans to study Aviation Science.

**Anirudh (Ani) Krushman** - Ani will receive a scholarship totaling \$12,000 and will be attending Johns Hopkins University in the fall and plans to study Applied Mathematics and Statistics.

### **Students and Parents/Guardians**


**Maya Joiner – Karen Braxton**

**Emily Lin – Anthony Lin and Mary Cheng**

**Gage Ellis – Patrick Driscoll, Jimmie Driscoll**

**Ani Krishnan – Venky Krishnan, Vidya Krishnan**

**50/50** Today's raffle was won by **Tim Joy for \$51. Hush, don't tell Penny!!!**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Chance** – **Linda Jones** was not in attendance and missed out on the 2<sup>nd</sup> chance dollars.



**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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Salad options available:

Maurice Salad

Cesar with or without chicken

Greek with or without chicken

Spinach with or without chicken

Mediterranean