

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

November 3rd
[Plymouth Weekly Club Meeting](#)

November 10th
[Plymouth Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Broadcaster October

By Kurt L Heise on Tuesday, October 31, 2023



Call to Order:

Chris Porman called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the group, and **your scribe** delivered the meditation for the day. Lunch featured enchiladas, beans, and rice. A special cake was served in honor of our District Governor's attendance today.

Introduction of Guests:

There were 2 guests today: **Bill Jasman** from Trenton and **Josh Rimatzki**, a candidate for Plymouth City Commission.

Those celebrating birthdays in attendance were **Dan Amos** and **Nick Moroz**.

Upcoming Events:

- **November 3** – Plymouth Rotary Centennial Update
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- **November 9** – Rotary Foundation Banquet at Crystal Gardens, Southgate. \$75.00 per person. Go to the District 6400 website for details.
- **November 9** - Join the Plymouth Kiwanis for their Veterans Day luncheon at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Noon – 1:30. Contact Dr. Ralph Bozell at rbozell@umich.edu for details.
- **November 10** – Annual Rotary Veterans Day luncheon
- **November 15** – Lunch with VFW
- **“Town Hall Speaker Series”** sponsored by Plymouth Rotary is Tuesday, December 5 at 7 p.m. at the Cultural Center. The guest is Doug Griffiths, author of *‘13 Ways to Kill your Community.’*
- **December 9** – Rotary Zone 28 Membership Summit at Embassy Suites in Troy, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing is coming up the weekend of December 15-16. **Laura Reiners** is serving as Chair this year and she will be sending out a Signup Genius to the group this weekend. This year we are also adding Picnic Basket Market as a location.

Chris also mentioned that he is looking for volunteers to help organize and participate in a Soup Kitchen outreach event at St. Leo’s in Detroit. See Chris for details.

Program:

We were honored to have Rotary **District 6400 Governor Russ Jones** for his official Club Visit today. Russ was joined by his wife **Barb** and was warmly welcomed by his home club. Russ’ involvement in Rotary of course started in our club, where he was President in 2015-’16 and has been involved in numerous leadership and volunteer roles both in Plymouth and in Rotary 6400 and internationally, providing aid and resources to people in need in Honduras in 2008 and ’10.

Governor Russ had the honor at today’s meeting to induct two new members to the Club – **Melissa Daub and Carol Marvin**. **Melissa** was sponsored by **Nick Moroz** and **Carol** by **Don Soenen**. **Governor Russ** also bestowed Paul Harris Fellow recognition pins to **Jean Trumpy and Gary Stolz** for their generous contributions.

Governor Russ continued his inspirational remarks by emphasizing the 2024 Rotary Theme of ‘Creating Hope in the World, and how all of Rotary’s 1.5 million members worldwide can all point to and share their own “Rotary Moment” that has inspired them to continue the good work of Rotary. Russ went on to share his own personal stories of Rotary Moments, as well as his District 6400 Theme for this year – “Be the One.” He stressed the importance of Rotarians serving in leadership roles, especially club presidents and committee/project chairs, and that everyone at the club level needs to support and encourage their leaders.

Governor Russ also took time to announce the ‘Be the One’ District Conference in Grand Rapids, set for May 3-5 at the Amway Grand Plaza.

Finally, **Governor Russ** pointed out his personal goals for this year – Environment, Human Trafficking, and Mental Health. He will be working with Rotary clubs and other allies throughout the year focusing on these important issues both locally and regionally.

50/50

Wrapping things up, the 50/50 was won by **Warren Musson** for \$64; **Dave Willett** won the second chance for \$60.

Until we meet again –

Broadcaster October 20, 2023

By Arthur W. Gulick on Sunday, October 22, 2023

OPENING

President **Chris Porman** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. In her Meditation, **Mary Ann Wood** reminded us to be thankful that our region of the world is secure from the devastation of war, and that we can feel sure food and shelter. Mary Ann prayed for peace and reminded us of our commitment as Rotarians to work for a better world.



GUESTS

- **Carol Marvin** is once again a guest. Next week Carol will be inducted as a member!
- **David Mueller**, owner of Bode's Corned Beef House, 280 N. Main St, was **Chuck Lang's** guest.
- **Randy Kuckuck**, who comes from Monroe, MI, was Dave Willett's guest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Remember the Rotary Foundation Dinner in Southgate November 9, 2023.
- **October 27 – Official visit from District Governor Russ Jones.**
- There will be a Cemetery Walk on October 28, 2023, 4:00-6:00 pm. Groups will have guided strolls through Riverside Cemetery.
- Kiwanis has invited us to attend their Veteran's Day celebration on November 9. It's a lunch meeting at the Plymouth Historical Museum. **Dr. Ginny Creasman** will speak.
- Our club will honor veterans at our November 10 meeting.
- We're having a lunch for veterans at the VFW on Mill Street November 15, 2023.
- Reserve the evening of December 5 to hear **Doug Griffiths'** Townhall Speaker presentation at the Penn Theater. Griffiths will address community improvement.
- We will be bellringing for the Salvation Army again this year. Our weekend will be December 15 and 16, 2023. Look for a Signup Genius message to schedule your session and site.
- It would be great if we could resume our trips to Saint Leo's Church in Detroit to prepare noon meals for the local community. Call **Chris Porman** if you are willing to volunteer to organize this.

SERGEANT AT ARMS

Cam Miller sent **Chris Porman** and **Barry Simescu** with baskets to collect fines. Cam singled out Rotarians who did not participate in planting bulbs in downtown Plymouth last weekend.

SPEAKER

School Psychologist **Kathy Grodus** and Assistant Superintendent **Liz Vartanian-Gibbs** told us about the activities of the new Department of Student and Family Engagement at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. They plan to provide students and their families with wrap-around services, including clothing, food, tutoring, health care, dental, vision screening and mental health support. Recent efforts open to the public include:

- "Walking With Grief" at the Penn Theater on November 14, 2023;

- *Painless: the Opioid Musical*, presented in cooperation with the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre and Dance on November 27 at the Penn Theater. The work is inspired by true stories of opioid use disorder and recovery and is intended to reinforce student's standard health curriculum.
- P-CCS Mental Health & Wellness Fair, April 27, 2024, 10:00 am at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

FIFTY-FIFTY

Denise King read the winning number: Rachel Ross got \$54.00.

We closed with the Rotary Four-Way Test.

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

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