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### Minutes by The Mystery Scribe ~ Photos by Mike Robinson

### **CALENDAR**

12/6

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

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nd we bring you . . . Thursday Afternoon Live! - Our Mount Clemens Rotary Club realized by the end of our October 2, 2008 meeting that we didn't have Lanyone doing the minutes. So **The Mystery Scribe** was drafted, to bring all of us Thursday Afternoon Live! **Al Zuccaro** was our song leader today. He did his best,

but unfortunately Al had our beloved and fun-loving president Nancy Dedenbach singing alongside him. Al took note of the cold wet weather and proposed Button Up Your Overcoat as our first song. Good ol" fun-loving Nancy howled along the words and tune, going all out to ruin it. She succeeded beyond anyone's dreams! It was so terrible that we can't even recall the second song. So now we see why Nancy was set back a year as club president! The singing on that one was so terrible that we asked Nancy to hit Eight Mile Road! Nancy promptly announced she is becoming a Rotary refugee . . . in North Carolina!

Before she fled from the scene, Nancy was finally presented the gavel that disappeared when she assumed the presidency. We had a funeral dirge of seven members bringing up what was left of it. But then the actual gavel marvelously reappeared. Somehow we all suspect the real

Update on Bob Lee: Bob Lee has been officially listed as a liver transplant candidate at Henry Ford Hospital. He was transferred last night to Henry Ford's Cottage Hospital facility for rehab for a short stay. After that, he will return home to wait for a donor. Estimates are anywhere from a couple of weeks up to a year. Henry Ford has a very high success rate with their liver transplants. We visited him yesterday and he seemed much improved. Thank you for your concern and please keep Bob in your prayers.

Sarah Lee-Ellena

culprit . . . the one at the top of the RI Most Wanted List of gavel thieves . . . **Tom Davies** . . . who was among the seven in the gavel procession. Tom, naturally pretending to be innocent as usual, had someone else come up with the actual Nancy Dedenbach gavel, as if we didn't know that he was the real one behind it all. Tom even had his sweet innocent daughter return the Nancy Gavel! All this and much more was part of the usual fun and friendship and delightful doings of our club's luncheon meeting.



As part of the flower portion of our gathering, one of the carnations went home to celebrate the 38th wedding anniversary of **Bob and Jane Selwa**. Our meal was delicious and healthy and terrific as usual, thanks to the Zion United Church of Christ volunteers. Our meal today featured Posen potatoes with all the trimmings.

The Mystery Scribe was sitting across from one of our longest and most outstanding members, **Ralph Burton**. Ralph served with the U.S. Coast Guard guarding the Atlantic Coast of the United States during World War II. It turns out that Ralph was part of the V-E Day Celebration. He was at a movie theater with some of his friends in New York City when Victory In Europe Day came. Ralph testified to the tremendous celebration that followed. "We heard all the noise and excitement," he said to his luncheon companions, "and we went outside. Everyone was celebrating. The girls were kissing all of us, over and over again, anyone in a uniform!" So now we have a new theory as to who it was who was in that famous 1945 photo that is a part of American history!



Ralph, is that you?

### The Procession











**lenn Burton** handled Recognition today, magnificently. He kept the fines down to only \$1 each . . . so he could fine some of the same folks over and over for one thing or another!



In honor of the evening's big debate between Senator Joe Biden of Delaware and Governor Sarah Palin of Alaska, the candidates for Vice-President of the United States, Glenn had everyone stand up who has ever held public office or has ever run for public office.



There were some surprises among those paying \$1. Including a member who ran for the Dearborn City Council in 1967. A

total of 1,692 Dearborn voters voted for him! But keep in mind, he finished 26th out of 30! Sort of like the Tigers this year.



Glenn fined every University of Michigan grad \$1, with no dropouts or GED's allowed. The Michigan folks were fined for picking on Wisconsin. Our University of Wisconsin Badger **Phil Groh** generously volunteered to match the total in fines of all the U of M guys and gals.

**Ken Kish** walked off with **Bob Selwa's** \$46 in the 50-50 drawing. Ken was able to do so because Bob kept fumbling around trying to find his ticket which was the winning ticket when the first ticket was drawn. Ken quickly pulled out the new winner when a second ticket was drawn. Ken happily declared as he walked off with the pot of gold, "That'll teach Bob for taking my money in poker over the years . . . for pulling ahead of me in Stratomatic Baseball and for hustling me in pool!"

Now we're finally through with Thursday Afternoon Live!









et's get down to some truly serious business. Our program today was on the nation's economy. We had as guest speaker Dave Widlak, president of Community Central Bank of Mount Clemens. Dave had a lot to say. He said it well. It was all straightforward and pertinent. There was a lot of discussion that followed with the members during an extensive Question and Answer and Discussion and Dialogue period.

This was a really timely program. This summary is able to cover only a few of the many important topics that Dave covered.

Dave said three banks have 30 percent of the banking assets in the United States, and the largest 50 banks have 80 percent of the banking assets in the country. Dave said the number of banks in the U.S. has gone down in the last 20 years from 14,000 to 7,000, while the number of branches has increased from 70,000 to 100,000.

Dave said the ability of banks to loan money and the ability of people to borrow it are powerful influences on our economy and our society and our way of life. He said that none of the largest 50 banks are headquartered in Michigan, and said that this is another reason why our Michigan economy is struggling so much as the worst economy of any of the 50 states.

Dave said it makes a difference whether a bank is in a community or at least in its state, or off somewhere else, with decisions being made from afar without sensitivity to the needs of the people at the community level. Dave said the bail out bill passed by the U.S. Senate the night before our meeting is vitally important in restoring confidence in our financial system, our economy and our country.

BIRTHDAYS
9/24 ROLF SCHROETER
9/25 OWEN PFAENDTNER
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
9/20 JEFF & BETH FUREST (23)



















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### Minutes by Julie Huttenlocher ~ Photos by Mike Robinson

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Greeter ~ Marty Rubin
Flowers ~ Sue Blanchard
Bulletin ~ Julie Huttenlocher
Music ~ Al Zuccaro
Recognition ~ Glenn Burton

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The meeting was called to order at 12:15 by our President Elect Jeff Furest. Terri LeClair led us in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by John Walendowski leading us in prayer. We then enjoyed a wonderful lunch of beef stew and mashed potatoes. Guests were introduced by me (Julie Huttenlocher). They were: Alan Zuccaro guest of Al Zuccaro, Dr. Kari Hortos our speaker for the day (and sister of Kristine Miele), Cindy Donahue guest of Don Green and Rev. Scott Davis, guest of the club.



The remaining flowers were sold by **Sue Diener. Kristine Miele** purchased a flower for her sister and our speaker, Dr. Hortos. **Rolf Schroeter** bought a flower for **Bob Morris** for help with the newsletter. **Fred Duemling** then returned the flower and bought one for Rolf for his great job on the newsletter. **Jeff Furest** bought a flower for **Glenn Burton** in hopes of softening him up for recognition. Glenn immediately offered it to Cindy Donahue, a guest at the club.

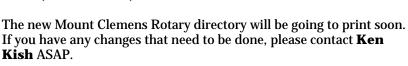


Next was music led by Al Zuccaro, who led us while waving his Italian flag. Al informed us of all the wonderful activities coming up this week for Columbus Day. Finishing with a parade down Romeo Plank and lots of celebrations! Al tried to find an Italian song but the best he could do was "Whatever will be, will be" which has a few Italian words (que sera sera). After a quick Italian lesson, we all sang the songs. The men sang the first verse quite well. The women finished the  $2^{\rm nd}$ 

verse which was not quite as loud! The second song was a favorite of the club - "R-O-T-A-R-Y."

### **Announcements**

From **Bob Baker**: The Clinton Township Sunrise Rotary is having a fundraiser to support its efforts in providing Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas packages to needy families in its service area. They are having an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner at Nick's Country Oven, on Hayes near 18½ mile on Sunday, November 2. Please contact Margo Baker (586-465-6988) or see Bob Baker for tickets.







Jack Hart announced that the food drive will be next week. So please remember to bring food. If you cannot, there will be a basket and they will collect money too! Jack also announced that the musical "Chicago" is coming to Clinton Township and our very own Jennifer Gale will be playing for it! So if you



are interested, you can see Jack Hart for tickets.





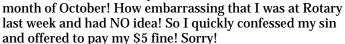
**Jeff Furest** announced that there may be a Mount Clemens Rotary Foundation meeting on Thursday morning. There also may be a Mount Clemens Rotary Board of Directors meeting as well. For all the people that are on this – stay tuned! More information to follow.

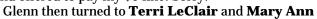
**Bill Lee** stood and gave us an update on **Bob Lee**. Bob is currently in Henry Ford Cottage Hospital undergoing rehab. He is hoping to be going home in a few days. He is currently awaiting a liver transplant. He is in all of our thoughts and prayers! Take care Bob!



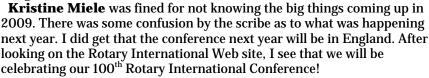
The Community Service Committee kicks off fall with a wonderful opportunity to give back to your community through volunteering. Throughout the year, the committee will provide opportunities for Rotarians to give back and volunteer as a club. Here's how you can provide "Service Above Self": ARC Services of Macomb Halloween Party is Friday, Oct. 24. Volunteer time: 3-6 p.m.; Activity: set up/decorate and serve food to the guests; Location: Metro Park in the activity shelter, rain or shine, does not include park admission. You may stay throughout the entire event. Enjoy music, prizes and entertainment. This party is for all Friends of the ARC and goes until 10 p.m. Please sign up with Jessica Cheshire at (586) 463-1151 or (586) 463.5660 (fax 586-463-0420; cell 313-401-4526) or Jessica.Cheshire@LiveUnitedSEM.org (new email address) ARC Services is a nonprofit membership association comprising people with disabilities, parents, friends and professionals involved with supporting people with disabilities in Macomb County.

**C lenn Burton** handled our recognition today. He started with goodwill. That is when yours truly stood up quickly to admit my mistake. It turns out that I (Julie Huttenlocher) was responsible for the bulletin for the





**Hosey** who had a little too much fun with the R-O-T-A-R-Y song. There must have been some cheerleading background for both of them! We all asked for them to show us their moves but Glenn stopped the show and charged them each \$5.







**Eric Pierson** and **Jack Hart** were each fined \$1 for not using Rotary in their announcements. All of the financial advisors and CPAs were asked to stand and pay for causing all the problems in the financial markets. Last week the bankers were asked to pay for the mortgage problems and this week the financial guys!

Usually, we will fine members who we consider the best-dressed. Today, Glenn asked three members to stand and be recognized \$2 for being the Best Modestly Dressed. The winners today were **Rolf Schroeter** (who tried to avoid the fine by putting on his sport coat), **John Walendowski** and **Jim Haselwood**.

Glenn also recognized people who have had a problem with cell phones during the meeting. **Joe Peruzzi** and **Pete Ruggirello** were two members recognized for phones going off last week. Each was asked to contribute \$4.





We also had some winners in our midst today! **Jeff Furest** was the big winner at a hockey/golf fundraiser where he won the WJR Pistons Suite. We were all hoping that it would be big enough for us all — but to no avail!

**Don Torline** also won four hockey tickets and dinner! He was only fined a \$1 for the victory but **Tom Davies** was fined \$2 for being a snitch!

**Ken Kish**, the winner of our 50/50 last week, stood next. It seems he had a call from a Rotarian who actually HAD the winning ticket last week. Unfortunately for this Rotarian, he could not find the ticket and didn't until after the meeting. Bob Selwa called Ken Kish to plead his case. Ken came to the meeting today ready to split the

winnings with **Bob Selwa**. Bob was not in attendance today so Ken decided to keep the money and pay a \$5 fine instead! **Al Zuccaro** was fined \$2 for carrying the Italian flag during music. It was deemed that it was a bit over the top!

**Neil Dempsey** was then asked to stand and tell us a story about his wife. It seems Barb was driving down South Main Street recently when she noticed a group of girls walking in the street. She honked to them and motioned for them to go on the sidewalk. They in turn flipped her the bird. She pulled off to the side of the road and made it look like she was going to use her cell phone to call the police. As luck would have it, just then a police cruiser happened to drive by. The girls all dispersed and fled the scene as quick as they could!

The last fine went to all of us Rotarians who failed to remember to wear their Rotary pins today! Me included! Each of us was charged \$1!

ur speaker today was Associate Dean Dr. Kari Hortos who is currently in charge of the expansion of the MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine (MSU-COM) into Macomb County. Dr. Hortos is a Macomb County girl. She was born and raised in Richmond. She went to MSU for medical school and has practiced medicine in Macomb County for 25 years. In August she decided to accept the challenge of the expansion of the MSU-COM into Macomb County.

A little background on the MSU College of Osteopathic School of Medicine: Inception 1969; Top 5% of all medical schools for primary care (its specialty); 2/3 of alumni practice in Michigan; More than 50% practice in primary care medicine

### Why the move to southeast Michigan for MSU-COM?

- We need to increase the number of physicians in Michigan (demographics are getting older). This will help address the physician shortage here.
- Increase the access to MSU-COM education for the people in Macomb County
- Increase the likelihood of committee physicians to our area. More than 90% of the students accepted to the program are from Michigan.

Beginning in June 2009, MSU-COM will now have campuses in Lansing (main) as well as the DMC in Detroit and our campus at the Macomb University Center. ~~ The Macomb University Center is the first of its kind anywhere. It offers: Higher education with partnerships with other institutions ~~ Opened in 1991 ~~ More than 15,000 students have received their higher degrees (Bachelors or higher) since it opened. ~~ Multiple partners including: Wayne State, Oakland University, CMU and Lawrence Tech. ~~ **Why here?** The University Center is close to Osteopathic hospitals, family friendly area and the Physical facilities are great. ~~ The first class will be accepted in June of 2009 and will have 50 students.

The facility is currently in the process of being built. Once complete, it will be using the concept of distance education. Using technology, this will allow students to be in a classroom here while listening to a professor at another location. They will be able to see everything real time as well as slides and content. There will also be an on-site instructor here.

## **Why Macomb County?**

There is a high concentration of DOs here. Within 10 miles, we have three hospitals: Mount Clemens Regional Medical Center, Henry Ford Macomb and Henry Ford Warren. That provides more than 1,000 beds and 300 jobs for ongoing training.

### The Mission of MSU-COM is:

- We are the service of Medicine
- The Art of Caring
- The power of touch



## The 50/50 was won today by **Gerry Hanson!** Congratulations!

### **BIRTHDAYS**

9/26 MARCO LAVINIO

9/26 CHARLOTTE (BOB) RANDOLPH

10/1 SHARON (FRANK) BERNABEI

10/5 CARL BECKER

10/9 BILL LEE

10/9 DAVID (SUE) BLANCHARD

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

10/1 LYNN DAVIDSON & JERRY LOVELL (3)

10/1 CHUCK & CAROL O'GRADY (3)

10/5 MATT & STACY MARSIGLIO (12)

10/7 CECILIA & LARRY MOLONEY (47)

### **CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

RON REED (7), JULIE HUTTENLOCHER (13)

















































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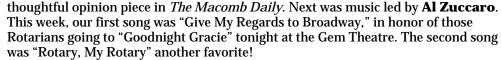
Joke of the Day

There were two of them by **Ray** Glime! The first one was missed by me because I was asking if I should put them in the bulletin and Ray said it too fast! The second one went something like this: This was an answering machine message, "I am sorry that I was not available to take your call. Thank you for caring enough to call. I am currently making some changes in my life. So I don't happen to call you back, you are one of the changes I am making!" I never do jokes justice! Sorry Ray you are the joke champion!



the meeting was called to order at 12:15 by our President **Nancy Dedenbach**, who was back from the shores of North Carolina. **Paul Woodring** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by **Bill Patterson** leading us in prayer. We then enjoyed a wonderful lunch of chicken pot pie and Jell-O.

There were no guests at the club today. Flowers were sold by Sue Diener. Bob Lee, through his dad Bill, bought a flower for Sarah **Lee-Ellena** for Bosses Day (since she is a new boss). **Julie** Huttenlocher bought a flower for Ray Glime for organizing the Rotary function tonight at the Gem Theatre. Bob Leslie bought a flower for **Chuck O'Grady** for his upcoming departure back to Florida. Chuck took another flower for his wife, Carol, who is a new grandma. Nancy bought two flowers for Bill Patterson and Jessica **Cheshire** for working on the community services committee and **Don Miller** bought the last flower for **Frank McNelis** for his













he Rotary Community Service Committee has put together a day that our club can get out and help the community. We will be setting up a Halloween party for ARC Services of Macomb County at Metro Beach (at the Activity Shelter) on Friday, October 24 from 3 - 6 p.m. If you would like to attend, please get a hold of Jessica **Cheshire, Bill Patterson or Eric Pierson.** The party will be a pirate theme so if you are inclined - be creative! Our Rotary Club will be providing the volunteers with new aprons!





lenn Burton handled our recognition today. His first victim this week

was again **Terri** LeClair. This week she was asked to stand because her cell phone went off in the meeting last week. She



was fined \$2. Recognition by Glenn Burton



Next up was **Bill Furest** who spent some time in front of a video camera for a movie. In it, he rode his tractor across the Mackinac Bridge (I think I understood that correct). Jeff is also in the movie (on the golf course) and Glenn Burton also had a part! There was not a lot of information

given except that the premier is on November 6 at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. More info (and fines) to follow I am sure!



Frank McNelis offered to pay \$5 for his letter to the editor to *The Macomb Daily*. I, for one, read it and thought that he did a great job on it!

In order to expand our knowledge of Rotary International, Glenn gave each table a little quiz. The first table led by **Sue Diener** had a very easy question

(which they were able to answer quickly thanks to Neil

**Dempsey**). The question was who is the President of Rotary International and where is he from? Answer: D.K. Lee from South Korea. No fine for them.





The second table led by **Penny Schulwitz**, was asked, "How many clubs are there in our district and how many members?" After a few guesses, we were close by still incorrect. There are 53 clubs and 1,972 members. As a result of being wrong, we were fined \$4 each!

The third and final table was asked to list in order the top three clubs in the district for per capita giving to the Rotary Foundation. They did not get this right and were fined. The answer is: 1st Mount Clemens (around \$74 per person)! 2<sup>nd</sup> – Clarkston and 3<sup>rd</sup> – Eastpointe.



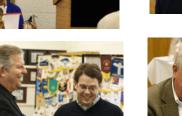
The 50/50, worth \$43, was won today by Larry Neal! Congratulations!

**BIRTHDAY** 10/15 SHANNON (TED) BOLAK WEDDING ANNIVERSARY 10/16 MARTY & BERTHA RUBIN (63) **CLUB ANNIVERSARY** OWEN PFAENDTNER (10)























ur speaker today was our very own **Bob Baker**.
Bob was speaking to us today on our District Youth Exchange Program.

Our district supports two out of the three exchange programs of Rotary International. We

support the academic year program (one year in length) and the summer exchange (approximately one month in length). We do not support the new generations Exchange, which targets college students).

Years ago, our district banded together to form the Ohio Erie District for Youth Exchange. Ohio Erie is made up of 12 districts ranging from Michigan, Ohio, East Kentucky, Eastern Tennessee, North Carolina and West Virginia. This allows cost savings to work with all of these districts rather than doing it on our own.

Bob deals specifically with our outbound program in the academic year exchange. Currently Bob is responsible for 18 kids in 14 countries and two more leaving in January to go to Brazil. We currently have 12 kids here from other countries

If you know of someone who is interested in being an exchange student, they can go to the website and fill out a questionnaire. That information goes to Bob. There is an application process (14 pages!) that is required. Currently they are accepting students' applications for the 2009-2010 school year. Applicants must be between the ages of 15-18. It used to be Rotary could accept students who have recently completed high school but thanks to our State Department, that is no longer allowed.

Bob also offered that if anyone is interested in learning more about the program, he will be conducting interviews for outbound students on November 22 at Zion Church. So if you are interested in helping out, contact Bob and he can place you on an interview team.

The costs associated with the Outbound Exchange program are: \$950 fee (our club will offer \$500 to any interested student that we send). Students must pay for any visa or passport expense and airline tickets. The airline ticket must be purchased as an open ticket. This is the most expensive way of reserving a ticket and that can cost between \$1,200 and \$3,000. Most countries have language camps (costing approximately \$200-\$400) and any spending money the student needs for the year.

Our club has always been very supportive of the exchange program. In the past years, we have even hosted two students in a year. We have not hosted a student in the past three years. Bob (and I) would love to see the club get back into the hosting of students.

To host an inbound student, the club would need to commit to the following:

- Commitment of three families to host (preferably in the same school district)
- \$75 stipend per month for the student approximately \$1,000 total
- Provide a counselor for the student
- Information must be submitted for an audit to the State Department – this can be costly and is another benefit of being in the Ohio Erie district
- Host parents must arrange for schooling for the student

On a personal note, my family has been very enriched by this program. As I was growing up, we had a few exchange students and loved the experience. My sister was also an outbound student – she spent a year in France. I also had the privilege of being a counselor to a student. This is a great program and one that we should strive to support as much as possible!



















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Proposed New Member Scott Davis Religion-U.C.C. Sponsor: Phil Groh

**Joke of the Day Ray Glime** was not here today so
Nancy gave us the joke:

What do you call a Detroit Lion with a Super Bowl ring? A thief!

What do you use to fix a broken jack-o-lantern?
A pumpkin patch

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

MSU!" Yikes - rough week!

The Rotary Community Service Committee put together a day that our club could get out and help the community by setting up a Halloween Party for ARC Services of Macomb County at Metro Beach on Oct. 24

Bill Patterson and it was again in honor of the big game. We were lucky enough to sing "Victory for



We will again be ringing bells for the Salvation Army. **Bob Randolph** signed us up for November 22 and 29 and December 6 and 13. We will be ringing at the Clinton Township Library this year. We will also have a special ringing day on November 8 at the Wal-Mart. Bob will be looking for five or six bell ringers. Please look for the sign up next week.



Arthur Mullen announced a special trick-or-treat event in downtown Mount Clemens this weekend. It will take place from 1–5 p.m. The Wacky Witch will have a reading at 1:30 p.m. followed by Rosco the Clown at 2 p.m. and trick-or-treating from 2:30 - 5 p.m. in the downtown stores.

There was a special board meeting following our regular meeting on Thursday. It was discussed a new way of fundraising for our community service projects. Nancy will be asking the board permission to send around a basket on the first Thursday of every month. The collection will be for raising money for the community service projects. Please support this! This is a great way to support the community and pass along the Rotary spirit!

**■ lenn Burton** handled our recognition today. His first victim this week was Recognition by Clean Burton While a great idea and announcement, it did not mention Rotary. For that, Arthur was fined \$2.

**Don Torline** was fined \$2 for an article in the *Detroit Free Press* that placed Baker College at the #10 Best Place to Work in Michigan. Don Miller was fined \$5 for his picture being in the *Free Press*. Don did not know why he was in it – so that is why the fine went up!



**Sue Blanchard** was fined \$4 for her cell phone ringing in the middle of a meeting a few weeks ago. Glenn has been very patient waiting for her to come back! He got his wish today! **Don Green** was asked who our water guru was in the club. After dancing around the answer like a good politician, he was fined \$5 for not knowing the answer to how many children die every day from unclean water. John Walendowski, our clean water ambassador, told us that one child dies every 16 seconds. That is almost four per minute and more than 4,000 a day. Alumni from U of M and MSU were asked to stand to place the wager for the big game. It was agreed that the losing team would owe a \$1 and would be required to sing the winning teams fight song.

**Paul Woodring** was then fined \$4 for not knowing that the trophy the teams are playing for this weekend is the Paul Bunyan.

The last fine went to **Don Torline** for not knowing that this month is the Vocational Month in Rotary International.



The 50/50, worth \$49, was won today by **Gerry Hanson!** Congratulations!

BIRTHDAY 10/21 BETH (JEFF) FUREST **CLUB ANNIVERSARIES** BILL FUREST (30), PAUL WOODRING (20)

## **PROGRAM**

ur speaker today was Barbara Hill from Michigan Citizens for Stem Cell Research & Cures. She came to give us some education on the Proposal 2 that we will be voting on in November. The group's mission is dedication to educating our state's residents about stem cell research and its potential for lifesaving cures and treatments. They are a nonpartisan, statewide, nonprofit organization. The goal of the group is to make sure that the voters have all the information they need to make an informed decision.

Some stem cell basics: Stem cells are the building blocks for tissues in the body; Body's own repair tool; Form specialized cells including blood, nerve and bone

2 kinds: Adult Stem cell and Embryonic stem cells (ESC)

Adult Stem Cells are found in blood, bone, skin and umbilical cord. They are used to maintain and repair tissues in which they are found (skin replaces skin). We have more than 40 years of research in this area. Adult Stem calls are very difficult to grow in the lab. It has had success in bone marrow transplants to treat leukemia.

Embryonic Stem Cells – The basics: Researchers want to use ESC from fertility clinics only; ESC can develop into all tissues in the body; Studying these cells can lead to better understanding and potential treatment of a wide range of diseases and injuries; Researchers would be looking to use only ESC that are taken from the third of embryos that are damaged and the third of them that will be thrown away as hazardous waste because the people who created them are not interested in using them anymore; ESC are able to duplicate themselves in large quantities for

many stem cell lines; Research in this area started in 1998; ESC are best used four to five days after fertilization. They are then able to replicate themselves at a very fast rate.

The potential of this research is: Finding a key to unlock cures for human diseases and injuries; Replacement of damaged cells; Help suppress the symptoms of diseases such as diabetes, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's disease and fix paralysis; At this point there have been big progress and hope in these areas: Reverse paralysis; Slow down the process of macular degeneration; Manage diabetes; Heart repair; Reverse Stroke damage

The federal policy currently states that researchers can only study stem cell lines from before 2001. These lines are not diverse. They are derived from outside of the country and are thought to be contaminated by mouse cells.

In 2006/2007 there was bipartisan support to update the policy to give more options to the researchers. There was a presidential veto on that. Currently both candidates agree and are in support of ESC research. They both would like to see more federal aid

to expand the stem cell lines.

Michigan is one of five states that has restrictions on ESC from fertility clinics. The forerunners in research in this area are: Wisconsin, New Jersey and California. Michigan is currently losing a lot of researchers because of our restrictions here.

In Michigan it is more restrictive than the Federal Policy and is a 5-year felony if you are caught using ESC from fertility clinics. Patients here are now forced to go to China, Japan, Russia or India (the forerunners in this research).

In Michigan, the legislature has put effort into this. The House had committee hearings for two years and voted no in 2008. The Senate has had no committee hearings. The citizens of Michigan wanted this to be put on the ballot. They received all the necessary signatures to put it on. ~~ A little of the ballot language: Protects Michigan's ban of human cloning; Permits research to use leftover embryos from fertility clinics that would normally be thrown away; Requires donor consent; Ensures no exchange of money

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### Minutes by Julie Huttenlocher ~ Photos by Mike Robinson

#### CALENDAR

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GREETINGS: RAY HOFNER, CECILIA
MOLONEY AND JOE PERUZZI
RECOGNITION: JULIE HUTTENLOCHER
FLOWERS/BIRTHDAYS: VALERIE MILLER

11/1-10 LINDA MAY - (BULLETIN-EMAIL FORWARDING) - OUT OF TOWN 11/6 \$\$\$ FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE 11/8 BELL RINGING WALMART 11/20 BRING DONATIONS FOR FOOD PANTRY

11/22 BELL RINGING 11/29 BELL RINGING

12/4 \$\$\$ FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

12/6 BELL RINGING

12/6 PARTY & PERFORMANCE AT MACOMB CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

BELL RINGING

12/18 Bring donations for food

PANTRY



12/13











The meeting was called to order at 12:15 by our president Nancy Dedenbach. Don Torline led us in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by John Walendowski leading us in prayer. We then enjoyed a lunch of sausages, yummy potatoes and beans! Guests were introduced by Ray Hofner. They were: Frank Marella, president of the Care House (speaker) and Eric Sheffler, owner of Superior Play (speaker). The remaining flowers were sold by Sue Diener. Dick Pierson bought a flower for Valerie Miller for supporting his kids by buying flowers. Bob Morris bought a flower for Ron Reed because it was good to see him. Yours truly bought a flower for Jeff Furest for taking my husband and friends out hunting last week; Mary Ann Hosey bought a flower for Frank Marella, our speaker. Nancy Dedenbach bought a flower for Eric Sheffler, our other speaker.

Next was music led by **Bill Patterson**. First up were the UofM alumni who were forced to sing "Victory for MSU!" Yikes — rough week! We were given the choice of paying \$5 to not sing or \$1 to sing. We all chose to sing. It took me almost a week to get the song out of my head after Saturday. Now it is back in! Thanks a lot Michigan! Our second song was "Roll Rotary."

We welcomed a new member into our club today. **Scott Davis** joined our club. He was brought in by **Phil Groh**. Scott is the new pastor at Zion UCC. He is originally from Boston, MA. He is married to Erica (a University of Michigan graduate!) and has a son, Ian, who is 20 months. Welcome Scott! You will be a great addition!

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Rotary Community Service Committee had 11 Rotarians who volunteered to help at the Halloween party for ARC Services of Macomb County at Metro Beach on Friday, October 24! Thank you to all those Rotarians!

We will again be ringing bells for the Salvation Army. **Bob Randolph** signed us up for November 22 and 29 and December 6 and 13. We will be ringing at the Clinton Township Library this year. We will also have a special ringing day on November 8 at the Wal-Mart. Bob will be looking for five or six bell ringers. Please see Bob if you are interested in helping on the

There will be a fundraiser for Jason Freiwald's daughter. Jason was a Navy SEAL who was killed in the line of duty in Afghanistan. The benefit will raise money for his daughter. The dinner will be on November 11 at the Creek Center Banquet Hall in Armada. If you are interested in attending, please see **Eric Pierson**.

- There will be a basket on the first Thursday of every month available for you all to throw in some money. The collection will be for raising money for the community service projects. Please support this! If you are interested in having your account charged, there will be a paper in there to fill out! We do a lot of great things around Macomb County and this is a great way to support the community and pass along the Rotary spirit!
- The District Foundation Gala will take place on November 13 at the Club Venetian in Madison Heights. Please register for this excellent event on the district Web site.
- The Clinton Township Sunrise Rotary Club will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, November 2. Please contact Margo Baker for tickets.

# Recognition by Glenn Burton

Il the MSU grads were asked to stand to be recognized for our excellent speaker we had a few weeks ago. She was here to talk about the MSU School of Medicine. Each alumnus was asked to contribute \$2 for the great advertising.



Anyone who was or will be going on a trip more than 500 miles in the near future was asked to stand. **Mary Ann Hosey** just returned from Santa Belle Island. She was fined \$5. **Dick Pierson** was

also fined \$5 for an upcoming trip to Egypt with the Nomads. Sounds like a wonderful trip — well worth \$5! **Ron Reed** was recognized as our most missed

Rotarian

**Joe Peruzzi** was fined \$3 for eating candy out of the centerpiece. Don't feel bad Joe - I did too?! I just didn't get caught!

**Jeff Furest** was fined a few dollars (\$1 for each flub) from when he filled in as president for Nancy.

Scott Davis was fined for not knowing who was listed as president on our Web site. It incorrectly shows that **Bob Morris** is still president. Glenn let Scott use his conscience as his guide in the amount of the fine! Ouch! That is a tough first one!



Bob Morris, the president of our Mount Clemens Rotary Foundation,

was fined for not knowing how old the Rotary International Foundation is. He guessed 98 years — the answer was actually 91 years. Good guess though Bob. That cost him \$2.

**Neil** was fined \$5 for a bidding war that he got into after being over served. He was quite pleased with the autographed picture of Rhonda Walker.



ur first speaker today was Eric Sheffler. He is from Superior Play and is working with our club on the Playscape at Washington School.

The project that we are working on is a playground for disabled children. The playscape will be built in conjunction with Macomb County POHI program (Physical or Otherwise Health Impaired) children. The

current playground is more than 20 years old. It is small, unsafe and outdated.

It is the goal of the committee to raise more than \$250,000 to build a playground area with a play scape, a large open play area and a wheelchair accessible basketball court. Mr. Sheffler came to show us a rendering and explain some of the special equipment that will be placed in the park.

This is something that we will be hearing a lot more of in the future as we continue to try and raise funds for this worthwhile project. If you would like to get involved, contact **Nancy Dedenbach**. The projected build date is May 1, 2009.











ur 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker today was Frank Marella, the President of the Board of Care House. Care House is an advocacy center for kids who have been physically or sexually abused. Care House was opened in 1996. Since that time, it has responded to more than 5,000 families and conducted more than 3,000 forensic interviews with children. The purpose of the care house is to provide the child with a friendly, family-centered place where the child can feel safe when questioned about the traumatic event in their life. It is a multi-disciplinary approach where the prosecuting attorney, the police department, social workers and other professionals can be a part of one interview that minimizes the stress to the child.

Care House also provides family support services as well. This allows families to receive

counseling after a traumatic event.

The majority of the \$650,000 budget for the Care House comes from community support. As a result, Frank announced an upcoming fundraiser. The fundraiser is Christmas for Kids. It will take place on Monday, December 8 at Mac & Rays. Tickets are \$75 per person. This is a great night with a lot of restaurants and supports a great cause. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Care House at (586) 463-0123.



THE 50/50, WORTH \$55, WAS WON TODAY BY **BOB RANDOLPH!** CONGRATULATIONS!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

10/28 BILL & CAREY FUREST (47) 10/28 MICHELE & BILL HEAVER (19) 10/29 KEN & DIANE KISH (30)

















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### Minutes by Frank McNelis ~ Photos by Mike Robinson

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he meeting was commenced, sans gavel, by our illustrious president, **Nancy Dedenbach**, announcing she would do the prayer. However, Thomas Davies interrupted her and led the Pledge of Allegiance, thus, restoring order.



Flowers were presented to **Joe Peruzzi**, the Honorable Dempsey (not to be confused with **Neil)**, **Ray Glime** and **Julie Huttenlocher**. Our song master chose the national anthem of his opposing party, "Happy Days, Are Here Again," (Page 20 for those who believe) and "Sing a Song of Rotary" with gusto.



The president announced that the short forms on the tables seek a contribution for Rotary community service projects and would be so placed on the first Thursday of the month heretofore.



Rolf Schroeter announced the oncoming Mount Clemens Parade and is seeking old cars to drive therein. Contact him if interested.



**Recognition** was led by the wily **Julie Huttenlocher**, who immediately displayed solid character by letting **Glenn Burton** off the hook since he bought her a flower. She announced, "I can be bought with flowers," and **Neil Dempsey** was found to have reveled in a shadow go-go dance at the hospital ball, \$5.

**Valerie Miller's** picture of the grandchild in a "pumpkin" was valued at \$1; **Jessica Cheshire** was in



Mexico, vacationing; **Steve Ternullo** - Florida; **Carl Becker**, 2½ weeks Western Parks and tried accordingly.



Next, the ungrateful child recognized her own father announcing that in the family "Real men wear pink." (shirts that is), \$2; **John Walendowski** announced he was at a Chinese dinner for two hours and was fined \$3; all who voted absentee, \$1; and **Bob Cannon** for "doing such a fine job as supervisor," \$1.

A gavel hunt ensued overseen by the Huttenlocher women which resulted in the gavel being located in a vending machine and claimed by Madam President.









Heaver (a major in The Salvation Army) was the speaker on the subject of the wonderful work of the Salvation Army. She expounded that the kettle idea originated in San Francisco in the early 1900s. That, in



eastern Michigan, it is the biggest single source of funds. Indeed, it buys 2,500,000 meals, copious beds, bus fares, home rental, and the list goes on. In the Mount Clemens area (approximately from 14 Mile Road to Romeo and Richmond east to the lake), it raises \$379,000. The good work of the Salvation Army is unmatched anywhere, and this year the need is great. A contribution of \$125 buys a kettle worker for the day. These workers are mostly unemployed.

**Bob Randolph** has at each meeting a sign-up sheet for members to contribute their time to a kettle ringing experience.

A new Web site

<u>www.give.salvationarmyusa.org/goto/MtClemens</u>handles kettle contributions and volunteers.

Note from Linda May: I could not connect to the Mount Clemens Salvation Army on the above link, but I did on this link:

http://give.salvationarmyusa.org/site/TR?px=1345418&fr \_id=1200&pg=personal&JServSessionIdr001=rktywkipi2. app45b

### John Murphy won the \$39 on 50/50.

**BIRTHDAYS** 

11/2 TED DEVANTIER 11/3 CAREY (BILL) FUREST



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

11/4 KEITH & JOHNNA LESPERANCE (31)

11/5 JOE & JOANNE PERUZZI (34)

**CLUB ANNIVERSARIES** 

SUSAN BLANCHARD (3), LARRY NEAL (3)



















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Minutes by Sarah Lee-Ellena ~ Photos submitted by Nancy Dedenbach

n a cold and dreary November day, President Nancy **Dedenbach** called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.. I heard the gavel, can't remember if it was Nancy's or the AMVETS'. **Bob Cannon** led the Pledge of Allegiance and the prayer came from the booming voice of John Walendowski. We feasted on roast pork with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad and ice cream sundaes. Our guests, announced by **Bob Morris**, were our speaker, Leon Drolet and Ron and Luca Dedenbach, Nancy's hubby and grandchild. Even Luca stood for the singing of the Rotary welcome song. I don't remember who led the songs - was it **Ray Hofner** - but I remember that we did sing "If you knew Susie," with a disclaimer from Ray for any Susies in the crowd. The other song was to Rotary sung to the tune of "Anchors Aweigh." (You can see, this is not my usual gig. Your scribe was taking over for Frank McNelis who was unable to attend.) Jennifer Gale was our pianist.

After the guest introduction, [attorney] Ray Glime came to the podium to deliver his "Jokes of the Week," which he said came from **Phil Groh**. The jokes consisted of actual statements made by attorneys on court transcripts which, of course, sounded brainless. Phil thought Ray would enjoy them and now so have we.

Selling of the flowers by Pete Ruggirello came next. Sue Diener and Bob Baker got the first pick, in honor of their

12<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> club anniversaries respectively. **Glenn Burton** also had a club anniversary, but he wasn't there so, no flower. Instead, the next flower went to **John** Walendowski – and Tom Davies is involved in this one because I sat next to him - in honor of a birthday John was keeping secret. Because Tom revealed the unknown birthday, John asked him to pay for the flower. When Tom hesitated, Cecilia Moloney jumped in and picked up the tab. On so the flowers went: one to Pete Ruggirello from **Dick Pierson**, one to your scribe from **Ray Glime**, one from Phil Groh to someone I missed; Paul Woodring bought a flower for **Don Green** and Ron Dedenbach charged his wife's account to give a flower to Mary Ann **Hosey.** I should have purchased one for Tom Davies for taking his customary place at the table and then having the audacity to ask him to move so my father could sit next to me. And this all happened before I realized that Tom had recognition. Next week, Tom, I promise.

## Announcements Bob Morris announced we will soon be electing four new board positions:

two board members, the

president-elect and a treasurer. Any Rotarians interested in being put on the slate should please contact Bob. The board members serve two years, the president-elect serves four and the treasurer has no set term limit. President Nancy asked if anyone was interested in being an assistant governor for our district. Those interested should contact Judy Garver at judygarver2000@yahoo.com







Nancy also thanked everyone who rang the bells last Saturday for the Salvation Army. We were \$21.50 short in our collections to beat the Kiwanis teams. She also announced our speakers next week will be a husband-andwife team who own Anchor Bay Outfitters. The husband invented a special fish pole for ice fishing.

- John Hart reminded us next week is Food Donation Week: bring food or your money.
- Darlene LaBelle asked the members of her public relations committee to meet after the meeting.
- Phil Groh announced his son was given a Paul Harris.

# **Recognition**om Davies had everyone sing "Happy Birthday" to John Walendowski. Before Tom got to his second victim,

however, the crowd cried out we had not done the songs. So Tom sat down, Ray stood up and we did the singing. Tom resumed and now had further ammunition. He wanted to fine the president, who can't be fined, for "messing up the meeting." Noting there was no rule that forbid fining guests, Tom passed the fine on to the president's husband, Ron. Bob Leslie was fined \$1 for a missing badge. Rolf Schroeter, Bob Cannon and Dave Meldrum were singled out for their long hair. Each were fined \$2. Tom asked for those to stand who went out of town: **Dick Pierson** said he prepaid which Tom agreed. Neil Dempsey, Bob Leslie (again) and **Bob Morris** were fined \$2. **Bill Lee** was recognized for his photo in the Clinton Township local paper taken at the dedication of the Rotary/Lee Family Build for Habitat. Somehow, his children, Sarah Lee-Ellena and **Bob Lee,** were given the fine. Already standing, Bill Lee then asked permission to give a speech. He told us these jittery, scary days right now are nothing compared to the years 1929 through 1932, which he remembered as a kid. His grandfather had to make a special trip up to Port Huron because the bank was letting him withdraw some funds. As far as I know, the ATMs are still working everywhere. We were all so inspired that Tom Davies offered to pay \$5 for Bill Lee's speech. Ray **Glime** was fined \$3 for each of the three bad jokes. **Penny Schulwitz** was fined for her picture on a fake magazine cover. Finally, all Rotarians not wearing their pins were fined \$1.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY 11/9 DON & CANDICE MILLER (24)

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES SUE DIENER (12), BOB BAKER (36), GLENN BURTON (14)

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## Speaker

### Leon Drolet, Executive Director, Michigan Taxpayers Alliance

eon Drolet, a former state representative, talked about his organization, the Michigan Taxpayers Alliance (MTA) and how it works.

When there is a budget shortfall, there are two choices: raise taxes to prevent cutting services or cut services and keep taxes the same.

But there is a third choice: save money by reducing the cost of government. In other words, if the cost of providing services is excessive, look at the service to see if it can be altered instead of eliminating it.

The example Mr. Drolet gave was the prisons providing one milk choice in the cafeteria instead of three. The MTA began with 92 members and is now up to 4,000. The MTA is, in Leon's words, "a fairly controversial group."

To be effective, the MTA has raised the consequences for state lawmakers who raised taxes, in other words, hold them accountable. Leon spoke about the hidden taxes that are the most popular to raise. He gave the example of the garbage disposal fee at a landfill that waste companies have to pay.

The fee was increased 3,000 percent which the taxpayer wouldn't notice until his garbage bill came due. The taxpayer would then be angry at the municipality for raising taxes when it was the state legislature. The MTA then put together a campaign to target the lawmaker responsible for introducing the tax, doing so in a very colorful way. The MTA prevailed, the tax never came law. For more information on this group, go to www.MITaxpayers.org.

50/50 was for \$40 – the first number drawn did not provoke a response from the crowd. **Fred Duemling** won on the second draw. You must be present to win, Rotarians.

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The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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### Joke of the Week

The flavor of this week's selection by Ray Glime merits its insertion here: A Spanish teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine. House, for instance, is feminine: "la Casa." "Pencil," however, is masculine "el lapiz." A student asked, "What gender is 'computer'?"

Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether "computer" should be a masculine or a feminine noun. Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation.

The men's group decided that computer should definitely be of the feminine gender(la computadora) because: No one but their creator understands their internal logic; The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else; Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval; and

As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your salary on accessories for it.

The women's group, however, concluded that computers should be masculine (el computadore) because:

In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on; They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves; They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem; and

As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model.

The women won.

■he meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer offered by **Marty** Rubin.

Mary Ann Hosey announced Bob Smith, fire commissioner, as guest.









Sing a Song to Rotary (tune of Maine Stein Song) Sing a song to Rotary, Shout 'til the rafters ring; Stand and give a cheer or Let ev'ry fine Rotarian sin

Music featured "Smiles" and "Sing a Song to Rotary."





Flowers were handled by Valerie Miller: to Jeff **Furest** for his birthday; club anniversaries as follows: Mary Ann









O'Grady, 54 years, both men having been born at a meeting.

**Bill Lee** bought a flower

for **Richard Pierson** who managed to sit away from **Bob Leslie** for once.

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### **Announcements**



Bob Baker brought a new Rotary banner – Lebanon.

**Jeff Furest** – a Christmas party at his home 12/13/08 - details to follow after he tells his wife

## Recognition by Neil Dempsey

**Lynn Davidson** took a trip out west \$5; hunters **Jeff Furest** and **Chuck O'Grady** were successful for \$2 each; **Bob Randolph** ID'd three bell ringers for \$3; **Ray** 



**Glime** \$2 for the joke and **Mike Robinson** for no pictures of himself in the bulletin. **Bob Leslie** \$3 for his badge and the President **Nancy** waived her immunity (not a part of her) and paid \$2 one for each deer her husband shot.





















he program was presented by Anchor Bay Outfitters, who make ice fishing tackle, rods, ice spoons, etc. custom fishing equipment were demonstrated. The speaker also discussed ice safety and practices. They are found on the Web at



www.anchorbayoutfitters.com 248-444-5640

This subject begat a variety of questions surrounding fish stories - some very fishy!











Madam President closed the meeting before the fish began to fly and awarded **Ron Reed** the 50/50, the sum of which is still unknown.



11/14 JOHN WALENDOWSKI 11/15 DARLENE LABELLE 11/18 JEFF FUREST

11/18 JEFF FUREST CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

MARY ANN HOSEY (17), BOB RANDOLPH (51), NANCY DEDENBACH (19), CHUCK O'GRADY (54), MARTY RUBIN (54), KEN KISH (22)

























## Rotary Volunteers at ARC of Macomb Halloween Party







## Rotary Volunteers for The Salvation Army







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### Minutes by Bob Morris ~ Photos by Mike Robinson

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FLOWERS & BIRTHDAYS ~ MARY ANN HOSEY

12/10 **RSVP FOR CHRISTMAS** PARTY AT JEFF FUREST'S

HOME 12/11 FRASER SINGERS

12/13 BELL RINGING

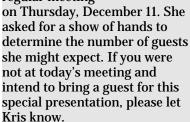
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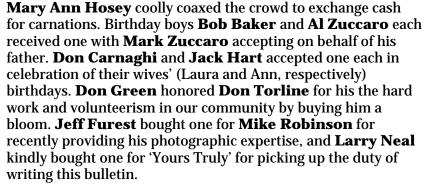
3/28**CLUB FUNDRAISER** 

BOB RANDOLPH IS OK AFTER A FALL. HE WENT TO THE HOSPITAL FOR AN OPEN CUT ON HIS FOREHEAD. HE SAYS THANKS FOR **CHECKING UP AND HE WILL** TRY TO MAKE IT NEXT WEEK.

Kris Miele handled the final announcement of the day to say that the Fraser Singers will be at our regular meeting



t precisely 12:15 p.m. the familiar clang of maple wood on vintage brass sounded the start of today's Mount Clemens Rotary Club meeting. President Nancy Dedenbach presided and asked a lightly bruised **Bob Baker** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and national anthem. Jennifer Gale provided accompaniment on piano. New member **Scott Davis** led us in prayer. Today's menu featured a main course of sausages, accompanied by scalloped potatoes, tossed salad, and green beans. A variety of cakes were served for dessert. President Nancy announced today's only guest, our speaker for the day, Tamara Allen.



Bill Patterson led us in song. He implored us all to "be optimistic" and join together for a rousing rendition of Happy Days are Here Again followed by the old Rotary standard Roll Rotary.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** commenced with President Nancy encouraging everyone to donate to the club's Community Service Project fund. There will be contribution slips at each table on the first meeting of every month for this purpose.













President Nancy also reported that the club's bell ringing activities were going well and that our member's attendance at the Santa Parade had more than doubled over last year.

### **MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

On slightly sadder note, President Nancy announced that there will be a change in scope of the POHI playground project she has championed over the last several months. Apparently, Mount Clemens Community Schools may move to close Washington School, the proposed location of the handicapped accessible playground. For this reason, Nancy has asked the POHI teachers to make up a wish list of things they could use to help the POHI students that could be moved to another location if the school were to close. They have identified items such as touch screen computers and physical therapy equipment. Nancy will be going back to the various service clubs and other organizations that have pledged support for the project to update them on this change. **Jeff Furest** announced that this year's fundraiser is scheduled for March 28. The theme this year will once again be Kentucky Derby horse racing with the tag line "You race, they win!"

Jeff also reminded the club board members that this month's board meeting would be at his house on Monday evening, December 8, at 6 p.m.

Lastly, Jeff reminded all members that he and his lovely wife Beth are hosting a holiday party at their home on Saturday, December 13. The cost will be \$25 per person.



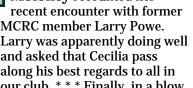
# Goodwill & Recognition Before commencing with recognition,

good will to express

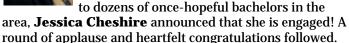
this day. First was **Sue Diener** who announced the arrival of her latest granddaughter, Avalon Grace. \* \* \* Next, John Walendowski took on the weighty matter of, well, losing weight. Although he did not reveal the



exact number of pounds, he expressed that he was sans 10% of his former weight. Way to go John! \* \* \* Cecilia **Moloney** recounted her



Larry was apparently doing well and asked that Cecilia pass along his best regards to all in our club. \* \* \* Finally, in a blow











est anyone be deceived by the rosy cheeks and quick smile of Lynn Davidson, be aware that behind her bubbly exterior lurks a stern fine master. Her first victim today was **Rolf Schroeter**, who paid \$2 for a photo of his vintage 1958 Volkswagen that he had driven in the Mount Clemens Santa Parade. ••• They say a picture is worth a thousand words, but this day a monetary value was to be assigned by Lynn, as she hit several Rotarians for their appearance in a photo montage of various Rotary functions from years gone by. First in line were Tom Davies and Julie Huttenlocher, who were each fined \$2 for their images in one of the photos. ••• Next were **Bill and Bob** Lee, who were also fined \$2 each for a photo that also included Bill's airplane. Last on the list for cashing out on their Kodak moment was **Don Miller**, who also appeared with his private plane. He was fined \$5. ••• All those sitting at **Bob Baker's** table may reconsider their choice of table mates next week. This week they were all fined \$1 because of Bob's bruised right cheek, which he claimed came from some sort of recent oral surgery. Others requested to inspect the back of Margo's right hand before accepting this explanation. ••• Finally, as proof that even minor indiscretions can separate a Rotarian from his hard-earned dollars, Joe Peruzzi was fined \$2 for doubling up on his cake consumption, and **Dave Meldrum** parted with another \$2 for taking a cell phone call during the meeting. Dave tried to wriggle out of it by making up some story about the caller being his 90 year old mother, but Lynn would have none of that.



oday's speaker was introduced by **Kris Miele**. Our speaker was Tamara Allen, a Sterling Heights Rotarian and nurse working at Beaumont Hospital. Tamara has recently returned from The Gambia, in West Africa, where she was visiting a local hospital to provide humanitarian support. Tamara showed a PowerPoint presentation depicting the deplorable conditions at the hospital she was assisting. High rates of infection were common due to a lack of sanitation facilities for equipment and personnel. The hospitals entire stock of pharmaceuticals could be captured in a single photo, and consisted primarily of Tylenol and some types of antibiotics. Patients that showed up at the hospital were often given prescriptions for Tylenol or other medication that had no ability to help cure their illness.

While there, however, Tamara became familiar with a native plant that possessed impressive healing qualities. It is called the Moringa (pronounced mor-ing-gay) and can be harvested for its flowers, leaves, pods, and seeds. Each one has its own specific beneficial use.

The flowers, for example, help stimulate the production and flow of mother's milk. The leaves assist in blood clotting and have certain antibacterial/anti-inflammatory qualities. Further, when cooked and eaten, the leaves provide high levels of iron, calcium, iron, and vitamins A and C.

The plant, which is apparently a small tree, also produces seed pods. They are useful as a de-wormer in the digestive system and the seeds can be pressed to produce cooking oil. Amanda indicated that most locals cook with palm oil, which is one of the most unhealthy oils to use, so switching to Moringa oil is a healthier choice. The seeds can also be pressed into cakes. When submerged in untreated water, these cakes will remove 95-99% of the bacteria in the water.

Finally, the Moringa plant is valued for its roots and bark. The local population has several uses for these parts of the plant which Amanda feels need further research before she will endorse them, but tanning of hides is one use she can youch for at this time.

Because of the many uses of this amazing plant, Amanda has initiated the Moringa Project, which aims to greatly increase the cultivation of the plant in



Gambia and other parts of West Africa. Before leaving, Amanda and others planted as much as they could near the hospital. She is now traveling to Michigan area Rotary clubs to spread the word about the project and encourage others to help.

### The 50/50 pot totaled \$59 and was won by **Jack Hart**. Congratulations Jack!

### **BIRTHDAYS**

11/22 PAUL WOODRING

11/25 BOB BAKER

11/25 ANN (JACK) HART

11/26 SUSAN BLANCHARD

12/04 Laura (Don) Carnaghi

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

11/30 E.J. & AMY ROZEK (6)

**CLUB ANNIVERSARY JERRY INNES (7)** 



























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### Minutes by Ted DeVantier

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12/13 BELL RINGING
12/13 CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE
HOME OF JEFF & BETH
FUREST

12/18 BRING DONATIONS FOR FOOD PANTRY



President-elect **Jeff Furest** called the meeting to order at 12:15. After the Pledge of Allegiance and "Star-Spangled Banner," **Pastor Scott Davis** of Zion Church led the prayer. Today's menu included baked chicken with a barbecue sauce, potatoes, corn, peaches and cottage cheese. For dessert there was ice cream with cookies.

There were many guests today in anticipation of our annual Christmas program. Ray Hofner handled the introductions: Margo Baker, guest of Bob Baker (who is also a visiting Rotarian from Clinton Twp.) Lois Pierson, guest of Dick, Carolyn Haselwood, guest of Jim, Debbie Ternullo, guest of Steve, Linda Morris, guest of Bob, Sheree Patterson guest of Bill, Mary Walendowski, guest of John, Debbie Stoller, guest of Mary Ann Hosey, Donna Howard, guest of Dave Meldrum, Jim Huttenlocher, guest of Julie, and Fran Boyd, guest of Sue Diener.

Mary Ann Hosey sold the flowers. Lynn Davidson paid for one each to Julie Huttenlocher and Tom Davies. Mary Ann purchased one for her assistant, Debbie. Flowers were purchased by Bill Patterson for Sheree, Dick Pierson for Lois, Bob Baker for Margo and Don Torline purchased the final flower. Rolf Schroeter led the singing. Just one song today, to keep things moving, Rolf chose "All Hail to Rotary," to the tune of "Anchors Away."



- Bob Baker announced that the Group Study Exchange for the 2009-2010 Rotary year will be going to Japan. The trip will be scheduled in October to coincide with the hosting district's convention. Applications are currently being sought for trip participants (non-Rotarian local business or professional people age 40 or under) and for a Rotarian team leader. Team leader selection will occur in May. Contact Bob if you know of anyone who may be interested in participating.
  - **Ken Kish** announced that the Goodfellows annual Christmas newspaper was available for pickup. Also the new inserts for the club directory are complete and can be picked up on the way out.
  - **Julie Huttenlocher** expressed some good will which went un-recorded.
- **Jeff Furest** gave an update on the club fundraiser for next year. Plans are taking shape. There will be a need for auction items as well as for every member's support and participation in the event. More news to come.

# Recognition

ecognition was handled by **Lynn Davidson**.

**Bob Morris** paid one dollar for technical errors in last week's bulletin; **Tom Davies** paid two for whining. **Don Torline** paid for a news article on Baker College with a connection to film maker, Michael Moore.

**Sarah Lee-Ellena** paid \$5 for a printing error. Finally, everyone without a Rotary pin or badge paid a buck.

**Jeff Furest** gave a final announcement on the Christmas Party this Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup>, to be held at his home starting at 6:30 p.m.



**E.J. Rozek** drew the 50/50 ticket. The winner was **Art Mullen**, \$67.



he club had the privilege today of listening to the Fraser Singers, from Fraser High, conducted by Pat Pascaretti, accompanied by Jackie Cole on piano. This has become an annual tradition much appreciated by our members. Amidst the beautiful stained glass windows and ceiling arches of the

Zion church sanctuary we were treated to Christmas classics and modern favorites. The Fraser Singers have five Christmas "gigs" on their schedule including today's. They are also visiting senior programs and other community sites. This spring, they have planned an all Italian Concert, "Viva Vivaldi." They will then be traveling to sing in New York City at Carnegie Hall as part of a national youth gathering. Thank you for again sharing your wonderful talents with us. It was just what we needed to charge up our Christmas spirit!



Reminder to club members — here are the club committees and their chairs for your reference. The information is also in the new club directories.

Meeting Set-up and Take Down - Chairman-John Hart
Greeting and 50/50 Chairs - Ray Hofner and Cecilia Moloney
Club Bulletin Chair - Sarah Lee-Ellena
Music Chair - Bob Selwa
Recognition Chair Neil Dempsey
Birthday/Flowers Chair - Lynn Davidson
Programs Chair - Kris Miele
Social Committee Chair - Ray Glime
President's Ball - Mary Spaulding

Membership, Public Relations/Strategic Planning-Jeff Furest, Sarah Lee-Ellena, Nancy Dedenbach

Club Directory - Ken Kish

Historian-Phil Groh

Community Service Chairs - Jessica Cheshire, Bill Patterson, Eric Pierson
Community Service Fundraising Team-Julie Huttenlocher, E.J. Rozek,
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International Service Chair-Larry Neal
RI Foundation Chair Bob Baker

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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR JANUARY MEETING SET UP/TAKE DOWN PAUL WOODRING GREETING/50/50 RAY GLIME CLUB BULLETIN **BOB MORRIS** Music **JOHN MURPHY** RECOGNITION KEN KISH **FLOWERS JULIE HUTTENLOCHER PROGRAMS** KRIS MIELE CHAIR

Jeff Furest read the proposed slate of officers:

Jeff Furest **President-elect**Sarah Lee-Ellena

President nominee

Eric Pierson

President

Past president
Nancy Dedenbach
Secretary

Penny L. Schulwitz

Treasurer

Julie Huttenlocher

Board of Directors (1 Year)

Rolf Schroeter E.J. Rozek

Board of Directors (2 year)

(pick 2) Jessica Cheshire Kris Miele John Walendowski he meeting was called to order by President-elect **Jeff Furest** at 12:15 p.m. **E.J. Rozek** lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and then the national anthem accompanied by our talented pianist, Jennifer Gale. **John Walendowski** led the prayer. A tasty Christmas meal followed: roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, coleslaw, green beans, followed by sherbet and cookies for dessert. Guests today were introduced by **Bob Randolph**. They included Mellisa Pierson, guest of **Eric Pierson**, and today's speaker, Sandra Richards, from the Macomb County Extension Service. Flowers were auctioned by **Mary Ann Hosey: Eric Pierson** for Mellisa, E.J. Rozek for Jeff Furest (great Christmas party), **Larry Neal** for **Don Green**, **Neil Dempsey** for **Bill Furest**, and then Jeff Furest bought one for E.J. Rozek.

**Bill Patterson** led the singing today. "Jingle Bells" and "Deck the Halls." Then came **Ray Glime** with the joke of the day about the funeral where the nicest thing that could be said about the departed was that his brother was worse. (you had to be there) Jeff Furest then volunteered a two-dollar fine for forgetting the birthday song.

- **Bob Baker** announced that the early registration deadline has passed for the Rotary International convention in Birmingham, England, June '09. Of course you are encouraged to attend but the price has gone up. The 2010 convention will be in Montreal.
- Today is food bank collection Thursday. Donations of food or money are welcome at the door.
- **Bob Morris** announced that ballots for club officers 2009-2010 have been distributed. They can be returned today or mailed. The deadline is extended until our next meeting January 8.
- **Art Mullen** announced two downtown events: Men's Night Out, tonight, and the New Year's Eve festivities. The New Year's events will include live music, fireworks and other exciting entertainment.
- Other announcements: **Chuck O'Grady** has offered his home as the site of next year's Christmas party.
- The fund-raiser committee will meet in Jeff's office on Monday, January 5, lunch included. Subsequent meetings will be Thursdays before Rotary.
- Good Will: John Walendowski gave an update on the Kingdom Train Ministry's water and health efforts in South Sudan, Uganda, Zimbabwe and Mali.
- Neil Dempsey announced that the Selfridge air show would take place August 22 and 23. The show will include the Thunderbirds. Save the dates.
- The January 15 meeting will be held at Zuccaro's due to events scheduled at Zion.













Recognition by Neil Dempsey Chuck O'Grady paid for losing his badge and for heading off to Florida world No. heading off to Florida until May. Ray Glime paid for bringing a flying saucer to the Christmas

party \$2. Anyone who confessed to not being fined since July 1 paid a buck. **E.J. Rozek** was the winner of the "American Idol Christmas Song Showdown" held at the club Christmas party Saturday. E.J. demonstrated his winning style with a few of his Elvis moves. Everyone at his table paid a buck in recognition of his talent. The rest of the room was fined a dollar in honor of **Mary Ann Hosey**, another talented contestant.









## Program

he speaker today was Sandra Richards from the Macomb County Extension Service. Sandy spoke about the variety of educational programs offered to our community. Their purpose is to extend the research-based knowledge of MSU to meet local needs. Sandy is part of the Horticulture/Agriculture Dept. which has two programs within it. One works with commercial and agricultural interests and the other, Sandy's department, provides assistance to homeowners.

Sandy described the Master Gardner Volunteer Training Program. This is an 11-week program starting in January. Applications are currently being accepted.

Some of the many other services offered include: child care education, 4-H youth programs, managing and preserving natural resources, home ownership and financial management information, and the Sea Grant program, which provides information to commercial interests bordering our lakes.

The extension service receives broad-based funding, however, the county portion is in danger of elimination. Macomb County has the largest extension program in the state.

For more information see: www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension



































### **BIRTHDAYS**

12/12 LILLIAN (AL) ZUCCARO

12/12 MARY (JOHN) WALENDOWSKI

12/13 FRANK McNelis

12/17 RAY HOFNER

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES
12/6 BOB & GAIL LEE (22)

12/8 GERRY & VALERIE HANSON (41)

12/11 JACK & ANN HART (46)

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

ALLAN NESS (12), JOE PERUZZI (7)



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