

Mount Clemens Rotary Club

"the spokesperson"

July 10, 2008

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Minutes by Peter M. Ruggirello

CALENDAR

7/17 FOOD DRIVE
7/24 BOAT OUTING



MOUNT CLEMENS ROTARY CLUB BOAT OUTING

WELCOMES YOU TO A THREE-HOUR TOUR
JULY 24

\$30 PER PERSON.

BOATS DEPART AT 1:30

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE
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SKIPPERS WILL HAVE
EVERYONE BACK
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8 P.M.

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Our new president, **Nancy Dedenbach**, called her first meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. on a beautiful afternoon in Mount Clemens, Michigan. **Jeff Furest** led our club in the Pledge of Allegiance and "The Star-Spangled Banner." **Jeff** also led us in prayer. The ladies of the Zion Church served us their classic spaghetti with meat sauce for lunch. The main dish was accompanied by salad and bread, with a wonderful Jell-O fruit salad and brownies and cookies for dessert.

We had many interesting guests for today's meeting. They were introduced by **Darlene LaBelle**. Four attractive young students from the Middle East sat at our president's table. They included **Areej** from Yemen, **Nadia** from Tunisia, **Ahmad Anboucheh** of Syria and **Aysha Hamad** of Bahrain. **Debbie Lemanski**, a guest of **Nancy Dedenbach**, and **Glenn McCandliss**, a Warren Rotarian who was a guest of **Don Miller**, were also introduced. Finally, **Mitchell Schulwitz**, the handsome young son of **Penny Schulwitz**, was introduced.

The musically gifted **Jessica Cheshire**, then led the club in song. She chose "America the Beautiful" and one of our favorite club songs, "R-O-T-A-R-Y".



We were fortunate enough to have two new members join our club today. **Darlene LaBelle** introduced our first new member, **Ted Bolak**, who happens to be the new director of the Macomb Literacy Project. **Ted** introduced himself to the club and told us that he has been married for two years and loves fishing and the great outdoor sports available to us here in Michigan. **Terri LeClair** was introduced by outgoing president **Bob Morris**. **Terri** is the executive director of the Mount Clemens Regional Health Care Foundation. **Terri** told us that she was celebrating her 26th year wedding anniversary and that she lives in Clinton Township. We look forward to getting to know these new members of our club.

Flowers were vigorously hawked by **Lynn Davidson**. **Nancy Dedenbach** purchased a flower for herself. **Fred Duemling** purchased one for his wife **Jackie**, whose birthday was on July 9. **Bill Furest** graciously purchased four flowers, one for each of our guests from the Middle East. Finally, **Don Green** purchased a flower for **Ken Kish**, the well-regarded editor of *The Macomb Daily*, for his brilliant July 4 editorial. Bob Randolph purchased the eighth flower for new member, Terri LeClair.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOODWILL

- **Bob Cannon** announced that he brought enlarged photographs of the grand opening of the George George Park in Clinton Township. **Bob** wanted everyone to know that **Mary Ann Hosey** did a great job of organizing the grand opening of this beautiful park.
- **Steve Ternullo** reminded everyone to please bring a non-perishable food item or make a cash donation to the Rotary food drive at next week's meeting. Checks should be made payable to "Macomb Food Program."
- **Steve** also reminded us of the Rotary boat outing which will take place two weeks from today. Please sign up for the boat outing as soon as possible if you are interested in going.
- **Jeff Furest** reminded everyone to pitch in and help the club's own **Bill Lee** with the Habitat for Humanity project which is currently ongoing. Any kind of help would be appreciated on Saturdays or Wednesdays.
- **Bob Selwa** then introduced our four guests from the Middle East who are here courtesy of the U.S. State Department, visiting numerous United States' cities including Detroit. They are currently staying at Wayne State University.

RECOGNITION

Neil Dempsey expertly handled recognition. He fined outgoing President **Bob Morris** \$4.99 for an article in *The Macomb Daily* mentioning **Bob's** name.



Bob Cannon was fined \$4.99 for numerous articles printed in *The Macomb Daily* regarding Clinton Township.

Neil cruelly fined our new member, **Terri LeClaire**, \$2 for mentioning that her hospital is sponsoring free colo-rectal testing while she was being introduced to our club as a new member. **Ken Kish** was fined \$1 because **Terri LeClaire** mentioned *The Macomb Daily* earlier.

Tom Davies, who was suspected of stealing our new president's gavel, was fined \$4.99 for having spent three weeks and lots of money in Europe. **Jeff** (Hot Fingers) **Furest** then stood up and pulled the president's gavel out of his pocket, feebly claiming that he found it in the parking lot. Fortunately, the gavel was returned to our new president **Nancy**.

Bob Randolph paid dearly for a picture of himself with a younger woman.

Sarah Lee paid \$4.99 because her name was mentioned in a national magazine.

Finally, over the protest of many members of the club, **Don Miller** was not charged for a photograph of his legs that was given to him by **Neil**.

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## BIRTHDAYS

6/30 DICK PIERSON  
7/2 FRANK BERNABEI  
7/7 MARY SPAULDING  
7/8 RON (NANCY) DEDENBACH  
7/9 JACKIE (FRED) DUEMLING  
7/10 ROSANNE (GEORGE) SASSIN

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

6/27 RALPH & VIRGINIA BURTON (55)  
6/27 PAUL & LISA WOODRING (56)  
6/29 FRANK & ALICIA McNELIS (37)  
6/30 BOB & MARGO BAKER (35)  
7/2 RON & DEBRA REED (15)  
7/3 CARL & DELPHINE BECKER (54)  
7/9 FRED & JACKIE DUEMLING (56)

## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

CHRISTINE LATOUR (12), PETE RUGGIRELLO (12), MARK  
ZUCCARO (12), ARTHUR MULLEN (3), JOHN WALENDOWSKI  
(3), DEAN BELISLE (16), PENNY SCHULWITZ (8), DARLENE  
LABELLE (3)

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## 50/50 WINNER

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Jeff Furest**, with this week's pot totaling \$57.

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## SPEAKER

Our enthusiastic incoming president, **Nancy Dedenbach**, outlined some of the goals that she has set for the club in her year at the helm as our president.

She began by showing us a three and one-half minute video about the community service project she has chosen for our club for this year. Our club is looking to raise \$100,000 to \$150,000 to complete a project to provide a park for handicapped/special needs children to play at Washington Elementary School. This is a playground that will be specifically designed for these children. The project is entitled "POHI Project." The money will be raised through corporate grants and individual donations and will benefit children from approximately 13 school districts in the area, including Mount Clemens, Chippewa Valley, L'Anse Creuse and many others. Please contact President **Nancy Dedenbach** to donate to this worthwhile project.



**Nancy** announced that she has set up a new community project committee. **Eric Pierson, Bill Patterson** and **Jessica Cheshire** have been appointed to this committee and they will come up with various projects that the club will support throughout the year. Also, a new fundraising squad, led by **Julie Huttenlocher**, will raise money for new community service projects that the club will sponsor throughout the year.

**Nancy** mentioned several other goals, including the following:

1. She would like to boost our club's attendance at various Rotary conferences;
2. She would like to buy more Rotary insignias and banners to use in local parades that our club supports and attends;
3. She would like to get our club involved in an online Web site called "Club Runner" which is used by Rotary clubs worldwide to link these clubs via the Internet;
4. **Nancy** wants to begin a three-year project on club membership. She, **Jeff Furest** and **Sarah Lee-Ellena** will be working on this; and
5. **Nancy** thanked all of the members for continuing to support Rotary and our board of directors.

**Nancy** emphasized that both our financial and physical support now and throughout the coming year is essential for our club to thrive. Overall, **Nancy** set a very positive tone for her year as president with her ever-present positive attitude and enthusiasm.

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*Minutes by Peter M. Ruggirello*

*Photos by Mike Robinson, Ted Bolak and Gretchen Robinson*

**O**n a hot, sticky day in July, President **Nancy Dedenbach** promptly began our meeting at 12:15 p.m. **Terri LeClair** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Jennifer Gale accompanied us on the piano as we sang "The Star-Spangled Banner." The booming voice of **John Walendowski** led us in prayer. Lunch consisted of sausage, green beans, salad and potato salad, with cookies for dessert. There were no guests other than our speaker, Ron Kagan.

**Jessica Cheshire** led us in song. Appropriately, we sang "The Good Old Summertime" and "That Rotary Wheel."

**Neil Dempsey** sold flowers. **Jeff Furest** purchased one for **Sarah Lee-Ellena**. **Chuck O'Grady** bought one for **Nancy Dedenbach**, reminding her of her campaign promise that we would have spaghetti every week at our meetings. **Bill Lee** purchased one for **Chuck O'Grady** for being a good host on **Bill's** boat. **Don Green** purchased a flower for **Neil Dempsey** and **Dave Meldrum** bought one for **Jessica Cheshire**.



## CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOODWILL



**Steve Ternullo** reminded us of the Rotary boat outing next Thursday, which will begin after our regular Thursday meeting. The meeting will be short, with lunch but no speaker. **Steve** reminded everyone that collections were being taken today for the Macomb Food Program.

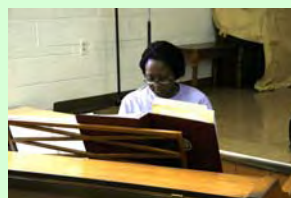
**Arthur Mullen** announced that there will be a very good, quality craft show in Mount Clemens this weekend.



**Bill Lee** asked everyone to consider helping this Saturday at the house project of the Habitat for Humanity in Mount Clemens. **Bill** emphasized the personal satisfaction that is obtained by everyone who works on the house, and urged our members to support the Club in this worthwhile project by showing up on Saturday to do anything to assist in the construction of this home.



**Nancy Dedenbach** announced that volunteers are needed to fill spots on various committees. Three more volunteers are needed for our greeting committee. **Nancy** asked our newest members to consider joining this committee. Volunteers are needed to help set up our meetings and take down tables and chairs after each meeting. Also, three more people are needed to take minutes on a monthly basis for the 2009 Rotary meetings.







President **Nancy** awarded three **Paul Harris** pins today. **Jeff Furest** received his third pin. **Phil Groh** received his sixth. **Steve Ternullo** received his second. These three gentlemen were congratulated by all the **Paul Harris** fellows present at the meeting.



## RECOGNITION

**Neil Dempsey** coolly led our weekly recognition ritual. **Bob Selwa** was asked to acknowledge that he had pilfered food from the wrong table at lunch. After **Bob** told the club about a new Ford Fusion he purchased, he got back his car keys for said vehicle before he even knew they were missing. **Bob** gladly paid \$5 for the return of the keys.

**Rolf Schroeter** was fined \$5 for one of our June Rotary bulletins, which he authored. This bulletin apparently incorrectly identified current board members. **Rolf** paid \$2.

**Mike Robinson** was recognized for not being the only photographer taking photographs at today's meeting. Our new member, **Ted Bolak**, was identified as the other photographer, and he paid \$3 for impersonating **Mike Robinson**.

Finally, **Neil** fined anybody who wasn't wearing their Rotary pin \$1.

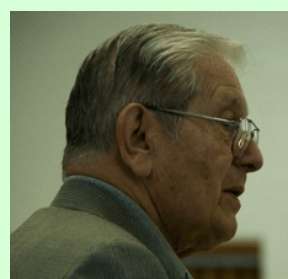


### BIRTHDAYS

7/11 PATTY MCKAY  
7/13 LYNN DAVIDSON  
7/13 DON OLDHAM  
7/13 KEVIN WALTERS  
7/13 HELEN (PHIL) GROH

### CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

MARCO LAVINIO (5), VALERIE MILLER (5)



**Bob Selwa** took home \$48 as this week's 50/50 drawing winner.

## SPEAKER

Our speaker was Ron Kagan, Executive Director of the Detroit Zoo. He came to discuss with us a ballot initiative that will be decided by voters in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne Counties on August 5. In order to close the public subsidy funding gap which was created in 2006 when the City of Detroit turned over full responsibility of the Detroit Zoo to the Detroit Zoological Society (DZS), the voters in these three counties will be asked to approve a millage which would levy 0.10 mill on all taxable property for a period of 10 years. If the millage passes, it would provide the community with a world-class zoo for generations to come. Executive Director Kagan asked us to consider the fact that this will cost the average family with a \$200,000 home \$10 per year.

Mr. Kagan pointed out that all zoos in Ohio and most zoos nationally have this kind of funding through their local government, or through a special tax. Funds provided by our zoo millage would be a fraction of the public funding received by other major zoos. For example, the Toledo Zoo receives public funding of 1.85 mill. The funding which voters are being asked to approve for the Detroit Zoo is for operations and infrastructure.

Mr. Kagan noted that 1.1 million visitors visit the Detroit Zoo per year. It is the number one tourist attraction in the State of Michigan. The Zoo consists of 125 acres of land and 3,000 animals made up of 270 different species. The Zoo has 200 employees and 1,000 volunteers. 20% of its workforce comes from Macomb County.

The Zoo's budget, which is approximately \$26,000,000, comes from revenue at the gates, donations and public subsidies. For 70 years, up to 2006, the City of Detroit subsidized the Zoo. In 2006 there was a transition when the DZS assumed responsibility for this subsidy. Our State approved legislation to allow counties to create zoo authorities to fund the DZS, and all three counties, with Macomb leading the way, have created such authorities.



Mr. Kagan noted that 98% of the visitors to the Zoo say in surveys that their expectations of the Zoo were met after they visited it. 92% of the people surveyed believe that it is important that the Zoo be available for future generations. Mr. Kagan expressed his hope that the community will support this millage. We will begin seeing advertisements and billboards in the near future as the August 5 election approaches.

The DZS is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit institution. It is governed by a board of directors selected from its 55,000 members.

Mr. Kagan hopes that all three counties will pass this millage request as each county decides separately whether to approve this funding. Mr. Kagan presented as an intelligent, well-spoken advocate on behalf of the DZS.

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*Minutes by Peter M. Ruggirello ~ Photos by Mike Robinson*

An abbreviated Rotary meeting began shortly after 12 p.m. on a gorgeous Thursday, July 24, 2008. Excitement was in the air as the Rotary boat outing was scheduled to begin immediately after the meeting.



**Bob Baker** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and **Jennifer Gale** performed beautifully on the piano, accompanying us as we sang "The Star-Spangled Banner." Our fearless leader, President **Nancy Dedenbach**, led us a post-meal prayer.



A terrific picnic lunch was prepared and served by the ladies of the Zion Church. Homemade sloppy Joes, pork and beans, potato salad, coleslaw, and cake for dessert, were on the menu.

**John Walendowski** introduced our guests. **Nancy Dedenbach's** sister, **Carol Parent**, who hails from the hills of North Carolina, was introduced. **Vivian Wold**, a good friend of **Ray Hofner's**, was also introduced. **Toni Lee**, **Mira Green** and **Jane Selwa**, the wives of Rotarians **Bill Lee**, **Don Green** and **Bob Selwa**, respectively, were introduced. Finally, **Rolf Schroeter** introduced his guest, **Tim Adrian**.

**Lynn Davidson** did her usual bang-up job selling flowers. She purchased a flower for **Ken Kish**. **Bill Lee** purchased one for his wife. **Bob Selwa** purchased a flower for **Penny Schulwitz**, who is under the weather, and **Bill Furest** promised to deliver it to her. **Marty Rubin** purchased a flower for his wife **Bertha**. **Nancy Dedenbach** purchased one for her sister **Carol Parent**. Finally, **Ray Hofner** purchased one for his friend, **Vivian Wold**.



**Bob Selwa** led us in a sterling rendition of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

## CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President **Nancy** announced that **Penny Schulwitz** is presently hospitalized at Mount Clemens Regional Medical Center with a stomach illness. We all hope that **Penny** recovers quickly.
- **Bill Lee** requested assistance from all Rotarians in the construction of the Habitat for Humanity house project at the Colchester Estates in Mount Clemens. Anyone who is willing to help out on Saturday at 9 a.m. is welcome. No experience is necessary and **Bill** guarantees everyone a good time and a lot of satisfaction. A free lunch along with water and coffee are served.
- President **Nancy** announced that we will have our joint service club meeting on Thursday, **August 14** at Zuccaro's. Please do not show up on **August 14** at the Zion Church since our meeting will not be there. Instead, join us as we meet jointly with the other service clubs in the area at Zuccaro's on that date.
- On Friday, August 29 during the Bath City Festival in Mount Clemens, **Phil Groh** announced that the Zion Church will serve a meal for anyone who stops in from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- There was no goodwill, recognition or speaker, due to the brevity of our meeting today.



## 50/50 WINNER

**John Walendowski** held the lucky ticket and won \$26 at our 50/50 drawing today.



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*Minutes by Joe Peruzzi*

## PROGRAMS ~ KRIS MIELE

- 8/7 JESSICA CHESHIRE ~ UPDATE OF UNITED WAY EFFORTS
- 8/14 JOINT SERVICE CLUB MEETING **AT ZUCCARO'S**
- 8/21 JEFF WHITE, RICHMOND EMS AND MACOMB FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL ~ EMERGENCY PET CARE IN HOUSE FIRES
- 8/28 OPEN
- 9/4 UPDATES ON MOUNT CLEMENS ROTARY FOUNDATION (BOB MORRIS) AND MACOMB ROTARY FOUNDATION (TED DEVANTIER)
- 9/11 OPEN
- 9/18 DISTRICT GOVERNOR STAN SHERMAN
- 9/25 OPEN



**C**lub President **Nancy Dedenbach** called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. **Jeff Furest** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the national anthem. **John Walendowski** led us in prayer with special prayers for former Rotary club member **Allen Verbrugge** who recently passed away in Florida and **Caprice Wagner**, granddaughter of **Chuck O'Grady**, who also passed away. Please keep in your prayers **Julie Huttenlocher** who underwent surgery.

Our lunch included ham loaf, potatoes, corn and a very good cucumber salad. A plentiful serving of sherbet topped off the meal.

Following lunch **Jessica Cheshire** led us in song with club members gleefully singing a wonderful rendition of *Row, Row, Row Your Boat* in honor of last weeks very successful boat outing. *Sing a Song to Rotary* was the follow-up with father and son team **Bill** and **Jeff Furest** really getting into the spirit.

**John Walendowski** returned to center stage by announcing the guest list. Guests included **Margo Baker**, the wife of **Bob Baker**, Denise Towne, a guest of **Bob Baker**, Dan Hagen, guest of **E.J. Rozek**, Lillian Zuccaro, wife of **Al Zuccaro**, and speaker Frank Cunningham.

**Lynn Davidson** brought out the flowers. Receiving flowers were **Bob Cannon** for his wife, who celebrated a birthday on July 19, and **Al Zuccaro** for his wife, **Lillian**, on the occasion of their 56th wedding anniversary. **Neil Dempsey** purchased a flower for **Dick Pierson**, **EJ Rozek** bought one for **Valerie Miller** for being a gracious host at the boat outing, and **Bob Baker** purchased a flower for his wife, **Margo**. Speaker Frank Cunningham received a flower, also.

## Club Announcements and Recognition

- **Arthur Mullen** announced that the Mount Clemens Car Show will be held on Saturday, August 2 to be followed up by the sixth annual Clinton Township Gratiot Cruise on Sunday, August 3.
- Also, don't forget that the Joint Service Club meeting this year will be held on Thursday, August 14 at Zuccaro's on north Gratiot. Do not show up at the Zion Church on that date.
- **Neil Dempsey** provided an abbreviated weekly recognition by announcing that anyone in the club could fine another member of the club for up to \$5 by paying only \$2. **Don Torline** quickly jumped on that opportunity by fining **Neal** for being so nice.
- **Sue Blanchard** was asked to tell her bank robbery story. Huntington Bank was recently robbed by an individual who ran in, took the money and ran out, and then proceeded to make his getaway on a bicycle. She summed up this incredible series of events by touting the bank's good service for getting the robber in-and-out so fast. On a happier note, Sue announced she is now a first-time grandmother.
- Club President **Nancy Dedenbach** continues to refuse to pay a reward for the return of the official club gavel, much to the disappointment of **Neil Dempsey**. She points out that crime should not pay.
- **Valerie Miller** was singled out for being the big money winner at the boat outing, but no one could pull out of her what type of games they were playing. **Ray Hofner** was congratulated for winning the Gilligan's Island dress up contest at the boat outing for his Gilligan costume. He is still missing a hat, however.

- **John Murphy** took home \$52 in this week's 50/50 drawing.
- New member **Anthony Randazzo** was inducted into the club with an introduction by Eric Pierson. Anthony is an attorney with a law degree from the University of Detroit. He chose to become a member of the Rotary club because of the club's motto of *Service Above Self*. His parents stressed that people in a position to do more are obligated to lead and help others to the best of their abilities, and he believes strongly that Rotary does just that. **Jessica Cheshire** provided the official welcome to the club.
- Margo and **Bob Baker** were then recognized for a pair of new Paul Harris Fellowship awards, with Paul Harris club members coming to the front of the room to congratulate the Bakers.

### BIRTHDAYS

7/19 CHERYL (BOB) CANNON  
7/23 SUE DIENER  
7/30 MIRA (DON) GREEN  
7/31 DEBBIE (RON) REED

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

7/21 GEORGE & ROSANNE SASSIN (29)  
7/26 AL & LILLIAN ZUCCARO (56)  
7/27 PENNY & MIKE SCHULWITZ (14)



## Guest Speaker

**Frank Cunningham** of the Leader Dogs for the Blind provided the club with an overview of his organization's activities. He was accompanied by his Leader Dog named Bowman, a beautiful three-year-old black Lab that stayed at his side during the presentation.

Headquartered in Rochester, Michigan, the Leader Dogs for the Blind was founded in 1939 and has provided more than 14,000 dogs to recipients. The organization annually provides 240 dog guides. The dogs are provided free of charge, despite the fact that it costs thousands of dollars to raise and train each pup.

Each pup is raised by families for a year prior to undergoing a 16-week training program that consists of handling procedures over 3-5 miles daily on the streets of Rochester, Royal Oak and Birmingham. Frank said it usually takes another year for the dog to become a fully-seasoned guide dog. Most dog guides are chocolate, black or golden Labs, but Standard Poodles are now becoming very popular. Frank likes to describe a Standard Poodle as a Lab having a very bad hair day.



The presentation so moved **Bill Furest** that he donated \$50 to the Leader Dogs for the Blind.

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- 9/18 DISTRICT GOVERNOR STAN  
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- 9/25 OPEN

Filling in for **Nancy Dedenbach**, **Sarah Lee-Ellena** called the meeting to order at precisely 12:15 p.m. **Dick Pierson** lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and national anthem accompanied by Jennifer Gale on piano and **John Walendowski** belted out a meaningful prayer prior to lunch. Today's lunch was a simple but delicious chicken salad and fresh fruit plate accompanied by ice cream covered with corn flakes for dessert.

John Walendowski introduced our guests; they included Nick Mirabile, guest of Sarah Lee-Ellena, Cynthia Pepper, our speaker for the day, and guest of **Jessica Cheshire**.

**Al Zuccaro** led our songs this week he selected "Smile, Sing a Song" and "Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah." As usual, Al did a great job. Jessica Cheshire then stepped up to announce birthdays and anniversaries and sell flowers. There were no birthdays or wedding anniversaries but **Bob Morris** was awarded a flower for his five years with our Rotary club. Jessica then asked all the guys (most of the women in our club were attending the Daughters of Macomb Event) to step up and buy the seven flowers she had left. Bill Lee purchased a flower for Sarah Lee-Ellena for the great job she was doing standing in as president for the day; **Dave Meldrum** for **Penny Schulwitz** being home from the hospital; Sarah Lee-Ellena for her guest Nick Mirabile; **Neil Dempsey** for **Mary Ann Hosey** because he felt all of the guys sitting at her table were too cheap to do so; **Don Green** purchased one for his wife Mira for their wedding anniversary; Dick Pierson for **Gerry Hanson** for sitting with him at lunch and **Ray Glime** for Jessica Cheshire for doing a great job selling all of the flowers.



# Recognition

Sarah then called on **Tom Davies** to begin “The Recognizing” but prior to doing so Tom asked for any announcements.

**Arthur Mullen** announced ...

- ... tonight’s Girls Night Out event in Downtown Mount Clemens.
- **The joint service club meeting is next week at Zuccaro Banquets and Catering in place of our regular meeting. Just a friendly reminder so no one shows up at Zion Church next Thursday with fines heavily assessed for those who do go to wrong place.**
- Arthur concluded his announcements with a reminder about the Bath City Run next week.

**Bill Lee** gave an update on the Habitat House and invited everyone to come out and help on Saturdays until the house is finished.

Asking for any goodwill but having no takers, Tom decided to get started and he did not waste any time fining **Bob Cannon** \$2 for his decision to run for county commissioner and also fining **Ray Glime** and **Carl Becker** for dropping out of the county executive race. Ray was also to be fined an additional \$2 for an announcement regarding his decision but his joke about Adlai Stevenson made Tom laugh so he was only fined an additional \$1. Everyone in the room was fined \$1 for the Letter to the Editor Bill Lee sent to *The Macomb Daily* in which he mentioned our Rotary club. Six gentlemen at table number one were fined an additional \$1 for talking while Bill Lee was being recognized.

**Jack Hart** received a \$1 fine for receiving a \$.07 check from Social Security which he did not cash but in the end paid for because Tom found out about it. Speaking of keeping your mouth shut, your scribe for the day received multiple fines for best-dressed YMCA staff member, best-dressed Rotarian, Rotarian wearing a work name badge and promoting his workplace. Total fine \$5 and a lesson not to sit near Tom when he is recognizing.

Last but not least, **John Walendowski** was fined \$4 for not returning an email to our newest member **Ted Bolak**. Long story short, John says he never received the email but Ted is going to prove he sent it by bringing a copy to Tom at the next meeting. Tired from all the recognizing, we will give Tom the day off next week but be prepared for multiple fines on August 21 to make up for lost time.

# Speaker

**Sarah Lee-Ellena** introduced our speakers, Cynthia Pepper, Senior Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving for the United Way of Southeastern Michigan and our own **Jessica Cheshire**, Director of the Macomb Division of the United Way for Southeastern Michigan.

Ms. Pepper started the presentation by letting everyone know a little about the restructuring taking place at the United Way and three priority items that United Way for Southeastern Michigan will be focused on for the foreseeable future. Financial Stability, Educational Preparedness and Basic Needs. The United Way is focused on building through its collaborative partners a one-stop shop for all Health and Human Services. The vision of the United Way is to solve all social problems in our region in order for southeast Michigan to become a top five destination point in the United States by 2030. Cynthia also discussed the 211 call center program focused on meeting basic needs. The program has become very successful in helping many people in need receiving more than 325,000 calls in the past year.

Jessica Cheshire then elaborated on her role with the United Way and some of the partnerships she is working on in Macomb County. Jessica’s main goal is to develop resources within the community to help focus on the three priority items Cynthia discussed in her presentation along with partnering with many agencies in Macomb County. A Leadership Committee has been established to help identify resources and partnerships across the county and United Way is working with the Department of Human Services on a number of projects focused on the three core objectives. Jessica distributed a packet of information to everyone further outlining what was discussed in the presentation. For additional information please contact Jessica directly.

The 50/50 was worth \$35 and the lucky winner was **Bob Baker**.

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## PROGRAMS ~ KRIS MIELE

- 8/21 JEFF WHITE, RICHMOND EMS  
AND MACOMB FIRE  
DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL ~  
EMERGENCY PET CARE IN  
HOUSE FIRES
- 8/28 OPEN
- 9/4 UPDATES ON MOUNT CLEMENS  
ROTARY FOUNDATION (BOB  
MORRIS) AND MACOMB  
ROTARY FOUNDATION (TED  
DEVANTIER)
- 9/11 OPEN
- 9/18 DISTRICT GOVERNOR STAN  
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- 9/25 OPEN



Today's meeting was our annual Joint Service Club meeting with the Bath City Festival program held at Zuccaro's Banquets and Catering. Doors opened for the meeting at 11:30 a.m. and a buffet lunch was served at noon. We dined on mixed green salad, rolls, linguine, Florentine chicken, sliced beef with mushrooms, mixed vegetables and ice cream for dessert.

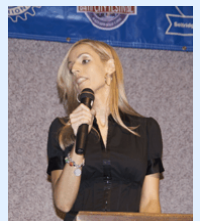
Presidents of the various clubs were seated at the head table. They included the Anchor Bay Rotary, Anchor Bay Area Optimist Club, Base Community Council, Clinton Township Optimist, Clinton Township Sunrise Rotary, Kiwanis Club of Mount Clemens, Mount Clemens Lions, Soroptimist of Greater Macomb, Shelby Township Optimist and Zonta International-Macomb. Our Mount Clemens Rotary President **Nancy Dedenbach** presided, calling the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. The invocation was given by Sue Coates of Turning Point.

Next came recognition delivered by John MacArthur of the Kiwanis Club of Mount Clemens. He went table by table, finding different reasons to fine individuals. He started out with fines of \$1 and then doubled to \$2. Examples of why people were fined: Mayor Barb Dempsey for never having text with husband **Neil Dempsey**; Kim Parr for cooking at the "Betty" Crocker House; Don Miller for not knowing the difference between pork and appropriation; Bob Cannon because he was shot from guns (his last name); **Sarah Lee-Ellena** because people are dying to get into her place of business; Don Vermuelen for the Old Crowd; **Alfonso Zuccaro and Ray Glime** because they once employed John MacArthur; Lou Moss for being past district governor of the Michigan Optimists; Dick Bannow for battling the bulge; **Lynn Davidson** as she is the Friend of the Court but the enemy of the state, and everyone at the Base Community Council table had to pay because they had a man of uniform sitting with them. John had a basket helper collecting the money but the question is, John, where did the money go?



Next, Micki Weiss and her daughter Harmony gave us a preview of the 9<sup>th</sup> Bath City Festival, scheduled to begin Friday, August 22. This year Sunday will be added, making the festival a three-day schbang. There will be an old-fashioned carnival, live bands Friday and Saturday night, fireworks and a silent sports auction. This will also be the first festival in Metro Detroit to go green, with recycling boxes,

etc. **Art Mullen** also spoke on behalf of the festival, thanking all the volunteers and the support different service clubs have given to the festival. Art announced the Bath City Festival Run will be this Saturday, August 16, instead of August 23, and will start at the Rec Bowl, with the proceeds to benefit the festival and Turning Point.





**A**rt Mullen then introduced our speakers, **Don Green**, Cindy Sue Donahue and **Joe Peruzzi** who were the creative team behind the DVD we then saw entitled "Mount Clemens: The Bath City of America."



Don Green said he got the idea to produce the DVD when he was asked a question why Mount Clemens was called the Bath City. He realized that many new people had come to Mount Clemens, totally unaware of the city's past history and that here was a story worth telling.

Through the use of old photographs, postcards and interviews with residents who remembered the bath era, the story unfolded of a failed attempt to find oil in the 1880s resulting in the discovery of waters containing more mineral content than any in the world. An industry was born that brought 50,000 people each summer to Mount Clemens, coming from all over the world. Our Bath City hotels were comparable to other famous spas, e.g., Saratoga Springs, Baden Baden. At its heyday there were 70 hotels and boarding houses in Mount Clemens, some as luxurious as the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.



People spent a maximum of 30 minutes in a mineral bath a day and then were massaged by bath attendants known locally as "rubbers." Their treatments lasted 21 days. Many came on crutches and left dancing their way to the train. For entertainment they would sit on the front porches of the hotels, wearing their bathrobes and watching the traffic. For the more adventuresome, gambling and prostitution houses sprang up, including the Crocker House that offered gambling.

Don pointed out the rotten egg smell of the mineral waters was not due to the minerals themselves, but the sulfur dioxide gas that was released when the wells were opened. There are operating wells today and people can still take the mineral baths at two locations.



Copies of the DVD are available for \$15. Cindy Donahue, dressed in 19<sup>th</sup> century attire, then invited people to see her display of Bath City memorabilia displayed on a table.





**S**uzanne Pixly, chair of the Macomb County Historical Commission, came to the podium to announce the winner of the 2008 Alexander Macomb Award. This year there are two winners: Pat Holdman and the Bellevue School in Eastpointe.



**T**he meeting ended with **Nancy** asking everyone to ask him or herself the question: Are you a Rotarian (or a Lion or a Kiwanian) or are you just a member of the Rotary (Lion, Kiwanis) Club?



**Marty Rubin  
won the 50/50  
worth \$101.**



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## PROGRAMS ~ KRIS MIELE

- 8/28 "HEROES OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION: OUR 1935 WORLD CHAMPION DETROIT TIGERS" FEATURING SPEAKER BERNIE OSTROWSKI
- 9/4 UPDATES ON MOUNT CLEMENS ROTARY FOUNDATION (BOB MORRIS) AND MACOMB ROTARY FOUNDATION (TED DEVANTIER)
- 9/11 OPEN
- 9/18 DISTRICT GOVERNOR STAN SHERMAN / BRING FOOD FOR MACOMB COUNTY FOOD PROGRAM
- 9/25 OPEN

**P**resident **Nancy Dedenbach** called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. **Don Carnaghi** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and national anthem sans Jennifer Gale. **Bob Lee** led the prayer. Today's tasty meal included ham, baked potato, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, cookies, and chocolate/tapioca pudding.



**Valerie Miller** introduced our guests: Bernie and Kris Ostrowski, guests of **Bob Selwa**; Jeff White and Brian Howell, guests of **Kris Miele**, and Kris Miele's daughter Emma.

**Bob Selwa** did his best to lead the pianoplayerless club in a rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" in order to get everyone prepped for next week's program about the 1935 Tigers.

**Jessica Cheshire** delivered flowers to folks: from **Bob Selwa** to his guest and next week's speaker Bernie Ostrowski; from **Kris Miele** to her daughter Emma who will be headed back to college; from **Dick Pierson** to speaker Jeff White; from **Bill Furest** to **Carl Becker** for dressing so nice; and from **Don Green** to **Joe Peruzzi**.

**Ray Glime** was called to tell the joke of the week which referred to age and zippers.

**Ken Kish** needs any and all updates from members per phone numbers, addresses, etc. ASAP for the membership directory.

**Jack Hart** reminded members that it was the third week of the month and that collections were being taken for the Macomb County Food Program.

**Mike Robinson** tried taking the heat off **Arthur Mullen** to remind everyone that this weekend is the Bath City Festival. **Arthur Mullen** didn't take the hint and provided an additional advertisement for the festival.





**D**on Torline caused several Rotarians to part ways with their cash. **Jack Hart** was fined a buck for trying to razz **Arthur Mullen** about not mentioning Jennifer Gale's music school in the program — it was. **Arthur Mullen** was caught red-handed transacting non-Rotary business during lunch with **Valerie Miller**. Both were fined \$2 but Arthur generously picked up the entire tab.



Several pin-less Rotarians were fined a buck. **Bob Selwa** was fined \$1 for not wearing an official Rotary name tag and \$1 for the pain and suffering caused to **Ray Hofner** in trying to locate the missing name tag last week. The mood turned foul when Don tried to get 100 percent of the membership to agree to fine Madame President for not having her official Rotary name tag but there was not consensus and the attempt failed.



**Bill Furest** was fined \$2 for whining about losing at chess to his guests the O'Gradys and Leslies.

In last week's program by **Joe Peruzzi** and **Don Green** it was noted that their bios failed to mention the fact that they were Rotarians. **Arthur Mullen** picked up the tab as he had invited them to speak.

**Mary Ann Hosey** paid \$2 for the honor of being the newest associate member of the Base Community Council.

Don posed several club history questions to each table, two of the three tables successfully answering the questions. In the end Don prevailed stumping all present as to the first name of the first president of the Mount Clemens Rotary.

**Dick Pierson** paid \$5 for a picture of his wife.

# Program

**K**ris Miele introduced speaker Jeff White from the Richmond Rotary Club. He is the EMS chief in Richmond and Lenox Township. Jeff talked about the tragedy of home fires and how pets frequently are unnecessary victims. With an estimated 60 million households having pets in the United States, an estimated 40,000 die each year in house fires.

Although pets have the instinct to flee danger the result is that many end up going into the basement and other areas of homes where they are not found until it is too late. In any fire the first priority is to get any people out, then to put the fire out. Jeff said that in many cases the family watches from a distance as all of their possessions go up in flames. It is a terrible feeling as a responder to then have to carry out the dead pet and find a respectful place to put it.

Recently Jeff read about a fire department that had partnered with a local vet to obtain special oxygen masks that could be carried on the fire trucks to treat pets. Animals have a remarkable ability to endure hardship and they found that with minimal training and the pet-sized masks many pets could be saved.

Jeff's department even had a chance to use the masks about three weeks after they obtained them. Two of three cats were saved after a house fire. Jeff said that the family's grief at losing their home changed significantly to safely receive their "babies" back. As so many people observe, homes and belongings can generally be easily replaced; people and pets cannot. The masks cost \$150 for a kit of three and can be reused two to three times.





#### BIRTHDAYS

8/9 GERRY INNES  
8/14 TOM (MARY ANN) HOSEY  
8/14 JOANNE (JOE) PERUZZI

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

8/9 SUE & DAVE DIENER (33)  
8/10 STEVE & DEBBIE TERNULLO (29)  
8/18 PHIL & HELEN GROH (51)  
8/21 KEVIN & DIANE WALTERS (27)

#### CLUB ANNIVERSARY DICK PIERSON (21)

**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: "HEROES OF  
THE GREAT DEPRESSION: OUR 1935  
WORLD CHAMPION DETROIT  
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BERNIE OSTROWSKI**



**Paul Woodring**  
won the 50/50 raffle  
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## PROGRAMS ~ KRIS MIELE

- 9/4 UPDATES ON MOUNT CLEMENS ROTARY FOUNDATION (BOB MORRIS) AND MACOMB ROTARY FOUNDATION (TED DEVANTIER)  
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NANCY ASKED BOB LESLIE TO BEGIN ANNOUNCEMENTS, GOODWILL AND RECOGNITION AND SHE STEPPED FORWARD WITH THE FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT REMINDING EVERYONE OF THE ROTARIANS IN CHARGE OF THE VARIOUS MEETING FUNCTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

**THOSE PEOPLE ARE AS FOLLOWS:**  
**FLOWERS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES – RON REED, SET UP AND GREETING – AL ZUCCARO, CLUB BULLETIN – DARLENE LABELLE, MUSIC – KRIS MIELE, PROGRAMS – KRIS MIELE, RECOGNITION – NEIL DEMPSEY.**



Our President, **Nancy Dedenbach**, called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m. **Don Oldham** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and national anthem accompanied by Jennifer Gale on piano and **Bill Lee** led a short but meaningful prayer prior to lunch. Today's meal menu consisted of cottage cheese with peaches; baked barbecue chicken accompanied with potatoes, corn and bread followed with orange sherbet for dessert.



Tom Davies was a last minute replacement but did a great job introducing our guests; they included Rob Selwa, guest of **Bob Selwa**, Bernie Ostrowski our speaker for the day, Mitchell Schulwitz guest of **Penny Schulwitz**, Judge Kathryn George guest of **Lynn Davidson**, Bob Redlick, past member and guest of **Dick Pierson** and Catherine Plum, Jason Gillespie and Gayle Good all from Macomb Community College joining us for the day to thank Rotary for providing scholarships received by Catherine and Jason. **Bob Randolph** led our songs this week he selected "Take me out to the Ball Game" in honor of our speaker and "Sing a song to Rotary." President Dedenbach then called on **Arthur Mullen** to announce birthdays and anniversaries and sell flowers. After sending birthday and anniversary wishes Arthur purchased all remaining flowers for the dedicated Bath City Festival Volunteers in the room.

**Larry Neal** then announced a reception to be held at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library in honor of **Don Green** and his appointment as trustee emeritus and American Library Association Trustee Citation Award on Tuesday, September 16 from 5-6 p.m.

Bob then asked for any goodwill but getting no takers started in on the fining/recognizing fast and furious ... **Sue Blanchard** was first fined \$3 for being the best-dressed Rotarian with **Carl Becker** fined \$2 for coming in second due to the fact his pants did not exactly match his jacket. Bob then called on Bob Redlick for being the most missed Rotarian for his 16 years between meetings but not being able to fine a guest Bob decided to fine **Dick Pierson, Eric Pierson, Anthony Randazzo and Don Miller** all \$1. As long as he had him standing Bob also decided to fine Don Miller an additional \$2 for his new Harley-Davidson. Bob then fined Lynn Davidson \$3 for not giving him the information that Don had purchased the new Harley.

Everyone at today's meeting who attended the Old Crowd and Daughters of Macomb events this year was asked to stand and pay \$1. President Dedenbach was asked to remain standing and explain her theft of Bob Selwa's Rotary pin. After giving her explanation Bob decided to have **Neil Dempsey, Tom Davies and E.J. Rozek** pay \$1 each for the fine he could not levy on the president.

Your scribe for the day was asked to stand and talk about the upcoming YMCA golf outing and Bob also asked all Rotarians participating in the outing to stand fining them all \$2 for participating. E.J. was then asked to remain standing to explain his recent golf trip up north costing him an additional \$3.

Last but not least Bill Lee was asked to identify one of our new Rotarians standing on the other side of the room. After a few minutes of blaming his memory and many hints Bill came very close to identifying Tony Randazzo mispronouncing his last name as Randuzzo costing him \$5.



Bob Selwa then introduced today's speaker and presentation ... Heroes of

the Great Depression – Our World Champion Detroit Tigers with Bernie Ostrowski and Bob Selwa.

Bob and Bernie provided a very entertaining program today with Bob asking questions regarding the Great Depression and the 1935 Tigers and Mr. Ostrowski providing answers.

Bernie Ostrowski of Armada, a retired truck driver, a U.S. Army Rangers veteran of World War II and a great family man. Bernie was born in 1926 and grew up on the east side of Detroit, his family tremendously impacted by the Great Depression. Bernie grew up in an avid baseball family as his Dad was a semi pro ball player in Detroit.

Bob asked Bernie about 1935 and his family experiencing the Great Depression? Bernie's answer was very simple ... unless you lived through it you truly do not understand what is like for everyone to have next to nothing. The people of today do not understand the hardships people went through.



Bob then asked Bernie what he remembered about the 1935 Tigers and the Championship Celebration after they won the World Series? Bernie stated that everyone loved the Tigers and that Detroit was a very friendly city. He fondly remembers everyone having a great time and he



enjoyed watching everyone celebrate.

Which players were your favorites and why? Mickey Cochrane, because he

was a manager and player and most likely the best catcher that ever played. Hank Greenberg because he was just so good at playing the game, Tommy Bridges because he had the best curve ball in baseball at the time, Charlie Gehringer and Billy Rogell for being the double play combination and Marv Owen for not only being a good player but he had huge hands and could hold eight or nine baseballs in one hand.

How do you feel about Hank Greenberg's contributions to baseball and Detroit?

He was a clutch hitter and great fielder, an all-star first basemen that eventually became a very good outfielder later in his career. He was an excellent baseball guy and gentlemen. He also gave up five years in the prime of his career to serve in the military.

Many Rotarians also had questions for Bernie concerning the 1935 Tigers and the way the City of Detroit was many years ago.

Thank you Bernie and Bob for sharing an excellent program with us today.



The 50/50 drawing did not happen today because we ran out of tickets last week.



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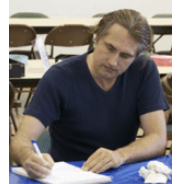


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## PROGRAMS ~ KRIS MIELE

- 9/11 OPEN
- 9/18 DISTRICT GOVERNOR STAN SHERMAN
- 9/18 BRING DONATIONS FOR FOOD PANTRY
- 9/25 OPEN
- 12/6 PARTY & PERFORMANCE AT MACOMB CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

"Where's my gavel?" said **Nancy** as she prepared for Thursday's meeting. "Sheesh! It's September and I still don't have it!" Actually, I think her vernacular was a might bit stronger than that, but HEY -- this is the "Spokesperson" and we have to be more vanilla than a "G" rating! EnyHOO, the meeting started at 12:15 sharp this past day of Thor, the 4<sup>th</sup> of September, with a rather ruffled President Nancy presiding. Goodness Gracious! We just simply have to do something about that gavel! **Don Oldham** lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and our piano accompanist was none other than fellow Rotarian **Bill Patterson**. **John Walendowski** boomed out a wonderful table blessing for us.



The meal consisted of "Little Beefies," mixed vegetables, potatoes, tomato salad, bread, ripple ice cream and assorted cookies. As usual, the Ladies of Zion out did themselves! (Thank you, ladies.)

Our guests were introduced by **Ray Hofner**, and they were:  
Helen Walendowski, mother and guest of John Walendowski  
Charter President Stephan and Monica Bandutsya of the Port Bell, Uganda Rotary Club  
And Jane Selwa, guest of Bob Selwa



Flowers were sold by none other than **Lynn Davidson**, and the first flower sold went to Bill Patterson, from **Larry Neal**, because Bill was our pianist of the day. **Eric Pierson** bought flowers for our guests from Uganda, Stephan and Monica Bandutsya. **Julie Huttenlocher** received a flower from her father, **Tom Davies**, and **Mary Ann Hosey** received a flower from **Kris Miele**.

**Ray Glime** shared a joke with us, but if you want to hear it again, talk to Ray.



Our song leader for the day was none other than **Al "You ain't seen nuthin yet!" Zuccaro**. (Voted best legs in the county.) Al gave a brief but interesting bio on Al Jolson, because a certain family member, who shall remain nameless, had never heard of him. Al Jolson wrote one of our songs of the day- "Toot-Toot Tootsie Goodbye" on page 59 of our song book.

Our guest from Uganda, Stephan Bandutsya, selected "Rotary My Rotary," which is also sung often at his home club. President Bandutsya told us a little about himself, also that he is working on a project with Canada, helping children without parents, children affected by HIV/AIDS.



## Neil Dempsey handled the Announcements and Goodwill

- **Jack Hart** announced that the L'Anse Creuse players are presenting the play "Chicago," on October 23, 24 and 25.
- President Nancy Dedenbach announced that on December 6 is the Rotary Party\ Performance at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts is presenting "Christmas with the Letterman." Ray Glime has about 30 tickets reserved. Ticket price is \$50 per person.
- Also Nancy is reminding us about any business\personal changes in our Rotary roster that we may need to make. Please call **Ken Kish** about any deletions, or changes of your personal information.



Neil Dempsey was our recognizing Rotarian this past meeting and our first victim was **Bill Lee**. His phone went off last week. Tisk Tisk! Bill was initially fined two clams, but wound up shelling out five. **Al Zuccaro** apparently didn't get any support with is Al Jolson bio, so everyone else paid one clam each. **Ray Glime** was mentioned in the "Make it up Daily," and also caught on a dubious position in a photograph, of which both were well explained away. Five clams. All ladies were asked to stand on honor of presidential candidate John McCain's running mate, Governor Palin of Alaska. One clam each. (**Jeff Furest** thinks she's hot! Hubba Hubba!) **Ken Kish** was recognized for having been named in the aforementioned "Make it up Daily." Apparently FORMER! Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick felt that Macomb County's largest newspaper was biased against him the recent scandal surrounding him. Oh well -- So sad! Didn't get the dollar amount on that one. And **Bob Randolph** questioned **Bob Selwa** about his sources from last week, and I really don't know what I'm talking about on that one. But Bob Selwa was fined two clams, and that certainly helps the bottom line! Life is good! Oy!



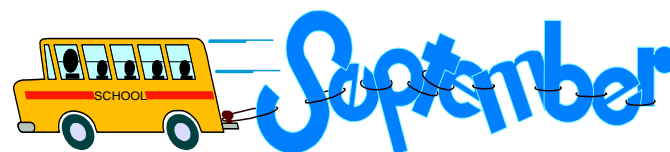
### BIRTHDAYS

8/25 GLENN BURTON  
8/27 BOB SELWA  
8/22 PENNY SCHULWITZ  
8/22 JANE (BOB) SELWA  
8/27 VIRGINIA (RALPH) BURTON

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

8/26 BILL & TONI LEE (18)  
9/4 MARK & CATHY ZUCCARO (20)

**Nancy won the 50\50 pot - 50 clams!**





Our program was about the Macomb County Rotary Foundation, and the Mount Clemens Rotary Foundation. This program was given by **Ted DeVantier**, and past president **Bob Morris**. First up was Ted. The Macomb County Rotary Foundation goes back to the 1920s when the Mount Clemens Rotary Club bought in northern Macomb County for Camp Rotary. Camp Rotary was sold to Huron Clinton in 1996, and the proceeds from that sale established the Macomb County Rotary Foundation. The sub goals are to continue projects with the camp, with matching grants from Macomb County. Christine LaTour is also with the Macomb County Rotary Foundation. Since '97, the foundation has distributed \$220,000 to various Macomb County Rotary clubs, with \$100,000 coming back to the Mount Clemens Rotary. There is \$450,000 in the fund now.

The Clawson and Madison Heights Rotary Clubs are also involved with the Macomb County Rotary Foundation. The Wolcott Mill is also a part park facility, and is adjacent.

Bob Morris was our next speaker, describing the Mount Clemens Rotary Foundation. The Mount Clemens Rotary Foundation is a 501(c)(3), filed with the state of Michigan in 1990. Its charitable purpose according to bylaws is to "Receive, administer and disburse funds for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, all for the public welfare." The means to raise funds most commonly are through club fund-raisers. It is designated noncommercial, nonsectarian, nonpartisan. The foundation consists of



seven members, who are: president Nancy Dedenbach, first vice president Jeff Furest, Bob Morris, **Ron Reed**, and **Don Torline**. Two directors-at-large are **Sue Diener** and **Don Carnaghi**. The immediate past president of the club is the foundation president, and the current club president is the foundation vice president. The secretary and treasurer are as elected by the board. The foundation meets the last Thursday of the month of the start of each new quarter at the Zion Church library.

Recent activity focused on two things; began last fiscal year reviewing and possibly reallocating investments of assets of \$250,00 and familiarizing the parameters that control that investment. Also establishing a mission statement -- investment philosophy use of funds. Don Carnaghi was asked to form a committee of financial advisors from the club that includes Don, Jeff Furest, **John Walendowski**, **Julie Huttenlocher** and **Kris Miele**. The committee developed a mission statement, with a major contribution from **Jeff Furest**. Jeff put together an investment policy statement, which includes balanced growth, to be re-balanced as necessary after quarterly review, to be reviewed by financial subcommittee.

All donations to the fund are tax-deductible. The seven standing categories for donation are:

- Foundation General Fund
- Habitat for Humanity
- Macomb Literacy Partners
- Rotary International Wheelchair Project
- Kingdom Train Foundation Water Project
- President's Discretionary Fund
- Other

This was a most interesting program, and thank you, Bob and Ted, for giving us the update on what's going on.



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## PROGRAMS ~ KRIS MIELE

- 9/18 DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
STAN SHERMAN
- 9/25 OPEN
- 10/16 BRING DONATIONS  
FOR FOOD PANTRY
- 11/20 BRING DONATIONS  
FOR FOOD PANTRY
- 12/6 PARTY &  
PERFORMANCE AT  
MACOMB CENTER FOR  
THE PERFORMING  
ARTS
- 12/18 BRING DONATIONS  
FOR FOOD PANTRY

**N**ancy put in an appearance, but Vice President **Jeff Furest** presided this past day of Thor, September 11, in the year of our Lord, 2008. However, the ongoing saga of, "Who's got the gavel?" continues. It's a real "who-done-it." Let's see, was it the kind and compassionate physician? Or was it the shrewd lawyer? Or how about the tough but kindhearted, cigar-chomping newspaper editor? Or was it the butcher, the baker, or the orthopedic brace maker? Each and any one of these and more, in this cadre of characters could be guilty. Each one had a MOTIVE and a REASON to commit this crime. It just may take Aunt Agatha to sort it out. Stay tuned, boys and girls for next week's installment. Same time, same channel, same place.

The meeting started promptly at 12:15, and **Paul Woodring** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Accompanying pianists were Jennifer Gale and **Bill Patterson**. **Sarah Lee-Ellena** said the table blessing, and our meal was BBQ pulled beef, potato salad, pickles and ice cream for dessert.



Our guests were introduced by **Cecilia Moloney**. Our guests included Lisa Halsey of Allstate Insurance, and Chuck Pottenger, of the Lupus Alliance of Michigan and Indiana.

The joke of the day was presented by **Bill Furest**, and assisted by Paul Woodring. The name of the joke was the "Suit Joke," a classic example of physical humor. (Very!) You had to be there, so I am not in my wildest of dreams going to try to recite it in this limited publication. So if you insist, just ask Bill. (Just make sure that Paul is there as well.)

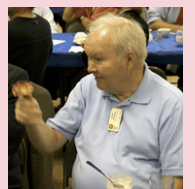


ENYhoo – The flowers were sold by **Lynn Davidson**. First off, Lynn bought a flower for guest Lisa Halsey. Then not to be outdone, Jeff Furest bought a flower for **E.J.**, in honor of the YMCA golf outing. Next was **Eric Pierson**, who bought a flower for **Gerry Hanson**.

Yours truly Rolf, got a flower from **Darlene LaBelle**, because I'm writing these minutes this week in her stead. (HEY - it's a good way to express the twistedness of my mind to this club!)



And **Ray Glime** bought a flower for **Neil Dempsey**. Our songbird for the day was **Kristine Miele**, who selected "School Days," in honor of the month of September, and "Viva La Rotary."



## Announcements & Goodwill



**G**lenn Burton received the Paul Harris Award. Jeff Furest was very proud and honored to have been able to award this to Glenn. Congratulations Glenn! Sarah Lee-Ellena said that they are just about ready to start painting soon at the Lee Family Build. Also about \$800 is needed to be raised to by a washer and dryer for the home, so a \$10 assessment will be levied from the membership (per member) to raise the funds.



**Mary Ann** Hosey announced a blood drive that was held just this past Saturday, the 12<sup>th</sup> at the Clinton Township senior center. Also, Mary Ann is announcing the up and coming Clinton Township "Festival of the Senses," celebrating art, music and food. It will be held Friday and Saturday, September 20 and 21 at the Clinton Township Civic Center.

There will also be a Martin Luther King celebration at the Golden Harvest restaurant, September 30. The Golden Harvest is located on 12 Mile Road in Warren. Former Mount Clemens Rotarian Michail Curro sent us a letter announcing the up and coming MLK dinner this January. We had a good showing of Rotarians there the last time in January, and is hoping that we can have a similar showing this January.

**Ray Glime** is announcing the play; "Say Goodnight Gracie" (Tony nominee BEST PLAY) Ray has tickets left for six couples, and they're very good seats. The show starts at 8 p.m., and the date is October 16. There is a possibility of everyone getting together for dinner at either the Detroit Beer Co. or at the Small Place Restaurant. Contact Ray Glime for more info.

**Bob Baker** is selling End Polio Now stickers for a goodwill donation. For the Rotary fundraisers coming up this March and April, it is requested that the same committee members from last year help organize the fundraisers for this up and coming year.

## RECOGNITION



**T**he first Rotarian in **Neil Dempsey's** crosshairs was **Kris Miele**, because he felt that she should have selected "God Bless America" in honor of the fallen during the attacks on our nation, September 11, 2001. **Carl Becker** wore a Republican Party Jersey to Rotary and was fined. **Don Green** and Ray Glime were recognized and fined for having their picture in the paper. **Glenn Burton** as well as **Eric Pierson** and **Cecilia Moloney** were all fined for having been in California recently. (Eric played golf at Pebble Beach! Woo Hoo!) Four clams for Eric, and two clams for Cecilia. Neil turned himself in for being in the paper as well, five clams, and got **E.J.** in honor of the recent YMCA golf outing. A whopping nine clams. Jeff also got fined as well for that outing. **Don Miller** got fined and recognized for being the best dressed, and having dinner with Jimmy Buffet. Two clams.





## Program



Our speaker of the day was Chuck Pottenger, executive director of the Lupus Alliance of Michigan and Indiana. He was here to educate us and dispel some myths surrounding the condition of lupus. Lupus is a common disease that affects one to 1.5 million people nationwide. It is an autoimmune disease, which means that it is a condition of which the body is attacking itself. It has been called the opposite of AIDS because instead of depleting the body of defenses like AIDS does, its defenses become overactive and start attacking many parts of the body and its systems. The cause of lupus is not known. Its pathomechanics are idiopathic. Even though both men and women get the disease, 90 percent of all patients are women. It is a disease that can attack any part of the body. Most patients will have no outward manifestations of the disease, and are not outwardly apparently ill. Symptoms, however, can be wide and varied. Manifestations most commonly occur at the end stages of the disease. Treatments can include stem cell transplant, and or chemo therapy. The Lupus Alliance has a goal of reaching 50,000 people through a campaign of handing out bookmarks for a donation. Some of you may have taken an envelope with bookmarks. The idea is for you to keep the laminated one, and hand out the rest for a donation. Funds can then be sent in the self-addressed envelope included in the packet. Also there is a Walk for Lupus, Saturday, September 27. The walk begins at 11 a.m. at Metro Beach Metro Park, in Harrison Township. If you hurry, the first 500 to preregister gets a free gift.



Thank you, Chuck for a most interesting and informative program!

B'dee B'dee B'dee- B' that's all folks!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

9/4 MARK & CATHY ZUCCARO (20)



The 50\50 was won by  
Jim Hazelwood. 54  
clams!



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## PROGRAMS ~ KRIS MIELE

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| 9/25  | OPEN                                                               |
| 10/16 | BRING DONATIONS FOR<br>FOOD PANTRY                                 |
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| 12/6  | PARTY & PERFORMANCE<br>AT MACOMB CENTER FOR<br>THE PERFORMING ARTS |
| 12/18 | BRING DONATIONS FOR<br>FOOD PANTRY                                 |
| 5/1-2 | DISTRICT 6380<br>CONFERENCE ZEHNDERS<br>OF FRANKENMUTH             |



Using a borrowed gavel, President **Nancy Dedenbach** called the meeting to order at 12:15. The mystery of the **Dedenbach** gavel is still unresolved. **Julie Huttenlocher** led the *Pledge of Allegiance* and *The Star-Spangled Banner* accompanied by **Jennifer Gale** on the piano. **Michele Heaver** offered the blessing for the mid-day meal. The lunch menu featured garden salad, fresh crusty bread, and Zion's ultimate spaghetti feast. For dessert, cookies and Jell-O topped with fruit was served.

## Guests

**Valerie Miller** introduced our guests: District Governor, Stanley Sherman; Assistant governor Sandy Pradko; Mark Speiss, guest of **Valerie Miller**; and Rob Selwa, guest of his father, **Bob Selwa**.



## Flowers

**John Walendowski** says that he knows a bargain when he sees one. He reported that Rotary flowers have an exceptionally long life span. He bought one two weeks ago, and it is still thriving. **Art Mullen** had the pleasure of presenting a flower to **Phil Groh** in honor of his 39<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. **Don Miller** bought a flower for **Michele Heaver** for the hard work she does with the Salvation Army. **Bob Baker** was happy to see our District Governor, Stanley Sherman, so he bought him a flower. **Penny Schulwitz** bought a flower for Assistant District Governor, Sandy Pradko. **Julie Huttenlocher** claimed the last flower for club President **Nancy Dedenbach**.

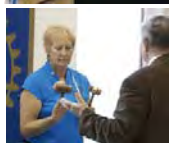


## Songs

**Bob Selwa** was song leader of the day. He asked all of the guys to sing *Let Me Call You Sweetheart* in recognition of **Phil Groh's** 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In honor of our district governor's visit, he chose Stan's favorite Rotary song, *Vive La Rotary*.



## Announcements and Goodwill



- **Nancy Dedenbach** reminded everyone about the Rotary District 6380 Conference from May 1-3, 2009 at Zehnders of Frankenmuth. She would like to reserve a block of rooms for our club and encourages everyone to attend. **Nancy** presented **Phil Groh** with a pin for perfect attendance. Knowing how long-winded he can be, she refused to give him the mike. **Bob Baker** is conducting interviews for the Youth Exchange on Saturday November 22. He needs volunteers to help.
- **Mike Robinson** reminded everyone about the Art Party and Feast of Food at the Anton Art Center. **Nancy Dedenbach** declared that she wants her gavel.
- She is tired of using the Little League's gavel. **Neil Dempsey** said that if

**Nancy** was willing to offer a reward that he would get on the case. **Nancy** reminded him that her middle name is **CRIME** and **CRIME** doesn't pay! **Phil Groh** offered to lend her the church gavel in lieu of the Little League's gavel. Stay tuned next week for another chance to unravel the mystery of the missing gavel.

- The Anchor Bay Rotary is having a wine tasting on October 11.
- **Ray Glime** has group tickets for *Good Night Gracie*. A dinner for Rotary play-goers is planned.



## Recognition

**N**eil Dempsey went right to work quizzing **Bob Selwa** for being gone for the past two weeks. Bob was fined \$5 for the return of his sunglasses, which he left behind two weeks ago. **Don Oldham** was hit with a \$2 fine for an unknown reason. **Steve Ternullo** fessed up to having a big 50<sup>th</sup> birthday bash at the Clinton River Boat Club. Finally, **Charles Muncatchy** was fined \$1 for each year of his new three-year contract. He was also declared the most-missed Rotarian.



## Speaker

**A**ssistant Governor, Sandy Pradk introduced District Governor, Stan Sherman. Stan is a member of the Rotary Club of Royal Oak. He served as club president 1971-72 and currently is on the Scholarship/STRIVE Programs mentoring two high school students. He has served many years on the club's auction committee, the principal fund raising event. Stan also served the district as the co-chair for Polio Eradication and Coordinator of the jaguar ticket sales with District 6400 for the 2002 Woodward Dream Cruise which netted R.I.'s Polio Eradication \$375,000 after a matching grant from the Gates Foundation and the World Bank.



Stan was employed for more than 30 years at *The Daily Tribune* in Oakland County, many as its business manager and assistant treasurer. After leaving the newspaper, he was the sole owner and president of a sheet metal fabrication shop in Livonia. After selling his shop, Stan joined Berridge & Morrison Commercial Real Estate as a sales associate where he is currently employed. Stan served more than 20 years as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Bank of Royal Oak, which is now Citizens Bank of Flint.



He was awarded the City of Royal Oak's 2005 Distinguished Citizen of the Year, which is given to a person who has contributed to the well-being of fellow residents by giving tirelessly of their time and energy without the desire of recognition, remuneration or personal gain. In 2003 he was awarded The Royal Oak Historical Society's Dr. Joseph S. Morrison Award named for a person helping to preserve Royal Oak's past and shaping its future. Stan and his wife Serena Sherman have been married since 1971. They have no children but their six year-old Lab requires a great deal of their time. Stan's hobbies are hunting, fishing, golfing, walking and history.

Stan shared Rotary International's President, D.K. Lee's mission. He wants to *Make Dreams Real for the Children of the World*. He reports that 30,000 children under the age of five die every day of preventable diseases. More people like pediatricians Linda and Jay Eastman from the Rochester Club are needed. They went to Guatemala and saw children dying of lockjaw because of poor sanitation practices. Instruments used to cut umbilical cords after birth were not sterile. The Eastmans taught midwives about sanitation so that babies would have a better survival rate.



Stan emphasized the important work that Rotary does eradicating polio, promoting literacy, providing wheelchairs, and improving water quality. However, he says that it is important to make it fun. He joked that when he was asked to become president of the Royal Oak club, he was told that a bachelor has never been president, so he would have to get married. A lawyer in the club told him that if it didn't work out that he would get him an annulment for free. He married his wife of over 30 years in 1971 before he became president, and he has never taken the lawyer up on his offer. Rotary is a serious business, but we have fun doing it. It is important to support your president and your board. Membership in many clubs is declining. Over the past year we have lost two former District Governors and one assistant governor. Ask someone who wants to give back to the community to join Rotary. Stan has been in sales all of his life, and he says that it is important to "Get Your Ask in Gear."



Let people know that you need help. At the end of his talk he donated a banner to the club with the Rotary International mission: *Make Dreams Real*.

## 50/50 Draw

Stan Sherman won \$50.  
Congratulations.

### BIRTHDAYS

9/5 GAIL (BOB) LEE  
9/16 JOHNNA (KEITH) LESPERANCE  
9/17 TONI (BILL) LEE

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

9/16 TED DeVANTIER & ANNE-MARIE SMITH (8)  
9/17 OWEN & DONNA PFAENDTNER (20)  
9/18 BOB & JANE SELWA (38)

### CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

TED DeVANTIER (24), AVA DANNER (2), DAVE MELDRUM (32), PHIL GROH (39)



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*By the time you all will be reading this, it will be Rosh Hashanah, or at least by sundown Monday, so -- Shana Tova to you all! Nancy is still looking for her gavel, but Neil Dempsey says he's hot on the trail for it. I actually heard on the bias that it may even show up next Thursday. I strongly encourage you ALL to be there, in attendance, bright eyed and bushy-tailed, to see if it actually appears. Again, boys and girls, stay tuned, same time, same place, same channel, next Thursday - 12:15.*



## PROGRAMS ~ KRIS MIELE

10/2 DAVE WIDLAK SPEAKING  
ON THE CURRENT  
BANKING CRISIS

ASSIGNMENTS FOR OCTOBER ARE:  
GREETER MARTY RUBIN;  
FLOWERS SUE BLANCHARD;  
BULLETIN ERIC PIERSON; MUSIC  
AL ZUCCARO; RECOGNITION  
GLENN BURTON

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FOOD PANTRY

The meeting was called to order at 12:15, with president **Nancy Dedenbach** presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by **Don Torline**, and our mealtime prayer was a beautiful Hebrew blessing given by Marty Rubin. Our piano accompanist was Jennifer Gale. Our meal was baked ham, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw (with apples no less) green beans, applesauce, with assorted cakes for dessert. The Ladies of Zion once again outdid themselves. (Thank you ladies.)



Our guests were introduced by **Ray Hofner**, and were; former Rotarian Carl Harlow, guest of the club, Pastor Scott Davis, of Zion Church of Christ, guest of the club, and Lori Stillwell, president of the Mount Clemens Kiwanis Club, guest of **E.J. Rozek**.



The flowers were sold by **Lynn Davidson** (This was going kind of fast and furious, so let's see if I get this right) (Deep breath) E.J. Rozek bought a flower for his guest Lori Stillwell; **Phil Groh** bought a flower for Pastor Scott Davis; and Bob Cannon bought flowers for **Mary Ann Hosey and Joe Peruzzi**. Flower lady Lynn Davidson bought flowers for Bob Baker and Fred Duemling.



Songs were lead by **Kris Miele**, and she selected for our first song, "We've Only Just Begun," and "All Hail to Rotary."

The "Joke of the Day" was given by **Ray Glime** and is actually a joke from a part in the play "Good Night Gracie." Ray did an excellent job with the voices. His impersonization of George Burns was spot on, and his Gracie voice was frighteningly close.



## Announcements and Goodwill

We got an email that Rick Jenny, son of an area Rotarian had passed away.

Also, please keep in your prayers our beloved member **Bob Lee**. He is currently in Henry Ford Hospital, downtown campus. Bob has been battling cirrhosis of the liver for some time, and is now in dire need of a liver transplant. He has also pneumonia, a kidney infection, as well as blood infections. He is a very sick man. Sarah will keep us posted as things develop. Stay strong Bob. We miss you!



**Jack Hart** announced that he has tickets for the play "Chicago." This is a production by the L'Anse Creuse Foundation. Tickets are \$18 for senior citizens, \$20 regular. Please call Jack at 586-465-1004.

**Ray Glime** has a list of folks that are going to the play "Good Night Gracie," October 16. A dinner at the "Small Place" restaurant in Detroit will precede the show.

Beyond that, no will, good or bad was mentioned.



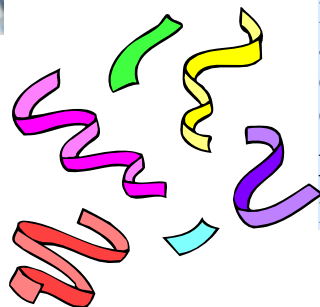
### BIRTHDAYS

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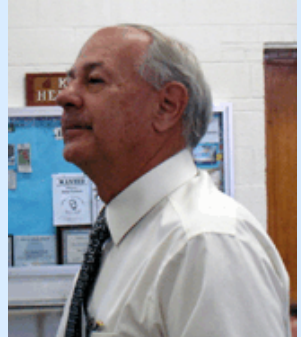
9/25 OWEN PFAENDTNER

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

9/20 JEFF & BETH FUREST (23)



Our recognizing Rotarian was **Neil Dempsey**, and his first victim was **Bob Leslie**. He was accused of the high crime "Cell phone going off." Geez Louise Bob that's a biggy! Also he just had to fly to California to make sure that the Pacific Ocean was still there. He assured us that it still is. Five clams minus a penny. **Michele Heaver** was mentioned in Macomb County's largest newspaper because the Salvation Army got an absolutely HUGE donation. Again, five clams minus a penny. **Ray Hofner** was cited for making a gift of peach jam to **Cecilia Moloney**. There was also a photo of purported dubious nature, of which he had to buy back for safekeeping. Four clams. **Fred Duemling** had been in Colorado since July and came back sporting a pretty good haircut. Three clams. **Tom Davies** was cited for no name tag, five clams minus a penny. **Bob Morris** confessed to having won his individual category recently in his golf league. A full five clams. Zowie! **Don Torline** confessed to having a brand-new GRANDSON. 8 lbs.-plus. He fined himself an astounding 50 clams! (I'm coming Martha! It's the big one!) Congratulations Don! All Paul Harris Fellows who were not wearing their Paul Harris pins were fined one clam each.







Our program was given by Carl D. Harlow, senior project manager with Testing Engineers and Consultants, Inc. He was introduced by **Kris Miele**. His program was "Survival in a Dynamic

Energy Environment – Meeting Challenges in 2008." Carl took us through some of the energy and economic trends that dominated the few decades, starting in the '70s. He cited our involvement in Vietnam, with the concurrent Arab oil embargo in '73. Also, Japanese automobile import encroachment. Also included were the controversies with nuclear power, such as the Three Mile Island incident in spring 1979. Gas in the '70s hovered around 50 cents a gallon, on average. The eighties saw a recession. There was further encroachment on the American auto industry by the Japanese. Congress imposed importation limits in foreign cars. Lee Iacocca went to Congress in '82 and got a bailout for Chrysler, and no new nuclear plants were built. Gas was about \$1.20 a gallon. The '90s saw a good economy, with foreign auto makers now building cars on U.S. soil. Detroit is shifting its focus to truck and SUV manufacturing.

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market. No new nuclear plants were being built, still. Suburban sprawl hits the outer edges of urban areas. And gas is still about \$1.20 a gallon. Energy is still relatively cheap.

The start of the 21<sup>st</sup> century saw changes on the horizon. 2001 brought the attack on our nation, September 11, 2001. Half the country was blacked out in a massive power outage in August 2003, due to failures in the power grid in the eastern half of this continent. Energy is starting to emerge once again as a "hot topic." The Japanese automakers are doing well, however, the U.S. economy is starting to sputter.

Energy consumption in China is starting to go up. It's become apparent that an energy plan is needed. We need to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and enhance awareness of energy concerns. We should also look at alternative energy resources such as wind, solar, and geothermal energy. So what's the connection to Rotary? Carl feels that Rotary should spearhead energy initiatives, and possibly get other Rotary clubs on board to help face some of these challenges. He feels that through these efforts, we may be also be able to attract new members, and change some of the ways that we do things in Rotary. These are some very compelling issues and ideas.

Thank you for a most informative program Carl!

Kris Miele won the 50/50. 54 clams!



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