



Charlotte Rotary Club Leaders:

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Join us February 1st at The Center!

Greeter: Elena Reed greeted everyone with a smile.

Call to Order: John Dykstra III stepped up in place of our absent President Tyler, called us to order and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and in singing "My Country Tis of Thee".

Invocation: Wally Miars delivered the invocation.

Arts & Culture: Don Sovey led the singing and introduced Mary June Garn, who got a big ovation. We sang *Charlotte Four-Way Test* and *Battle Hymn of the Republic*.

Guests: Today's guests included Amanda Pollard, who attended with Mari Calton. Chris Henry came with Don Sovey (and Don actually managed to say his name correctly this time.) Mike Cox attended with David Votta.

Jr Rotarians: Elena Reed was able to name our first January Jr Rotarian, Samantha Stanke, who is the daughter of Mike and Katy Stanke and she is involved in Symphony and Marching Band, FFA, and Dance. She plans to attend MSU in the fall, to pursue Agronomy and Ag Business. And Joel Fox correctly named the second January Jr Rotarian, Justin Beck, who is the son of David and Ronda Beck. He is active in Soccer, Basketball, Golf, and the Relay for Life Committee. He has numerous community volunteer experiences and plans to attend Trine University.



Member Spotlight: This week's 2 Minute Member Spotlight featured David Votta. David is originally from Detroit. He began his career in journalism but after discovering there was no money in that switched to be a librarian. David has been the librarian of the Charlotte Public library for 3 years. Side note: we are grateful to David for his dedication to providing Zoom options, so we can have convenient access to our Rotary meetings, even after the pandemic!

Announcements: Mari Calton announced a meeting for new members, or any member needing a refresher on all things Rotary, to occur immediately after the regular meeting.

Announcements (continued): **Courtney Mead** invited everyone to the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce Gala which will occur on February 9th at the old courthouse. Tours of the courthouse will be included, along with an open bar. Tickets are available from the Chamber.

50/50: Jake Campbell stepped up to sell the 50/50 tickets He raised \$38 and gave away \$20 to the winner. Guest **Mike Cox** picked **Lance Roe's** ticket.

SGT-AT-ARMS: Max Baxter Max fined his own table for not having a female Rotarian at the table. **Don Sovey** was fined for his excellent singing. **John Dykstra III** paid a presidential dollar. **Mary June** paid a happy dollar because she is about to leave for Florida for a month. Newly retired **John Newland** paid a happy dollar because coming to Rotary was the first time he had left his neighborhood in a week. **Mari** paid a happy dollar because her son is moving home, but not into her house.

PROGRAM: John Dykstra III introduced **Jonathan Royce**, Principal of Charlotte High School. Jonathan gave a brief history of himself, which includes having been an accomplished high jumper who still holds his high school's high jump record, attended UofM on an athletic scholarship, earning several Big Ten championships and All-American honors. He also did a short stint as a model before launching his career in education. He presented an overview of the school's Functional Independence Program (FIP) which assists special education students to gain skills needed to function independently once they finish school. He gave several examples of the activities the program utilizes, including a Student Technology Presentation held at the State Capital, an Angel Tree Party at SIREN/Eaton Shelter, and leadership launch learning where the students learn what type of leaders they are and are taught leadership skills

David Votta introduced a second program, **Mike Cox** from the Eaton County Historical Commission. Mr. Cox explained the Commission's three primary efforts:

- Heritage Grant Program whereby grants are provided to assist local historical preservation efforts to get underway.
- A series of Historical Happy Hours which are held at the various historical preservation entities around the county, of which there are seven.
- Cemetery Tours

Mr. Cox also spoke of some of the commission's other activities including creating and selling historical books to raise money, the commission's current effort to preserve Dyer Kiln (a limestone kiln in Bellevue, which is a Historical Site in Eaton County) and workshops they have held to assist historical groups that were hit hard by COVID.

If you missed the meeting, here is the link to your Zoom recording:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/9WWW1xHM7ZMPAIOJfw0_1noMAZINRsKiKZU8y33K6-pe_KCTAkn8PDxkn5BPiMmBH.g7cbC-YW4luLBQHI

FEBRUARY DUTIES

ATTENDANCE	Tim Reed
GREETER	Sean Williams
INVOCATION	Jody Betten
MIRROR	Wally Miars
ARTS & CULTURE	Chuck Archer
SGT-AT-ARMS	Helen Johnson (Barrel) Paul Tomasek (50/50) All committee (S & T)

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Feb 1 - Helen Johnson - Update on Sparrow/Michigan Medicine
Feb 8 - Don Sovey - Calley Green - Peckham visit - **OFF SITE** - box lunch and program will be at Peckham in Charlotte
Feb 15 Barbara Fulton & Kalli Dempsey - StreetHeart program
Feb 22 Mandy Stewart & Amy Gilson - Safe Routes to School Update