

Rotary Club of Plymouth



Monday, August 29, 2022

Broadcaster scribe admits error

By Timothy E. Joy on Monday, August 29, 2022



8/29/2022

Your scribe created quite a stir with the publication of the latest Broadcaster! The issue at hand is the winner of the 50/50 pot of money.

Your scribe reported the wrong amount AND stated that no one was the winner. Oh, how I was wrong!

Our guest **Jerry Vorva** was the winner of the handsome fortune of \$78.00. I'm sure that will put him well on his way to his Around the World Cruise! Well, maybe it will fill his gas tank- whichever comes first!

Congratulations to Jerry!

Your Scribe! Tim Joy

State of the Barbi Broadcaster!!!!

By Timothy E. Joy on Friday, August 26, 2022

August 26,2022

This happens to be my Father's 113th birthday! Oh, how I wish I could talk to him again!

It is also the day of celebration for Women getting the Vote! Yahoo!

This is the annual State of the Barbie meeting for the 66th time! This event is only 7 years younger than I am! That's old.

Today, our meeting took off a little past 12:05pm because more than 45 Rotarians arrived for this meeting! Another table had to be set up! That gave us time to chat and enjoy each others company! It's been a while! Thanks for coming!

Penny rang the bell and called the meeting to order. Well, she tried! The roar of conversation kept going! Finally, the group realized they had to quit talking- and shut up! Then **Penny** welcomed guests- **Tod Jaggi** from Livonia noon and someone else- I couldn't hear the name. Sorry!

Penny asked all to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance together. As Rotarians, we have done this for many years. I sometimes wonder about the younger of us and what they think.....

Paul Sincock offered a moment of reflection and reminded us of John Lennon's words in song- **Imagine!** **there's no countries. It isn't hard to do. Nothing to kill or die for. And no religion, too. Imagine all the people living life in peace! You, you may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope some day you'll join us. And the world will be as one!**



Penny recognized those Rotarians that joined us on zoom- **Dan Hordov, Terry Durkin, Bill Ventola, Ed Schulz, Traci Sincok, Preston Gee, and Rob Grimm from the Rotary Club of Virginia.**

Our Exchange student this year is **Juan Jose Colonia** from Columbia. He joined us with his first host **Suzie Deal. Juan** is here for our school year and would enjoy joining each of us with an adventure! Please invite him to join you! Make sure to include him!

Penny invited the guests to enjoy lunch first before the rest of the mob.. We enjoyed a feast of beef and chicken kabobs, peppers, a fabulous salad, rice, and sides.

Twenty minutes later **Penny** called us back to the meeting at hand.

Are you wearing your Rotary Pin that she gave you- **daily?** Is it on your lapel today? If not, then throw a \$buck in the basket as **Michelle Hall** comes by to fleece you!

The BBQ committee took over the program with **Penny's** blessing! **Kent Early**, a has-been BBQ Chair and now Advisor to the Barbie, passed the Wand of Wisdom and the Breast of Truth on to **Brandon Bunt. Brandon** was on his knees- swearing to anything **Kent** said....

Gary Stotz, The 2022 BBQ Chair then took the mic-- he commented on the committees dancing abilities— sort of like break dancing and Swan Lake...

Your BBQ committee is comprised of: **Gray Stolz, Andy Savage, Bari Livsey, Eric Kostoff, Jill Johnson, Eric Joy and Brandon Bunt** as advisor. These folks work their buXXs off for the Club and the beneficiary of the money- Your Plymouth Rotary Foundation!

This years box sponsorship campaign raised \$43+ thousand this year! Thanks to: **Josh Mrozowski, Jon Solace, Brandon Bunt, Tim Joy and Eric Joy!**

Gary discussed with the club members the difficulty of getting volunteer groups to help. He stated that the high school staff used CoViD as an issue and a malaise of student apathy causing a difficulty in getting volunteers. This is a major shift in volunteerism in our country. Get your head up and be aware!

Eric Joy introduced our new BBQ signs that replace the old A frame signs that have been around for years and an absolute PAIN to display for the BBQ committee. They are being retired to a lesser use- thank god. The new signs are smaller, lighter ,and more plentiful in number- 150 to be exact! They must be placed on property that you own or not in the right of way in the City or the Township! **Kurt Heise and Paul Sincok** approve!

President **Penny** presented 'Chicken Pins" to the BBQ folks! These pins are a symbol of the Rotary Club of Warren County, VA! **Rob Grimm** from their club was on zoom and related the story of their chicken pin!

Rotary shirts emblazoned with our 100th anniversary will be available to order and purchase soon. Stand by...

September 17th, our Club will do a Day of Service in Rotary Park! Our park is heavily utilized by the community! We need to fix it up! Be there from 9 am to noon! Let **Tim Joy** that we can count on you to help!

Committee budget requests must be received by Sept 8 by the club board! The board will act on these requests at their Sept 9th meeting.

NO MEETING SEPTEMBER 2nd! Enjoy Labor Day!

Sept 9- Club Assembly- Fall Fest begins, Dog house staffing!
Sept 10- BBQ setup! YOUR help is necessary for SUCCESS!
Sept 11- BBQ Sunday! (also say a prayer for those lost on this day)
Sept 12- BBQ cleanup- Oh how you are needed to help! 8 am

Witches Night Out- Oct 13th- 5 pm to 9!

50/50 was \$72 but not won.. Second Chance went to newly retired **Warren Musson!** \$220! That will help stretch those social security benefits!

Penny closed the meeting a little early (can You believe it) with the Four Way Test!

Be kind daily, be safe always, and always have fun!

Your scribe, Tim

Bye the way, more than 60% of these Broadcasters are read by Plymouth Rotarians! That's awesome! Can we get to 72%?

Broadcaster 8-19-2022

By Chris Porman on Monday, August 22, 2022



Rotary Club of
Plymouth
Broadcaster
August 19, 2022

President Penny got an early start to the meeting, ringing the Rotary Bell at 12:03 to welcome us to a Club Assembly Day! Following the Pledge of Allegiance, **June Kirchgatter** offered some words from Mahatma Gandhi on positivity for our weekly meditation. Joining us online in Rotary's version of Hollywood Squares was **Mike Richardson, Billy Ventola, Ed Schulz,**

and Jonathan Solace.

The Sergeant today was none other than **Cam Miller** who levied fines predicated on the theme that Rotarians are "people of action". He also firmly reminded the group that **BBQ participation was not optional!**

The newest Paul Harris fellows were introduced, some for multiple awards over the years: **Rich Cherney, Russ Jones, Chuck Bares and his grandson Dominick Hurd.**

Birthdays

- Helen Yancy – August 15
- Eric Kostoff – August 16
- Tim Joy – August 17
- Kurt Olson – August 18
- Bruce Baxter – August 22
- Bill Ventola – August 26

- Craig D'Agostini – August 27

Rotary Anniversaries

Bill Morrison – 43 years

Sandy Mily – 34 years

Ron Lowe – 33 years

Dan Hordov – 3 years

Candice Towers – 3 years

Couple of quick announcements:

District Governor **Traci Sincok's** birthday is September 17th and for her birthday, she would like nothing more than to see all the clubs in the district get out in their community for an Impact Service Day. **Traci** will be out and about with media crew in tow making stops and visits observing the clubs in action. On Saturday September 17 from 9 to noon our Club will work at Rotary Park located at the corner of Wing & Herald. The park needs 4 weed trees removed, rubber soft fall swept up and returned to the structure, fall mums will be planted, and general clean up of the park. Please plan on being involved.

The District Governor Traci's Golf Outing is Sunday, September 18th at the Kingsville Golf & Country Club beginning at 12:30.



The poster features a dark green header with the Rotary logo and the text "Rotary" and "Save the Date". Below this, on a light blue background, is the text "District Governor Golf Outing". To the right of the text is a close-up image of a white golf ball on a tee. The background of the poster is a blurred image of a golf course. The text on the poster includes: "Kingsville Golf & Country Club", "Sunday, Sept. 18th, 2022", "Golf Starts at 12:30", "\$180 per golfer", and "Dinner only \$55".

James Gietzen led the club in a quick tutorial on using DACdb for our club engagement and database. Following today's meeting, everyone should have received their login information. Once you receive your login info, you will be required to reset your password and you can begin using the system. Reminder that Club Runner will become inactive at the end of the month, so please begin using DACdb. If you have any questions, please contact **James**.

Our new **Rotary Youth Exchange Student, Juan Colonia**, will be arriving from Columbia on August 23rd at 11:00PM.

See **Denise King** if you can invite Juan to your activities, outings, football, basketball, fall color tour, hockey, holiday, etc.

Some Highlights from the recent Club Board Meeting:

- Club Board Bylaws Revision – Chris Porman
- Adopted DACdb as Club Database
- Membership Categories
 - Active – full member, pays dues, may vote and hold office
 - Active R85 – Age and years as member equal 85 - full member, pays dues, no attendance requirement
 - Honorary – Does not pay dues; may not vote or hold office; no Rotarian magazine
- Corporate Memberships -\$450; 1 corporate active member; 3 corporate designee
 - Corporate Active – full member, pays dues, may vote and hold office
 - Corporate Designee – Does not pay dues, may not vote or hold office; no Rotarian magazine
- Voted to create and purchase new name tags
 - **Carol Souchuck** to chair **name tag committee**
- **Matthew Studnicki** proposed for membership
- Discussed a year-end celebration event
 - Possibly a grander picnic

Rotary
Club of Plymouth

Witches
NIGHT OUT

Save the Date
October 13th, 2022
5pm-9:30pm

Tickets \$45
(Available August 13th, 2022)

Scan to purchase tickets

Costume Contest at 9pm
Black Diamond Pendant door prize

Sponsorship opportunities available at <https://plymouthrotary.org/event/witches>

Proceeds to support Women and Childrens Projects

Looking for a few items for this event:

3 Christmas tree stands
Wide-mouth, quart size canning jars – 6
Halloween décor
New barware – unopened wine or liquor
New items for raffle baskets
If you can help out, please reach out to Diane Harrison.

Chicken BBQ Info

- Turn ticket money in early
- Sign up to work Dog House
- Saturday, September 10, 3:00 – Set up
 - Can't lift anything? Assemble boxes!
- Sunday, September 11 – All hands needed
- Monday, September 2, 8:00 A.M. – Clean Up

Rotary Shirts Available Soon





- Nike Dry-Fit Shirt
- Men's and Ladies Styles
- Club logo on front
- 100 year celebration logo on sleeve
- MAY be available next week
- \$55.00

Upcoming Events

- Tonight - Music in the Air – Focus on Polio! (Postscript - \$134 was collected for Polio at the concert! It will be matched 2:1 by Gates Foundation)!
- August 23 – Exchange Student Juan Colonia arrives from Colombia at 11:00 P.M.
- August 26 – State of the Barbie – Excitement is growing
- September 8 – Committee Budgets Due to President Penny Joy
- September 9 – Fall Festival Begins – Sign up to work Dog House
- September 10 – BBQ Set Up & Box Folding beginning at 3:00; Dog House all day
- September 11 – World Famous Chicken BBQ
- September 12 – BBQ Clean Up 8:00 A.M.
- September 17 – District Day of Service - 9:00 Rotary Park
- September 18 – District Golf Outing, Kingsville, Ontario. Come join the fun!
- October 13 – Witches' Night Out

Closing

50/50 was won by **Denise King** this week and our 2nd chance would have gone to **Eric Kostoff** had he been in attendance and bought a ticket. Join us on August 26th, when the second chance will again be over \$200

Yours in Service
Chris Porman
Broadcaster Rep.

Broadcaster - August 12, 2022

By Timothy E. Joy on Friday, August 12, 2022

Broadcaster- August 12, 2022

Your scribe- Tim Joy

Penny called the meeting to order with a very gentle tap on the bell.

Joining the meeting today by zoom were **Carol Souchock** and **Art Gulick!**

Our trusty back room support was provided by **James Gietzen** and **John Buzuvis**- our techy wizards.

Thanks to **Jeanne Trumpy** for running the credit card machine.

Dan Kudra, Plymouth Township Assistant Chief of Police, was our Greeter today. Please join our group of Greeters. It is a great way to learn Club member names!

Plymouth Township Supervisor, **Kurt Heise** led the group with a meditation admiring the beautiful weather; reminding the group of the huge storm a year ago that knocked out power; and very Thankful for Rotary as supporting Service both at home and around the world.

Penny introduced her best friend **Tim** as the broadcaster rep. She clearly stated that the **Broadcaster is the official media of informing the Club** of events and happenings.

On display, there were many pictures from back in the day taken by **Ron Schram**, a former member of this club. We enjoyed looking back!

The collection box of school supplies is about 1/3 full. Let's fill it up next week!

Our own **Bari Livsey** brought Guernsey Dairy ice cream generously supplied by the Bank of Ann Arbor. It was yummy! **Paul Sincock** ate his first before lunch! Speaking of lunch, Main Street Catering supplied a luncheon of ham, scalloped potatoes and a salad.

Paul Sincock introduced **Ed Wendover**, our speaker. Ed is a published author, past owner of the Plymouth Community Crier, Observer newspaper alumni, and generally had the pulse of the Plymouth community. Ed knew things fit to print (and what not to).

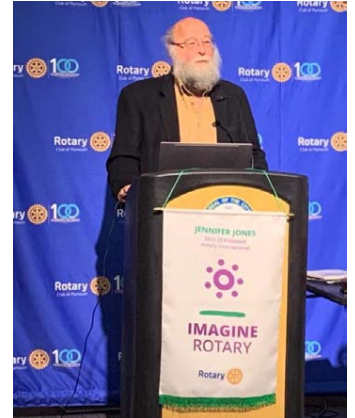
Ed had entitled his address as "Tales of Plymouth". The pictures on display allowed Ed to reminisce about past Fall Festivals. He had brought several old Crier newspapers from the Fall Festival issues.

Ed talked about enjoying and writing about 'Rotary milk'. That was actually beer but 'Rotary milk' could be printed in the newspaper. Different times...

His first Fall Festival was 1962. The festival was held within the confines of Kellogg Park. Then as the Festival grew, booths were placed on the sidewalk around the park. This caused quite an uproar because the booths covered the memorial bricks that made up the sidewalk. There was a protest and a march on City Hall by a group of little old ladies. Outrageous!

Bunyea Farms had a steam tractor that Rotary used to heat the water to cook the corn. It was quite a show! The steam whistle could be heard all over town. Things went well until the steam engine overheated and almost blew up! That's why Rotary purchased a boiler to cook the corn.

When the Fall Fest was still a small local affair, there were contests- like a costume contest (won by **June**



Kirchgatter and her sisters). A vegetable contest was also judged. Local farmers brought in their best and competed against their neighbors. A huge point of pride! Ed always knew when the first local corn was in. A farmer would bring his first burlap sack of corn to the newspaper office. Ed reminded us that Agriculture was part of the high school curriculum until 1964.

Ed shared his thoughts about the current Fall Festival and how it has lost a great deal of local 'Plymouth' flavor. It looks much like many festivals held in Michigan. He challenged our Rotary to look at the festival and work to keep that local flavor.

Ed had copies of his book "Murder in Penniman Deli" on hand and signed each book purchased. Ed then donated the proceeds to our Plymouth Foundation! Many thanks!

Another story of the newspaper business was about a new reporter of his named **Hank Meijer**. Yes, of the Meijer we know. Hank was assigned to a Plymouth City Commission meeting which was usually a sleepy affair. So, Hank returns from the meeting and asks Ed if it was typical that the City Commission enacted annexation proceedings for all of Plymouth Township!

Ed was dumbfounded! He climbed up on his desk and shouted "Stop the presses"! He had always wanted to do that!!!

The Plymouth Chef's club was mentioned. It started as a Christmas gift and morphed into a long running opportunity for guys to get together and cook. They are preparing hor d'oeuvres for **Jim Jabara's** event.

The Tonquish Creek Yacht Club was begun by **Bob Delaney**, a local attorney. It had quite a following. The tongue in cheek is Tonquish Creek is underground in the City.

Ed was enjoyable as a speaker and I'm convinced that he enjoyed it the most!

The fifty/fifty was won by **Dave Batts**. (\$42)

Then the controversy broke out!! The Second chance drawing was announced as \$200. But last week it was \$300! Where did the \$100 go? After much, growling and grumping, it was figured out that the amount had been a misprint in a previous Braodcaster....

Jill Johnson missed out on \$200. Next week \$220!!

Be safe! Do something unexpectedly kind. Tim

Broadcaster August 5,2022

By Arthur W. Gulick on Friday, August 5, 2022

Our regular meetings are at noon on Fridays at the Cultural Center on Farmer Street in Plymouth, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER: **President Penny Joy** rang the big brass bell and then led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

GUESTS: Our only visitor today was **Joyce Johnson**, guest of **C. J. Lang**. Welcome, Joyce!

ZOOMERS: Most of us were attending in person, but we also had a handful of members attending remotely. Since Covid, we've been having hybrid meetings. Masks would be okay for in-person if you want, but you'd take them off to eat lunch (burritos today).

DONATIONS REQUESTED:

- **Ukraine Relief:** President Penny drew our attention to the fundraising efforts of the Rotary Club of Grants Pass, Oregon. By making out your check to our Plymouth Rotary Foundation, Inc. (P.O. Box 5401, Plymouth MI 48170), your contribution to this cause can be tax deductible.
- **United Way Collection of School Supplies:** Bring your contributions (stuff like pens, pencils, crayons, paper, glue sticks) to our next two Rotary meetings on August 12 or 19, 2022, to help local school kids.

PUT THESE COMING EVENTS IN YOUR PHONE:

- Friday, August 5, 2022. It's a **Music In the Air** concert in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Attend, and your ears can hear the music and your face will promote our club.
- Friday, August 12, 2022. Our noon club meeting will be a **Club Assembly**. It is also an opportunity for you to **bring all the club supplies and equipment** you (somehow) have been storing at home so we can gather the materials for our new central storage location. Don't leave this stuff to, like, go in the trash some day!
- Saturday, August 13, 2002. We gather to **clean the roasting racks** for our upcoming BBQ at the Plymouth Fall Festival. We always cook our chicken on fresh, clean equipment! Wear clothes and shoes that might get a little soggy. DPW yard, 8:30 AM.
- Saturday, August 13, 2002. **Jabara Memorial Night** at the Plymouth Historical Museum. See **Penny or Tim Joy** for tickets.
- Saturday, September 10, 2022. In the afternoon we **set up** for our Chicken Barbeque in The Gathering, next to Kellogg Park.
- Sunday, September 11, 2022. It's our famous **Chicken Barbecue**. All club members participate in this, our huge yearly fund raiser for charity. Don't worry, we have student groups from PCEP providing substantial volunteer help.
- Sunday, September 18, 2022. Our District 6400 **Golf Outing** in Kingsville, Ontario.

COMMITTEE SIGN-UP: At tables around our customary meeting room at the Plymouth Cultural Center today, we signed up to serve on Plymouth Rotary Club committees:

Program Committee
Meditation Committee
Website
Social Committee
Sergeant at Arms Committee
Sunshine Committee
Greeter Committee
IT/AV Committee
Check-in Table
Broadcaster Committee
Membership and Orientation
Public Image
Media Relations
Advertising and Marketing
Independence Day Parade
Music In the Air
Web and Social Media
Centennial Committee
World Service and Disaster Relief
Service Projects Committee
Community Service Committee
Youth Exchange
InterAct/Ryla
Chicken Barbeque
Dry Run
Maternal and Child Health
Environmental
Basic Education
Memorial Scholarships
Vocational Scholrships
Four-Way Test Essay Contest
Golf Outing
Art in the Park Parking
Witches' Night Out
Rotary International Foundation
Polio

WINNER OF THE WEEK: **Chris Porman** won the 50/50. Too bad for **Art Gulick**, who would have won the Second Chance drawing if he had only bought a ticket.

CLOSING: President Penny had us recite the Object of Rotary. Google this document and you can say it too! Actually, the only trouble with this document is that our membership is now wider than the "business and professional" people it mentions. Over the years we have broadened our scope, and nowadays diversity, equity and inclusion are watchwords for Rotary worldwide.

Your reporter, Art Gulick

Youth Exchange & Witches Night Out

By Paul J. Sincock on Sunday, July 31, 2022



CALL TO ORDER: Our meeting was full of engagement and conversations as President Penny called the meeting to order. She told us how happy she was to be back with the club after taking last Friday off for a Family Wedding in Texas. It was only 110 degrees in Texas, and I am sure that our President will remember that in February when she is here in Plymouth.

MEDITATION MOMENT: We took a moment to give thanks for all we have and our ability to meet as a club and provide service to our community, locally and

globally.

GUESTS: We had a visitor from the Plymouth A.M. Club and a guest of Chuck Lang.

REMINDER: The price of our meals is going up to \$16.00 starting Friday. Don't say that no one told you.

SIGN UP: There is a sign up sheet going around to work the Rotary Tent at the Friday Night Concerts. Help spread the word on Rotary and enjoy a great concert at the same time.

WITCHES NIGHT OUT: President Penny told us about the Witches Night Out program that is coming up October 13th from 5:00 to 9:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. We heard about the various levels of sponsorships. They are looking for prizes, think gift cards, lotto tickets, and other items for the raffle baskets. Tickets to the event go on sale on August 13th. It should be a fun time and we know the Committee will be looking for volunteers to assist on the night of the event.

MORE LUNCH NEWS: You can sign up for lunch for Friday's meeting by going to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48AFA92BAA8-rotary13> Sign up early to make sure we have lunch for you.

LOOKING FOR: President Penny is looking for about a dozen Maxwell House Coffee containers. These are the blue plastic containers. If you have one President Penny would love to hear from you.

PROGRAM REPORT: This past week we heard from Outbound Exchange Student Grace Ridpath. Grace attends Salem High School and she is going out on exchange to Nagasaki, Japan. She told us a little about her soon to be new home in the port city of Nagasaki. We learned that she will be required to wear a uniform to school and she has high hopes that the school food will be better than it is a PCEP. She told us that her Grandparents have been deeply involved in Youth Exchange in their District in northern Michigan and that is why she has had such an interest in doing Exchange. She told us that she has grown up being around exchange students. Also, her mom did exchange while in college and that was an influence. Grace plans on writing a column for the school newspaper at Salem High School, telling of her ventures while on exchange. Sounds like a great promotion for Rotary Youth Exchange.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Friday, August 5 – Club Committee Fair

- Friday, August 12 – Club Assembly & bring your Rotary Stuff. Many members may have a box or two of “Rotary Stuff” in their basement or closet. Now is your chance to get it out of your house or office. Bring it to the Cultural Center and the Club will take over the storage responsibilities.
- Saturday, August 13 – Rack Cleaning at the Municipal Services Yard – Same place as always.
- Saturday, August 13 – Jim Jabara Memorial Night for the Museum
- Sunday, September 11 – Chicken Sunday
- Saturday, September 17 – Rotary District wide Day of Service – Repairs to Rotary Park
- Sunday, September 18 – District Governor’s Golf Outing at the Kingsville Golf Club

WELCOME TO OUR ZOOMERS: Special welcome to our “Zoomer Group” last Friday that included, Michelle Hall, Bill Webber, Ed Schulz, Denise King, Billy Ventola, and Terry Durkin.

WINNERS OF THE WEEK: Taking home an untold sum from the 50/50 pot was President Penny Joy. The second chance prize could have been won by Ron Shmyr, IF he was at our meeting and bought a ticket. On Friday, the 2nd Chance Pot grows by another \$20 to \$280. Our drawing is not worth a billion dollars, but you have a much better chance to win. However, you have to be there on Friday and purchase a 50/50 ticket in order to win.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Orson Scott Card once said; “Every person is defined by the communities that they belong to.” Rotary is a community, and we all work to make our broader community better. Plymouth and the world community is better off today because of the work of Plymouth Rotarians over the past nearly 100 years.

With that have a Super Positive Week!

Paul J. Sincock [Read More](#)

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Happy New Year Plymouth Rotary

By Paul J. Sincock on Friday, July 15, 2022

Rotary Club of
Plymouth Broadcaster
Friday, July 15, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:
President Penny
welcomed a large
crowd of about 50+ in
attendance in person
and



another group on-line. Welcome to our "Zoomers" of **Barry Simescu, Bill Ventola, Ed Schulz, Jeanne Trumpy, Carol Sochock and Terry Durkin**. We also welcomed **Joyce Johnson**, a guest of **Chuck Lang**. We were so pleased to welcome back former exchange student Benjamin Krag.

MEDITATION: Our moment of Meditation was offered by Past President **John Buzuvis** who presented thoughts of trust, fellowship, ethics, and service above self. He also reminded us of the Rotary Four-Way

Test.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: You may have heard or read this week that inflation is running at record high levels and the cost of our lunches is getting caught in escalating prices. As of August 1st, the cost of our lunches will be \$16.00 each. Our lunches have been at this new rate for a little while and the Club Board has been supplementing the difference in cost. Obviously, that cannot continue into the future, so the new \$16.00 rate will begin with the first meeting in August.

UNVEILING: This past week we had the new club backdrop featuring our 100-year anniversary logo. If you missed it, go to the club Facebook page and you can see it on the video of our meeting. We also unveiled the new Rotary Theme Banner for President Jennifer Jones. This theme banner shows not only the new Rotary Theme of Imagine Rotary, but also it lists the President of Rotary International **Jennifer Jones**, Club President **Penny Joy** and District Governor **Traci Sincock**. The banner is also personally autographed by International President **Jennifer Jones**.

President Penny also gave us some insight to the new Rotary Theme logo and how it ties in the Rotary seven areas of focus as well as the colors of purple, green and white. Those colors represent the Rotary's efforts in the eradication of polio, our environmental efforts, and our peace efforts around the world. In addition, those colors are also a tip of the hat to the woman's suffrage movement, as **Jennifer Jones is the first female President of Rotary International.**

President Penny also talked about the club imagining where we are going as we enter our second decade of service. We heard about the visioning session that was held in June with many members of our club in attendance. We developed new goals and a strategic plan to implement these goals. Those five-year goals include the following.

- Increase our Club Size
 - Increase our impact
 - Adjust our ability to adapt
 - Expand our reach
 - Enhance Member engagement
 - Increase club fundraising

Those items were further broken down into the following:

- Club Size – over the next five years we will expand our club by 20 members a year or ADD 100 members in five years or less. This would make us the largest club in the District.
- Impact – There are a number of items that were identified in the visioning session.
 - Five Annual Community Service Projects
 - Chicken B-B-Q providing “Meals on Wheels” Sort of Uber Eats meets the Rotary Chicken Bar-be-que.
 - Adopt a Ukrainian Family either here or somewhere else.
 - Host two International Speakers every year and invite the community.
 - Continue the Days for Girls programs
- Adapt – In order for us to continue to adapt our model of service we will do the following.
 - Continue to help business community thrive
 - On board new members and have them do a classification talk within 30 days of entering the club.
 - Review supporting or sponsoring a Veterans Outpatient Clinic
- Expanding our reach will include
 - Being the Business Leader in the community
 - Our club will be tech savvy – Think our video casts, use of social media and more
 - Work on Rotary Theme State of Michigan License Plates
 - Rotary Shirts and signage at events – Public Image
 - “Rotary Speaks” segment on WSDP 88.1 the Park bi-weekly
- Enhancing our member engagement by
 - 100% participation in the Chicken Bar-be-que
 - Text communication or reminders (tech savvy)
 - Welcoming Entrance Table
 - No more Committees of one

- Written goals and guidelines for all committees (truck list – if Committee all gets run over by a truck, the plan will be in place to continue)
- Club Fundraising will be enhanced over the next five years as we
 - Offer a Casino Royale Night raising \$28,500
 - Corvette Raffle accounting for \$40,000 in new revenue
 - Witches Night Out will grow to a point of generating \$50,000

NOW YOU ASK YOURSELF: How is this club going to accomplish this over five years? First, we will create an “elevator speech.” Our team of **June Kirchgatter, Hayley Koetje and James Gietzen** have already worked on that part of the plan. The Action Plan is being developed by **Kirk Kohn, Josh Mrozowski, Rich Cherney and Dale Yagiela**. After that we ALL will implement the plan.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE/ELEVATOR SPEECH:

“We are the service heartbeat of Plymouth. Where business and community leaders of today, and tomorrow, come together. Where our 100-year legacy of service to community includes actions and donations. Where donations consist of time, treasure, and knowledge. Where our community is local, national, and global. Where members are engaged civically and professionally in friendship and with family. Where members serve through committees and committees collaborate to affect lasting change. Where networking is for the common good – for business and fellowship. Where the community comes first to answer its needs for service and donation. **Where People of Action, meet, greet, and ‘get things done.’**”

THE ACTION PLAN: **President Penny** anticipates that the full action plan will be delivered to the club in mid-August. Also, our club is already working on some goals, such as creating committees, rather than a committee of one. New promotional materials are now available. **President Penny** also passed out new Rotary Pins and is encouraging members to wear their pin daily. There will also be a Committee Fair to allow members to sign up to be a part of different committees in August.

NEW WEBSITE: Another “unveiling” at this past week’s meeting was the new web site at www.plymouthrotary.org. Special thanks to **Carol Souchock, June Kirchgatter, and James Gietzen** for bringing this project in. As **James** said this past Friday, the “website may not be perfect, but we are not going to let perfect get in the way of good.” He also encouraged us to let the team know if there were any bugs or other issues in the new website. By the way, you can now even purchase Chicken Bar-be-que tickets on our website. Nice Job by everyone involved and there is more to come.

PARKING MONEY: During Art in the Park- 36 of our members filled a total of 66 time slots to help manage parking lots during the event. The results were very impressive as our club was able to net a total of \$20,889. Thank you, **Preston Gee**, for leading this Committee and for everyone who worked on the event and who answered the Sign-Up Genius emails that allowed you sign up for a shift. This money goes to the club, and it helps keep dues down. In addition, this program allows the service clubs to manage parking lots to prevent double parking or other illegal parking.

SPECIAL VISITOR: Our club welcomed back **former Rotary Youth Exchange Student Benjamin Krag**, who was here in 2018 – 19. He is going to be starting his university studies in Copenhagen in just a few weeks. His main purpose of coming back to see the club and his host families was to say thank you for making his life special and his time here in Plymouth and incredible part of his life.

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH: Those celebrating this month include, **Brandon Bunt, Ed Schulz, Eric Joy, Dale Knab, Rich Cherney, and Stephanie Goecke**. Happy Birthday and best wishes for many more.

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES: Those celebrating Rotary Anniversaries this month include, **Jason Zarate 1-year, Chuck Bares 23-years, Monica Merritt 6-years, Jim Carney 54-years, Kirk Kohn 35-years, and Eric Joy with 18-years**.

ROTARY MAGAZINE: You might have seen your Rotary Magazine and there is a story in there about a water crisis here in the United States. Our Rotary Club has donated to the effort to help the situation with Dig Deep. Check out this article in the most recent Rotary Magazine <https://www.rotary.org/en/water-life>

WINNER OF THE WEEK: Immediate Past President **Dale Yagiela** took home \$80.00 in the 50/50 drawing. **Carol Souchock** missed out on \$120.00 in the second chance drawing and that pot grows to \$140.00 next week.

UPCOMING: Mark your calendar for the following upcoming events.

- Friday Nights – The Rotary sponsored Music in the Air Concerts in Kellogg Park
- July 22 – Member **Nick Moroz** will talk of his work on autonomous vehicles
- July 29 – Member Moments and Witches' Night Out Kick Off
- August 5 – Committee Fair – YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU
- August 11 – Rotary Dry Run Golf Outing – Fox Hills – More information soon
- August 13 – BBQ Rack Cleaning at the City DMS Yard 1231 Goldsmith
- September 11 – Chicken BBQ
- September 17 – District 6400 Day of Service – Rotary Park repair
- September 18 – District 6400 Golf Outing, Kingsville, Ontario

ALL IN ALL – A very busy first meeting for President Penny and the team.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Bruce Jones, the Senior Cast Development and Quality Assurance Director for the Disney Corporation said; "My experience has been that when teams know where they are going, they really tend to deliver extraordinary results." Think, Plymouth Rotary delivering extraordinary results with our vision entering our second century of service.

WITH THAT HAVE A SUPER POSITIVE WEEK! See you on Friday and be sure to Answer the Sign-Up Genius for meals on Friday.

Paul J. Sincock

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Changing of the Guard

By Chris Porman on Friday, June 24, 2022

 **Rotary Club of Plymouth**
Broadcaster
6/24/2022

President Dale, in his suit to honor Don Morgan, rang the Rotary Bell to start our meeting at 12:05PM

Our greeter today was Rich Cherney. If you are interested in helping out with being a "greeter" at a meeting, please see Rich.



President Dale presented a power point showing all that had been accomplished by our club over the last year. A few highlights:

Cooked over 8600 chicken dinners – raised \$50k for the foundation

Ten new members this year

New social events including: cider mill, brewery, holidays pops concert

Public policy programs throughout the year

Distributed seedlings, planted flowers and trees

\$34k in Memorial scholarships

120 PCEP students participated in Interact activities

\$120k to support scholarships, local/international projects, and community organizations

Other announcements and important dates coming up:

- 6/28 Meet the Governor Night in Harrow; Contact Jill Marontate at jillmarontate@gmail.com.
- Pint Glasses commemorating Traci's Year and RI President Jennifer Jones are also being made available
- 7/8,9,10 Art in the Park Parking: Sign Up!!! See Preston Gee

Following our lunch, it was time to honor our traditions of toasting to the Queen, which was done by Tim Joy; and the President of the United States, conducted by yours truly.

The invocation was by Paul Sincock which asked for guidance for Club President Penny, District Governor Traci, and Rotary International President Jennifer as they take over the responsibilities of running Rotary locally and around the world.

President Dale introduced the winners of our Memorial Scholarship as well as their parents and/or guardians.

Program

The program this week was the "Changing of the Guard." This time honored tradition introduces the new Club President and Board of Directors, while thanking the previous Club President for all their work and efforts of not only the last year, but all their years in the club.

District Governor Elect Traci Sincock swore in new Rotary Club of Plymouth President, Penny Joy, as well as the New Board of Directors.

Before Penny officially took over the meeting, there were a few Paul Harris fellows to be presented to members for their significant contributions to the Rotary Foundation over the years.

President Penny took over the meeting and thanked Past President Dale for his commitment to the club and Rotary in general. She thanked him for bringing the club back out of Covid and returning to a level of normalcy, with an emphasis on the fellowship.

President Penny also asked for the Club's help in one of our larger fundraisers, parking cars during Art in the Park. Since we have a number of members signing up to park cars during our regularly scheduled club meeting on July 8th, we will forgo the official meeting to be in service of the club to give everyone a chance to be involved.

It's gonna be another great year to be involved with the Rotary Club of Plymouth. There is a lot planned, but it takes all of us to make it happen. The club is participating in Club Visioning which will help direct the next five years. The Club met and came up with a list of goals to accomplish over the next five years, now its time to put it into action.

Past President Dale, Kirk Kohn, Rich Cherney, and Josh Mrozowski are leading the charge of the action steps necessary to bring our goals to reality. If you would like to be involved in this step of the process, please contact one of them. We hope to roll this out during our July 15th meeting.

Closing

50/50 was won by Chuck Lang this week and our 2nd chance would have gone to Dan Amos had he been in attendance and bought a ticket. Join us on July 15th, when second chance will be up to \$100

Yours in Service
Chris Porman
Broadcaster Rep.

Events

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