



## Charlotte Rotary Club Leaders:

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**Join us at The Center  
on September 20**

**Greeter:** We were all greeted by **Cooper Frost** today.

**Call to Order:** **President-Elect John Dykstra III** stepped up in **President Mandy Stewart's** absence, leading in the pledge and then the group sang *My Country 'Tis of Thee*.

**Invocation:** **Wally Miars** provided our invocation.

**Arts & Culture-** **Tim Reed** led the group through "*The Charlotte Rotary 4-Way Test Song*," as well as "*Home on the Range*."



**Guests:** Our visiting Rotarian today was Heidi McNaughton, who joined us on Zoom.

**Jr Rotarians:** Our September Jr Rotarians did not join us this week, as it was an early release day. Since we should always know about them, **Hailey Alward** is the daughter of Catherine Tuller and is a senior at Charlotte High School, who has earned teacher awards and CAAC academic all conference. She enjoys cross country and is the track team captain. Hailey also participates in NHS and Relay for Life. She helped out with the mid summer track program and also assisted with the daddy daughter dance. Hailey plans to attend Michigan State to study pharmacy. Our other September Jr Rotarian is **Nathan Penfield**. Nathan is the son of Becky Cooper and Napoleon Penfield. Nathan earned an academic excellence award and participates in NHS. He plays varsity baseball for CHS. He provides service to the Washington PTO Kids Club. Nathan plans to attend college, but it still deciding where that will be.

**Announcements:** **President-Elect John** announced that the Mirror Committee would be meeting after the regular meeting. **Ed Foster** announced the club has met its goal for the District Raffle for Rotary District 6360 Foundation. **Jake Campbell** announced an upcoming reception at ALIVE to learn about the progress toward creating a new oncology center. The event is called Energize Eaton!

**Don Sovey** discussed committee assignments and openings. He then walked through the chapter's updated Strategic Vision document, with three top strategic goals for the club and action steps aligned to achieve those goals. That document will go to the Board for adoption soon.

**50/50- Jennifer Sparks** sold tickets today, raising a total of \$48, with \$24 to the winner. The lucky ticket holder was **Natalie**, a guest today.

**Sgt-At-Arms - Max Baxter** worked the barrel. He collected the presidential dollar from **President-Elect John**. **Brad Wurfel** was fined for not knowing our Jr Rotarians' names. **DJ Kowalk** was fined for offering those names without raising his hand. **Wally Miars** was fined for not wearing his name badge. **John Newland** offered a happy dollar for his upcoming trip to the Grand Canyon. **Mari Calton** offered a happy dollar for her daughter's upcoming lead role in the school musical. **Tim Reed** offered a grumpy dollar.

**PROGRAM: Amanda Pollard** introduced **Melanie Achenbach** from the Community Corrections Board to discuss Eaton County Treatment Courts.

These courts were recently renamed "problem solving courts." They focus on helping people convicted of certain offenses by getting them treatment and support for the challenges that contributed to their crimes – often alcohol and substance abuse.

Eaton County has three voluntary Problem Solving Court programs: a treatment court for veterans, a Felony Sobriety Court, and a Swift and Sure Sanctions Program. All three are focused on helping participants get clean and sober, but also helping them rebuild lives impacted by their addictions. In addition to requiring regular lawful behavior and clean drug and alcohol screenings, participants are often required to enter a treatment program and find a sponsor, get employed, etc.



Achenbach said the programs work, in large part, because every participant gets the benefit of a team of professionals who provide regular contact and support – judges, treatment providers, volunteers, sheriff's staff and more – and because the programs have concrete goals along the way.

Problem solving courts have been around since 1996. Achenbach said they're "one of America's most studied and successful" systems for helping people improve their own lives, with a 75-80 percent success rate (compared to 60 percent or less for straight sentencing and probation programs). Unemployment among graduates is down 86 percent, which helps explain why 207

problem solving courts are active around the state of Michigan.

While she acknowledged that not everyone succeeds in the program, Achenbach said the chronic, recurring nature of addiction is like any other disease. People fall off their path, get back on it and move forward. But the three Eaton Courts committed to this issue are about getting to know the participants and providing support along the journey.

"Working in the courts, you don't expect people (who have been convicted of something) to come back and share their progress," Achenbach said. "But it happens a lot at treatment courts."

*Thank you Melanie, for providing an informative and inspiring program!*

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

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/byGPGv2rFJMH\\_ITgmciuLgUmlc\\_-14J097PxpHE2GvwOGy2Ei-mMKa1ncm1YFAdCD.lguNIUKZx4Q89UL1](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/byGPGv2rFJMH_ITgmciuLgUmlc_-14J097PxpHE2GvwOGy2Ei-mMKa1ncm1YFAdCD.lguNIUKZx4Q89UL1)

**PUTT** for **POLIO**

**October 18, 2023**  
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
**Free Admission**

**\$10 FOR 3 GOLF BALLS**  
*Enter as many times as you'd like!*

**MAPLE BROOK GOLF CLUB**  
681 Lansing St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

**WIN A PRIZE FOR CLOSEST PUTT!**  
*(In the case of a tie, there will be a putt-off)*

Maple Brook Golf Club will donate 20% of all alcoholic beverages sold during the event

Amy's Catering will be supplying the food for this event!

**PINTS FOR POLIO**  
*Eradicating polio one pint at a time!*

Food provided by Amy's Catering  
600 West Saginaw St  
Lansing, MI 48933  
Phone 517.374.9774  
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**- All proceeds go to the Polio Eradication Program -**  
Sponsored by Charlotte Rotary

**Mark  
Your  
Calendar!**

**SEPTEMBER DUTIES**

ATTENDANCE	Keisha Howe
GREETER	Cooper Frost
INVOCATION	Wally Miars
MIRROR	Brad Wurfel
ARTS&CULTURE	Tim Reed
SGT-AT-ARMS	Max Baxter (Barrel)
	Jennifer Sparks
	(50/50)
	Tyler Pray (S&T)

- UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**
- Sept 27 - Jeff Gartner** – CPS Strategic Plan Feedback Session
  - Oct 4 – Ed Foster** – **Sharalyn Davis**, Rotary District Governor
  - Oct 11 – Mandy Stewart** – **Genevive Rudy**, CHS student, returning from a Rotary Youth Exchange
  - Oct 18 – Pints for Polio**

Rotary 4-Way Test

Is it the TRUTH?  
Is it FAIR to all concerned?  
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?  
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

*Until next time,*  
**Brad**