

"the spokesperson"

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he usual pre-meeting hustle and hum was at full volume when President **Nancy Dedenbach** called this week's meeting to order at precisely 12:15 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and *The Star-Spangled Banner* were led by **Paul Woodring**. Piano



accompaniment was provided by Jennifer Gale. **Michele Heaver** led us in prayer. Today's lunch featured a main course of barbecued chicken, parsley potatoes, corn, and cottage cheese with peach slices. Fruit sherbet was served for dessert.



*** Immediately following today's prayer, **Don Green** requested our attention and announced the passing of Don Snider. Don was a past president of



our club and is credited with conducting one of the most successful fundraisers in our history. Don was the father of U.S. Representative Candice Miller, wife of member **Don Miller**. Don will undoubtedly be missed.



*** Jessica Cheshire did a super job of welcoming our guests this day. Unfortunately, your faithful scribe did not retrieve a copy of the guest list prior to leaving the hall. Attempts to locate the list were fruitless by press time, so a list of today's guests will appear in the next issue of *the spokesperson*.



*** Today's petal-pusher was **Lynn Davidson**. The first three flowers went to celebrate members' birthdays. Recipients were **Bob Cannon, Don Green, and Christine LaTour**. Spouse birthdays were next with **Carl Becker** getting one for wife Del, **Ken Kish** for his wife Diane, and Paul Woodring for his wife Lisa. **Rolf Schroeter** bought a bloom for his guest Don, and Ray Glime rounded out the flower fest by presenting one to AG Sandy Pradko.



*** John Murphy led us in song, selecting Button Up Your Overcoat (a request from Steve Ternullo) and the familiar refrain of Sing a Song to Rotary. As usual, we were ably assisted by Jennifer Gale on piano.





*** As usual, **Ray Glime** approached the podium to entertain us with The Joke of the Day. Unfortunately, this humble recorder of the minutes (that is, me) is not capable of reciting the entire joke here, but suffice it to say that it had its intended effect and a good laugh was had by all.

AG Sandy Pradko stood up to tell us that District 6380 will be holding a membership Summit on January 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The summit will be held at Ber High School in Berkley. Interested parties should contact Don Riddell via email at summit on January 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The summit will be held at Berkley donriddell@comcast.net

AG Sandy also reminded us of the district conference coming up the first weekend in May. See President Nancy for information on accommodations and sign up.

Larry Neal wished to remind the fundraiser committee that there would be a meeting of that committee at 11 a.m. on January 15 at the Clinton-Macomb Library. This will be prior to the club's regular meeting there that day.

Finally, Michele Heaver made us all proud by announcing that the Salvation Army had raised \$425,000, exceeding their goal. Way to go Michele!

Announcements this day included Ray Glime's proposal that we attend the Martin Luther King Jr. dinner to be held January 19 at 6:30 p.m. The dinner will be held at the Royalty House, 8201 Old 13 Mile Road in Warren. Our club will be sponsoring a table and anyone interested in attending should contact Ray as soon as possible.

President Nancy had a number of announcements, including a reminder that our January 15 meeting will be held at the Clinton-Macomb Library. The library is located at 40900 Romeo Plank Road in Clinton Township.



- Volunteers are needed to help feed the homeless on February 1 at 1 p.m. at Zion church. Contact Nancy if you are able to help.
- Donations of auction items are needed for our fundraiser to be held on March 28. Contact Jeff **Furest** to donate.
- Our club has reserved 10 rooms in Frankenmuth for this year's district conference. Contact Nancy if you are planning to attend.
- Sign-up slips for our club's community service projects can be found at each table during our meetings. Please use them.

en Kish presided over recognition this day. Fresh off the college football bowl season, he asked that all UM and MSU grads stand and be recognized. Although

MSU was unable to bring a victory home to the Great Lakes State, Ken cited only the UM grads for a \$1 fine each because their team never so much as sniffed post-season play. In keeping with the football theme, Ken fined Chuck O'Grady a full \$5, even though he wasn't present, because his beloved Fighting Irish won their first bowl game in 15 years.

Chuck Muncatchy was next on Ken's hit list for an article in the paper outlining plans for Mount Clemens High School. Chuck went on to explain that they were "reinventing" high school through the establishment of three new career academies that would focus on creative arts and communications, medical and biosciences, and legal studies. Chuck was fined \$2.

Ken's former co-worker, **Bob Selwa** felt the heat next for his apparent lack of influence regarding the recent appointment of Archbishop Vigneron, formerly of Mount Clemens, to replace Cardinal Maida. Bob had to cough up \$2.

A Christmas card got Dick Pierson in hot water due to its unusual origin and strange cryptology. The card depicted Dick and Lois dressed as Egyptian pharaohs seated with the Great Pyramid in the background. Ken commented that the card itself was probably not so expensive but the trip to go get it surely was. Dick was fined \$3.

Last on Ken's agenda was Neil Dempsey. Ken related how Neil's wife Barb once asked that future issues of the Razzberry Edition make her look good. In response to her request, the most recent issue depicts the mayor's head atop Pamela Anderson's body, making a total of three implants visible in the photo. Figuring this was somehow a benefit to Neil, Ken fined him \$4 for two pictures.

















The 50/50 pot totaled \$58 and was won by **Jack Hart**. Jack was not present to receive his booty, however, so **Joe Peruzzi** accepted in his behalf. Good luck getting it back, Jack!



oday's speaker, John Moyses, was introduced by **Bill Patterson**. John ran his own manufacturing business for many years but has more recently been engaged as a dog behavioral therapist and trainer. The name of his business is Bark Busters.



John follows a proven dog training program developed in Australia. The intent of the program is to help dog owners effectively manage their dogs so that they are not as likely to give them up to shelters where they may be euthanized. John estimates that this program has saved literally thousands of dogs' lives.

As part of the program, John has developed a list of top 10 tips every dog owner should know. John discussed these tips with our group, and they are:

A dog is a dog. Dogs do not communicate the way humans do. To effectively train your dog you must first understand its instinctual pack behavior.

All dogs think in terms of the pack. Dogs operate on a pack mentality and react to strong, consistent leadership. Strong leadership makes the dog feel safe and eliminates many behavioral problems.

Dogs don't understand English. Dogs rely heavily on body language. Understanding how your body language is interpreted is important in getting your dog to do what you want it to.

Dogs are neither spiteful nor deliberately naughty. There are reasons a dog misbehaves. Understanding those reasons is essential.

Aggression is instinctual in every breed. Aggression is usually caused by fear of the unknown. Strong leadership is essential in controlling aggression.

You can teach an old dog new tricks. Dogs are continuous learners and have good memories.

Bad behaviors may be natural, but they don't have to be normal. A dog owner needs to associate bad behavior with a negative experience, such as a harsh tone of voice, and good behavior with a pleasant experience, such as high pitched praise.

It's illogical to get angry with your dog. Dogs only do what comes naturally or what they've learned, so getting angry and using physical force with a dog is both inappropriate and counterproductive.

Correct your dog on the spot. Because dogs learn from association, they will comprehend your message only if it is delivered in a timely manner.

Dogs experience the world differently than humans. Dogs utilize their sense of smell to a greater extent and their vision is much like a color blind human. They also hear much better than we do.

John finished his presentation by telling us that he has never been badly bitten by a dog during his work. When we learn how to communicate and interact with dogs, their behavior improves.





























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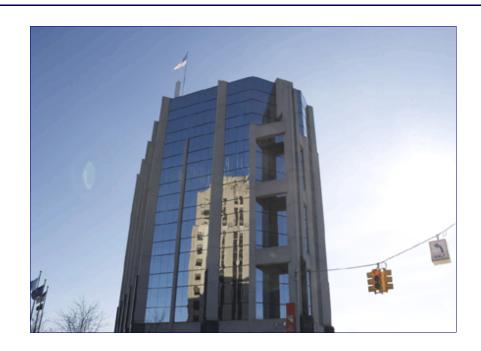
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s a limited crowd of Rotarians mingled inside the Clinton-Macomb Library, President Nancy Dedenbach Called this week's meeting to order at precisely 12:15 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and *The Star-Spangled Banner* were led by much-missed Rotarian Val Miller. Pianist extraordinaire Jennifer Gale was seated at the baby grand and accompanied our singing. Scott Davis led us in prayer. Today's lunch was catered by Zuccaro's and featured main courses of baked chicken, mostaccioli, and beef with mushroom gravy. Side dishes included potato wedges, green beans, tossed salad and rolls. And for dessert we were treated to brownies and chocolate chip cookies.







Ray Hofner introduced our only guest of the day. He was Spencer Weaterhead, grandson of Paul Woodring.

For those who are keeping track, you may recall that last week's guest list went missing after the meeting. Unfortunately, it appears to be gone for good, so I am unable to list last week's guests in this issue as promised. My sincere apologies!









Lynn Davidson once again foisted flowers on the attendant membership. The first two flowers went to celebrate members' birthdays. Recipients were Nancy Dedenbach and **Bill Furest**. Spouse birthdays were next with **Glenn Burton** taking one home to Terri, Neil Dempsey got one for Barb, and E.J. Rozek accepted one for his wife Amy. Paul Woodring then bought a bloom for his grandson Spencer, Steve Ternullo honored Val Miller for her expertise in dominos, and Bob Morris thanked Carolyn Fitzgerald, Jim's wife, for a delicious dinner prepared at their home a couple of weeks ago.

John Murphy again led us in song, selecting *All Hail to Rotary* and a favorite of those named Murphy everywhere When Irish Eyes are Smiling. As usual, we were ably assisted by Jennifer Gale on piano.

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prevents me from reprinting the joke here, but everyone had a good laugh.

Ray Glime announced that the club was sponsoring a table of 10 at the upcoming Martin Luther King, Jr. dinner to be held Monday, January 19. By the end of his announcement, Ray had filled all but one of the seats at the table. If you are interested in filling that final seat, contact Ray.



Eric Pierson stood up to remind us that we need 11 volunteers to help feed the homeless at Zion Church on February 8. It will be

a lunch-time meal. Anyone interested in pitching in should contact Eric.



President Nancy was next up with announcements, reminding us of the district conference to be held in Frankenmuth on May 1, 2 and 3. The club has reserved 10 rooms for the occasion. Further, the first 10 who sign up will have their \$170 registration fee paid for by the club. Nancy also indicated that the Group Study Exchange was forming and anyone with an interest in going to Japan in October should let her know.

Arthur Mullen was next up with a message about the upcoming ice sculpture show in downtown Mount Clemens. A sculpture can be



sponsored for \$235. Even if you do not sponsor a sculpture you are encouraged to attend the show, as our club will be displaying a frozen rendition of the Rotary Wheel.



Bob Baker made an announcement that the District Rotary Foundation Committee had met recently to identify and honor past

ambassadorial scholars and other recipients of district grants. He asked us all to update him on the whereabouts of such individuals so that they could be contacted about joining Rotary.

Today's announcements were begun by Larry Neal, our off-site host for the day. Larry thanked everyone for coming to the Clinton-Macomb Library for the meeting. He



appreciated the short travel time from his office for the meeting and assured everyone that the leftovers would be well taken care of by his staff. Larry reminded the club that several individual members and the club as a whole played a significant role in the library's construction. He cited **Bob Cannon** as being instrumental in conceiving of the library and **Don Green** as a strong proponent of the millage initiative. **Pete Ruggirello** has served on the board and is currently its president. Among the many gifts provided to the library by Rotarians are the speaker's podium, the mural over the entrance, the large hanging globe, and the Pewabic tile mural.

Larry also provided us with an update on the Wheelchair Project. Our club's recent contributions are part of a shipment that is currently on its way to Peru. To date, our club is responsible for sending more than 1,400 wheelchairs around the world. For those who were curious, Larry showed off one of the wheelchairs that were typically purchased and described their simple but rugged construction.



















en Kish once again presided over recognition. His first victim was Jack Hart or the all too preventable transgression of allowing his pho the program at last week's meeting. \$2. transgression of allowing his phone to ring during

> Lynn Davidson and Neil Dempsey were next up for appearing in a photo on the front page of the Macomb

County Legal News. The fine was set by Lynn in response to a challenge from Neil that he would pay any amount that she would. Lynn chose the maximum of \$5 each.

Arthur Mullen left the meeting \$2 poorer due to his announcement regarding the merging of the Stars and Stripes Festival with the Bath City Festival.

Ken then asked all Wayne State University grads to stand and challenged them to name the sport in which their alma mater was number one in NCAA Division II. Joe Peruzzi guessed basketball, Ray



Glime guessed football, Bob Lee chose chess, Don Green picked fencing, and Lynn Davidson was given a 'by' because she was already fined at the maximum. All were wrong and were fined \$2 each. The correct answer is swimming and diving.

Last, but certainly, I say certainly, not least, was Bob Morris, who was asked to define what a "non-cumulative convertible perpetual preferred stock" was.

Apparently, Ken was privy to a press release issued by Mr. Morris' employer (a local bank that shall remain nameless for fear of further future fining), which indicated that the bank's board of directors and other local investors had purchased such stock. Bob was unable to come up with a definition and was fined \$5.

eff Furest wrapped up the announcements with a detailed accounting of plans for the club fundraiser to be held March 28 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The theme of the fundraiser will be "You Race, They Win" in keeping with the Kentucky Derby horse race theme. This year's goal is to have 400 attendees and generate \$50,000 in revenue. Tickets will be \$75 each with an option to reserve a "race-side" table for an additional \$100. Horse sponsorship will again be \$50 per horse. Jessica Cheshire will be coordinating ticket sales. Rotarians and non-Rotarians will have three options for registering and paying for their tickets: 1) online registration will be available via a link on our club's Website, 2) registrants may fill out a paper registration form and mail in a



check, and 3) club members can have their tickets billed to their account. There will be a ticket sales contest again this year with a prize going to the top three ticket sellers. The designated beneficiaries of this year's fundraiser are POHI, Baker College, Macomb Community College, Care House, and Macomb Literacy Partners. Jeff made an impassioned request to our membership to help round up auction items. We presently have only 13 of the 25 auction items needed. They should be high quality items or services. Anyone donating an item will get two free tickets to the event. Lynn Davidson is handling program advertising. If you wish to have an ad appear in the program, please contact Lynn. Jeff wrapped up his update by asking for a show of hands in approval of assessing each member \$30 to help cover costs associated with the event. A majority approved. This assessment will appear on an upcoming monthly Rotary bill.

There was no program this day.

BIRTHDAYS

1/11 NANCY DEDENBACH

1/11 BILL FUREST

TERRI (GLENN) BURTON 1/12

1/13 BARB (NEIL) DEMPSEY

1/13 Amy (E.J.) Rozek

KOLBY MILLER 1/14

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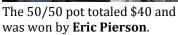


























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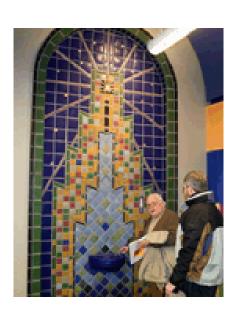
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Ray Glime announced that the club has made a group arrangement for a dinner-and-a-show package to see the Second City production of *Kwame a River* on Wednesday, February 25. The package costs is \$49.95 for two people and includes two entrees off a limited menu and two tickets to the show. Interested members should call the box office directly at (248) **348-4448** to guarantee reservations and show tickets. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. and the show follows upstairs on the second floor at 8 p.m. **Be sure to** mention you want to be seated with the "Mount Clemens Rotary **Party**." The building is located at 42705 Grand River Avenue in Novi. Parking is free.

s we gathered once again in the familiar confines of Zion Church, President Nancy Dedenbach called this week's meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and *The Star-Spangled Banner* were led by Neil Dempsey. John Walendowski left the Almighty no choice but to listen as he boomed out the prayer. Today's lunch featured a main course of stew and mashed potatoes paired with tossed salad and bread. Assorted cakes were served for dessert.



Ray Hofner introduced our guests of the day. They were Jane Selwa, wife of **Bob**, Andrea Dube, today's program speaker, and her four-legged friend, Tresa.





It was **Julie Huttenlocher's** turn to engage the club in carnation commerce. The first flower went to **Jack Hart** in celebration of his birthday. One of the remaining blooms was purchased by **Bob Randolph** and given to **Michele Heaver**. Julie Huttenlocher bought one for President Nancy. **Don Green** sprung for **Mike Robinson**, and Neil Dempsey made nice for **Lynn Davidson** by buying her the last bloom.

By way of correction, please note that the author of last week's bulletin (that would be me) inadvertently identified **Jim and Carolyn Haselwood** as Jim and Carolyn Fitzgerald. Sorry for the mix up, Jim!

Bob Selwa rose to lead us in song this day. He first selection was *Yes Sir, That's My Baby* and, in celebration of our new President, followed it up with *You're a Grand Old Flag.* Jennifer Gale once again coaxed our vocal cords to life as she accompanied on piano.



Ray Glime put us in a happy mood by telling the joke of the day. He presented us with a classic talking-parrot-and-house-of-prostitution joke with a surprise ending. A good laugh was had by all.



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the district conference to be held in Frankenmuth on May 1-3. The club has reserved 10 rooms for the occasion. Further, the first 10 who sign up will have their \$170 registration fee paid for by the club. She also reminded us that our next community service project would be on February 8 when we will need 11 volunteers to help feed the homeless at Zion Church. It will be a lunch time meal.

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Larry Neal wrapped up announcements by reminding us of the annual fundraiser to be held March 28. The fundraiser committee is still in need of high quality auction items.



RECOGNITION

attended.

en Kish was the fine master today. But before the fining began, Bill Patterson had a bit of good will to convey. Bill's Labrador had a litter of puppies and there are still a few available to a loving home. Bill reports them to be "top of the line" and is asking \$1,200 a piece for them.

Fred Duemling was first to be tapped for recognition. Ken was curious about Fred's continued participation in the Wertz Warriors annual snowmobile ride to raise money for Special Olympics. Fred reported that this was his 28th year participating in the crosscountry jaunt, which he has completed from start to finish each year except one. Ken could not find reason to fine

Fred for such selfless activity, so he fined those sitting immediately around him \$1 each.

Bill Furest was asked next to explain his recent activities "south of the border." Bill and Jeff had recently spent some time in sunny Mexico thinning the flocks of a wide variety of game birds. After listening to the extensive list of feathered species downed by Bill and his companions, Ken was left with no choice but to hit him for the maximum of \$5.

Arthur Mullen was next to rise due to his appearance in a photo on the front page of The Macomb Daily. His dapper image appearing in the paper ultimately cost Arthur \$3.

Bob Morris was next. Mr. Kish was curious as to whether Mr. Morris had honed his electioneering skills in the state of Florida, as it has been several weeks since the club's election ballots were due and there still was no announcement of the results. Promises of having the results by next week's meeting fell on deaf ears, and Bob was rightly fined \$2.

Ken next recounted an impressive set of basketball statistics attributed to **Bob Cannon's** son while participating in a high school basketball game. Bob's son's performance was impressive enough to separate him from a cool \$5.

Ken wrapped up the days fine fest by charging anyone without their pin \$1.





























PROGRAM

ill Patterson introduced today's speaker. She was Andrea Dube who was here to familiarize us with the Paws With a Cause program.



Andrea volunteers as a puppy raiser for the program that trains dogs to become service dogs. As a puppy raiser, Andrea is given a puppy at the age of seven weeks and is charged with training and socializing the dog. As part of this training, Andrea takes the puppy with her pretty much everywhere she goes, and she had her latest charge, Tresa,

with her today. The purpose of this near constant companionship is to get it used to people and the outside world in general.

A variety of breeds are candidates for service work, in which they assist the disabled and the deaf, among others. Andrea said that different breeds have advantages for different people depending on their limitations. Hearing impaired individuals, for example, are paired with smaller dogs because they alert their owners by pawing or jumping on them. Wheelchair users, on the other hand, benefit more from larger breeds that can pull their chair like a wagon and otherwise assist them with more physical activities.

Paws With a Cause is headquartered in Wayland, Michigan. After a puppy trainer such as Andrea has had their puppy for one year, the growing dog is then sent to Wayland for another year to continue training. After a year in Wayland, the dog is assigned to a specific client and continues training in their home. Thereafter, each service dog is re-certified every 18 months, at which time it is evaluated for its physical condition and whether or not it is doing its job properly.

There is a two year waiting list to receive a service dog. Among the qualities that are considered when selecting a service dog for a particular person is personality. A youngster would be matched with an active and energetic dog, where as an older individual would be matched with a more mellow animal.

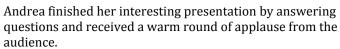
Each service dog costs \$20,000. That is not to say, however, that those in need have to personally pony up that much cash. There are a variety of charities that will assist in paying for a service dog. Once one is assigned, the owner gets replacement dogs for the remainder of his or her life.

Andrea got involved with training puppies after she saw first hand how much difference they can make in a person's life. Several years ago Andrea's mother received her first service dog and she was amazed at the improvement in her mom's quality of life. Andrea decided to help give back to the program by being a puppy raiser and is now addicted. Tresa, a Labrador, is her third puppy in the program.

As a volunteer, puppy raisers are responsible to pay for all of the expenses associated with the puppy. This includes food and veterinary care. On the plus side, however, volunteers may deduct the expenses on their taxes. Also, if a puppy doesn't work out as a service dog, the raiser gets first dibs to take it. Andrea has acquired at least one of her own dogs this way.

The puppies that enter the program come from a variety of sources. Some are donated by breeders and others come from

shelters. Those that come from shelters, however, sometimes don't work out because they are too unruly.









Service Above Self!

The Community Service Committee is gearing up for their second opportunity to give back to your community through volunteering. Throughout the year, the committee will be providing opportunities for the Mount Clemens Rotary Club to give back and volunteer as a club. See below for all the details of how you can provide "Service Above Self"

Join us today!

Feeding the Homeless in Macomb County
Sunday, February 8
Check with Jessica on time - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.???
Activity: Set Up/Preparation/Serve Food/Clean Up
at Zion Church. We need 10-15 volunteers for this event
to make it successful. Please sign up to volunteer by
contacting Jessica Cheshire at (586) 463-1151
jessica.cheshire@liveunitedsem.org



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The 50/50 pot totaled \$46 and was won by **Frank Bernabei**. Way to go, Frank!

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PROGRAMS

KRIS MIELE

The club has made a group arrangement for a dinner and show package to see Second City's production of KWAME A RIVER on Wednesday, February 25 in Novi. The package is \$49.95 for two people and includes two entrees off a limited menu and two show tickets. Call the box office directly at (248) 348-

4448 to guarantee attendance reservations and show tickets. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m. Mention you want to be seated with the "Mount Clemens Rotary Party." Unable to make the dinner? You can still come to see the hilarious show at 8 p.m. Show tickets without the dinner package are \$15 per person that night and you can still be seated with the Mount Clemens Rotary party. The show is an hour and 15 minutes. Call the box office and tell them you want tickets for the show only. Dinner is at Andiamo's restaurant in Novi and starts at 6 p.m. The show takes place on the second floor above the restaurant. The building address is 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi. Parking is free. Only persons with

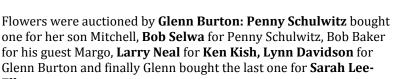
advance paid reservations will be

seated for dinner and / or the show.



he meeting was called to order by President-elect **Jeff Furest** at 12:15 p.m. on another snowy Thursday. Ted DeVantier led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and then the national anthem accompanied by pianist, Jennifer Gale. John Walendowski led the prayer. Today's luncheon included meatloaf with a tangy sauce, potatoes, peas, apple sauce and mint chocolate ice cream for dessert.

Jeff Furest introduced the only guest today; Margo Baker, a visiting Rotarian from the Clinton Township Sunrise club and guest of **Bob** Baker.







Bob Randolph led the singing; We sang "Deep in the Heart of Texas," with a nod to the former Detroit mayor's travel plans, and a Rotary song, "A Helping Hand" (to the tune of "The Happy Wanderer.")

Ray Glime continued his joke-meister role with a tale of a Canadian Mountie who made it clear there were no limits to his authority. The Mountie was summarily chased from a farmer's field by an ornery bull and the farmer replied, "show him your badge." Ray also reminded members of the upcoming social outing to the Second City theater.

Jeff Furest then made a presentation of three Paul Harris awards. The recipients were new member **Scott Davis**, and Bob and Margo Baker, who are both recipients of multiple awards. (Ruby pins denote more than six.)



Jeff talked about the upcoming fundraiser. Auction items are needed now. In Jeff's

own words, we are "woefully behind" in gathering auction items as only 11 of 20 or more items have been secured at this point. Items with a value of \$500 or more are especially needed. See **Kris Miele** if you have any auction items or ideas. Lynn Davidson is taking orders for ads in the program book. Remember the date, **Saturday**, March 28, and the theme "YOU RACE, THEY WIN!"

- **Bob Baker** announced that the Clinton Township Rotary was selling coupon books for discounts at Parisian, just in time for the Valentine's holiday. The books are \$5 and include \$10 or more off merchandise. See Bob or Margo if you are interested.
- **Ted Bolak** also indicated that Macomb Literacy Partners is selling the same books. (You can buy two and save even
- Don Torline gave a report on the club's election results. Jessica Cheshire and John Walendowski were elected to new two-year terms on the board. Also, Eric Pierson will become the next president nominee and Julie Huttenlocher will be treasurer. Congratulations and THANK YOU to all who ran.

en Kish did the fining today: Bill Furest and Glenn Burton paid for a Recognition by Ken Kish Egambling scheme; Don Torline paid big for Baker College scholarships; John Walendowski was recognized for being a new board member and the best-dressed Rotarian, and **Bob Selwa** paid \$5 for a missed installation

ceremony. Don (it's good to be the spouse) Miller paid for his front row seats at the presidential inauguration. vacation and viewing the space

His fine also covered an extended Florida shuttle launch. Said Don, "life is good."







BIRTHDAYS

1/24 BERTHA (MARTY) RUBIN

1/27 ROBERT LEE

1/28 CAROL (DON) TORLINE

An extra little joke: Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie!

ur speakers today were two of our own members: Don Green and Bob Selwa.

Don and Bob have shared a common interest for many years; presidential history and trivia. Their interest in the subject has led both of them to travel across the country visiting our presidents' historic sites. Together they presented an interesting program.

Bob started out by relating his experience at U of M in 1960 where he met JFK at his first campaign stop. Don talked about the oath of office and some of the glitches that have occurred in the inauguration over the years.





Did you know?

The most books were written about which president? Abe Lincoln, second was JFK

The president who wrote the most books?

Teddy Roosevelt

The only bachelor president?

Iames Buchanan

The last to write his own speeches and the first to use radio?

Calvin Coolidge

The oldest?

Ronald Reagan. Youngest? Teddy Roosevelt

First national park? Yellowstone under U.S. Grant

Favorite food of a majority of presidents? Ice cream

Great program. Thank you Don and Bob for sharing your love of American history and our presidents with us today.





























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Ray Glime, our jokester, told the one about the short guy and the really short guy. How did the really short guy get that way? He dissed the wrong witch doctor.

Ray reminded us the dinner/

show outing in Novi at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 25. Two dinners, two tickets, only \$49.95. The show is *Kwame a River*. Call the box office at (248) 348-4448 and request the Mount Clemens Rotary party.

resident pro tem **Jeff Furest** called the meeting to order at 12:15, and, to set the tone for a somewhat jollier-thanusual gathering, whispered the call for the Pledge of Allegiance/national anthem into the mike. **Val Miller**, the chosen leader of the day (engaged in pleasant conversation with your scribe) missed the faint call and was made aware only by the sudden silence and the expectant stare of a roomful of Rotarians, guests, and Ladies of Zion focused on her. Val, unruffled by giggles and smirks (your scribe



included) quickly recovered and performed her duties (albeit with a crimson complexion of roughly 2,000 candlepower.) ••• Michele Heaver gave thanks, and we settled into a lunch composed of tossed salad, The Greatest Spaghetti On The Planet, fruit Jell-O, and cookies provided by the Ladies of Zion. ●●● Ray Hofner introduced our guests; Bob



Selwa's wife Jane and our speaker, Bob Hoefner. ●●● **Ken Kish** presented flowers to birthday boys Mike Robinson and Pete Ruggirello; club anniversary celebrants Jeff Furest, Carl Becker, and E. J. Rozek. Don Green bought a flower for Art **Mullen** in recognition for the highly successful ice sculpture show, and Jeff Furest bought one for Larry Neal's work on the club's Website. ●●● Bob Selwa led us in song: "Side By Side" and "Helping Hand;" but for the firm and steady hands of Jennifer Gale, we never would have made it through "Side By Side."

- Jeff Furest announced that the fundraiser attendance figures are looking better, but items for the auction are badly needed.
- The board meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, Feb. 16.
- **Bob Baker** reminded us of the Rotary district meeting; room for 14 participants; \$100 fee.
- Rolf Schroeter pitched membership; the committee is working hard, but, as always, recruitment is everyone's job.





e all sat a little lower in our chairs as Recognizer **Bob** Leslie scanned the room in search of his victims. An easy target was Val Miller, who gamely forfeited two bucks for delaying the meeting two seconds (see paragraph

Recognition by Bob Leslie board meeting (\$2) and Pete Ruggirello, the

1). Larry Neal missed a President of the library board missed a meeting

(\$2) Pete's glow surpassed Val's by a zillion candlepower, much to our amusement. Glenn Burton was recognized for his sartorial splendor (\$2), and Frank McNelis almost escaped a fine by naming four of the newly elected Rotary officers - Julie Huttenlocher, Eric Pierson, Frank Walendowski, and Jessica Cheshire – but Bob observed Frank's buddies offering a little help so we all got the \$2 hammer. Bob wrapped it up by collecting \$1 for missing badges/pins.









ob Cannon introduced our speaker, Bob Hoefner, Macomb County Road Commission's chief engineer. He gave us a comprehensive overview of the current and projected road and bridge improvement projects. The projects are limited by funding; most of it comes from state and federal sources. Some of the big projects are 19 Mile and Hall Road, the Bridgeview bridge, and the Cass and Groesbeck intersection. Improvements include a radio tower to transmit signals to stop lights, adjusting timing in response to traffic flow; cameras installed at intersections for the same purpose; and roundabouts, a proven



configuration which eases congestion. A lively q & a session followed, with many more hands in the air as time ran out. Bob's presentation was of great interest and I predict he'll be invited back soon.

Look good, feel good; **Glenn Burton** felt real good, hitting the 50/50 for \$47.

Jeff Furest rang the closing bell at 1:30.

BIRTHDAYS

2/1 MARTY RUBIN

2/4 PETER RUGGIRELLO

2/4 GRETCHEN (MIKE) ROBINSON



Wedding Anniversary

1/31 Kolby & Brenda Miller (13)

Club Anniversaries

E. J. Rozek, 6, Lynn Davidson, 7, Jeff Furest, 14, Carl Becker, 4





























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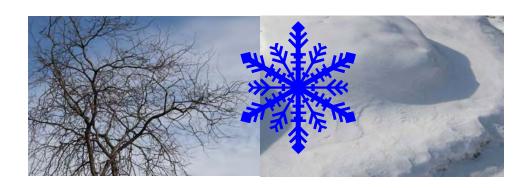
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resident Dedenbach clanged the Rotary bell at 12:15 sharp, and after **Bob Randolph** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the national anthem, **Don Torline** gave thanks. We settled into a hearty lunch of ham, coleslaw, mixed veggies, scalloped potatoes and assorted desserts.

After we welcomed one guest - our speaker, Mike Bruce - Bob Randolph led us in a rendition of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" and "That Rotary Wheel."

Jokester Ray Glime told the one about the guy in the bar who ordered and quickly gulped down seven shots of the best scotch in the house. The bartender asked what on earth would make him drink like that, and he responded. "because I only have a dollar." The groanmeter bounced to a record high.



Flowers: There were no wedding anniversaries or birthdays, but Bob Selwa

received a big hand for nine years - to the day - of perfect attendance. Frank McNelis bought two - one for Mary Ann Hosey and one for Lynn Davidson, presumably for their fine company at his table. **Bob Leslie** bought one for **Jeff Furest**; dad Bill paid a buck for one: Dave Meldrum bought one for President Nancy and one for Ron Reed.











ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **Jeff Furest** again plugged the March 28 fundraiser event at Zuccaro's; 6,000 contacts sent out should yield a nice crowd. **Julie Huttenlocher** initiated a search for racehorse impersonators – costumes optional – to compete at the



event. 36 horses are needed, and participants need to ante up a \$50 entry fee.

- **Bob Baker** again pitched the district gathering early in May, reminding us that \$170 buys a banquet meal and a hotel room.
- Don Green passed out brochures advertising a series of events at the Albert Lorenzo Cultural Center, MCCC. The events span Feb. 28 May 16, and take us back to The Sixties. Luminaries such as Andrew Young and Gloria Steinem highlight



a remarkable gathering of '60s-era lecturers and performers. At the mention of Gloria Steinem, **President Nancy** sighed wistfully as she recalled those good old bra-burning days, where firm-bodied collegeage demonstrators and protesters didn't need 'em anyway. That's as far as I'm gonna go with THAT one!

■ **John Walendowski** reported a successful Feed the Hungry event at Zion Church, where Rotarians **Sue**

Diener, Bob Baker, Jim Haselwood and Mark Zuccaro joined John last Sunday to serve a hearty meal (supplied by Mark) to a large and grateful – assembly of people in need.



■ **Phil Groh** noted the 58th (!) anniversary of Rotary meetings being held at Zion Church. Phil reported that Rotary's presence boosted the church's coffers by \$9,000, money well spent on building improvements.





RECOGNITION

be the best-dressed Rotarian in the crowd. John Always dresses like that, but it still cost him \$2. Next was Bill Lee, who last week wore an eye-patch. Bob wondered whether Bill was impersonating a pirate, or was he back in the car business. \$3. Bob turned on Bill's tablemates, asking Paul Woodring, Bob Randolph, Sarah Lee, Bob Lee, and Ron Reed whether they had witnessed Bill's spaghetti-blotched shirt last week. Nobody snitched, so it was \$2 each. Bill got hammered for another two. Now nicely warmed up, Bob focused on all the bankers in the crowd, asking how much they had received from the TARP distribution. Bob Morris; zero. Ron Reed; zero. Neil Dempsey; zero. Sue Diener; \$1.4 BILLION! She got fined a measly \$3.













PROGRAM

huck Muncatchy, Superintendent of the Mount Clemens Community School District and fellow Rotarian, outlined recent developments and strategies being implemented in the district in order to fulfill its mission statement; "to teach ALL students so that they achieve beyond expectations and meet the challenges of a diverse and rapidly changing world." He introduced our speaker, Mike Bruce, Mount Clemens High School's new principal. Mike, recently from San Antonio, Texas, where he was instrumental in achieving a "best 300 nationwide" ranking in that school system, shared some of the concerns faced by most school systems; declining enrollment, unsafe schools, poor state scores, and an over-extended budget. He presented his plan for improvement; blending middle and high schools into a seamless campus configuration for ease of transition for the students; create a new arts academy; a shared staff approach to smooth student progress; professional learning teams to discuss strategies; identify struggling students early and reroute them into a tutor environment so they don't fall behind; and establish a student code of conduct to instill a positive and constructive attitude moving them forward. Chuck, Mike, and their colleagues

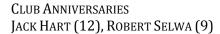






play a pivotal role in their community to generate young people who are well-equipped to assume their role as valuable members of society. They gave us glimpse of the challenges they face and the visionary solutions they propose. It was a memorable and thought-provoking presentation.

he 50/50 was won by a pleasantly surprised **Frank Bernabei**, and the meeting was concluded at 1:30.



















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President Nancy clanged the opening bell at 12:15 and, with a slight amendment to the agenda, **Scott Davis** gave thanks, followed by guest Rotarian Ray Laenew leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance and *America the Beautiful*. We feasted on baked chicken, potatoes, corn, cottage cheese with fruit, and ice cream. Goodbye diet.

Ray Hofner introduced guests; Ray and Norma Laenew and Jane Selwa, of

Bob Selwa; speakers Ashley Areeda and Dennis Sanpier, of the club; Mitchell Schulwitz, of mom **Penny Schulwitz**. Flowers were handled by **Ken Kish**, who presented **Ray Glime** and the absent **Chuck O'Grady** birthday flowers; **John Walendowski** got one, and when asked what thoughtful gift he was going to present to Mary, he



replied, "A flower." **Tom Davies** got one for celebrating his 36th club anniversary; Bob Selwa bought one each for Norma and Ray Laenew; **Bob Cannon** for **Bill Lee**, commemorating his 52nd Rotary anniversary coming up in January; and **Dick Pierson** for Ken Kish just because he's Ken.

Bob Selwa handled music, and again with a slight departure from the norm, invited guest Rotarian Ray Laenew to lead us in *Let Me Call You Sweetheart* in commemoration of his 60th wedding anniversary. The first verse was dedicated to a beaming Norma, and we all chimed in – it was 60 years to the day. Norma's advice for a long and happy marriage; end each day with a kiss.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jack Hart reminded us to drop off loose coins/folding money to help feed the homeless.
- Jeff Furest reminded the fundraiser committee of the 6 p.m. meeting Tuesday, March 3 at Zuccaro's.
- Ray Glime encouraged carpooling for the dinner/show event coming up on Feb. 25.
- **Bob Baker** pointed out a clarification needed for the district conference on May 1 3 at Zehnder's Splash Village, Frankenmuth. The event starts at noon and ends at noon. The fee of \$170 buys admittance and meals, not the hotel as erroneously reported last week. Payment may be made online, at rotarydistrict6380.com



av Glime reported a news item: a teacher was arrested at JFK Airport for attempting to carry weapons onto an airliner. The weapons of math instruction were a ruler, a slide rule (does anvone under the age of 30 even know what

that is?) a calculator, a set square and a protractor. Attorney General Albert Gonzolas announced that this dangerous terrorist was believed to be a member of the notorious Al-Gebra Cartel. employing extreme measures like tangents, cosigns and absolute values; masked by code words like x, y, and z. When asked to comment on the arrest, President Bush said, "If God had wanted us to have better weapons of math instruction, He would have given us more fingers and toes." White House aides told reporters they could not recall a more intelligent or profound statement by the president.

Ray enjoyed the belly-laughs of an amused crowd and a nice round of applause.

FROM JESSICA CHESHIRE



In October 2008, we had a community service project and volunteered to help ARC Services of Macomb and their Halloween event. They are looking for volunteers to help them in their upcoming fundraiser on Friday, February 27 at 8 p.m. Volunteers are needed for setup and registration. ARC Services of Macomb, Inc. Give from the Heart Bowl-a-thon Friday February 27 - Check-in 9:30 p.m. Sunnybrook Bowl 7191 East 17 Mile Road Sterling Heights 48313 If You Are Interested in Volunteering Please call Annette at (586) 469-1600 Ext.111 Annettefob@earthlink.net



ob Leslie again collected a maximum amount of money in a minimum amount of time. His first target was **Kristine Miele**, for music provided by her cellphone at the last meeting, \$2; best-dressed **Ken Kish**, \$5; **Don Torline**, for sending a Baker College letter to the Detroit News and Free Press, c/o The Macomb Daily on Macomb Daily Drive. Bob wondered if the letter came from

Baker's School for Advanced Studies. It was hard to hear over all the laughter, but your scribe believes that a red-faced Don coughed up a voluntary over-the-limit \$15. Bob then turned his attention to **Bill Patterson**, and inquired about his exquisite, deeeep and glowing tan. Bill, not desiring to be singled out, ratted on **Tom Davies**, of similar complexion. The two confessed to a week-long cruise in the Carribean with their wives. A highlight was the hairy-chest competition, won handily by Bill; number one in that category out of hundreds aboard. Well done, Bill! Tom's performance was less stellar – he had to attend the formal dinner in beat-up blue jeans, much to Bill's embarrassment. A bit of finger-pointing regarding a (mutual?) U.S. Customs irregularity led to a \$10 (ea) truce. **Steve Ternullo** was triple-whammy'd for Debbie's appearance on Channel 4, a trip to Mexico, and Steve's announcement that it was National Engineer's Week. Bob eased off to only \$4, but made up for it with his old standby, a buck for everyone without a Rotary pin and badge.







BIRTHDAYS

2/13 CATHY (MARK) ZUCCARO

2/14 VALERIE MILLER

2/15 RAYMOND GLIME

2/18 CHUCK O'GRADY

2/18 JAMES (JULIE) HUTTENLOCHER

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

2/15 JOHN & MARY WALENDOWSKI (34)

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

ALBERT ZUCCARO (23), THOMAS DAVIES (36)









From Jeff Furest: This is a picture of Nancy and I taking the POHI kids to the game last night, from the Pistons guest giving us the suite for the game against the Spurs. Do not confuse this with the additional suite and autograph basketball fundraiser donation they gave us.

PROGRAM

ur speaker, Dennis Sanpier, delivered a rapid-fire summation of what it means to be a member of the Detroit Piston organization; it's more than an NBA team, a world-class arena aptly named the Palace, and a group of hard-working and dedicated people. It's a constantly evolving enterprise that sells entertainment and memories (who can forget the Bad Boys, Joe DOOOOOOmars, Bill Lambier, and too many others to name as they wrapped up another championship season).

The Palace is itself a work in progress; imaginative improvements like an atrium with the largest suites in the league; underground (aptly named) sold-out bunker suites, viewing the game by large-screen television only. Dennis equated the Palace to Disney World from the standpoint of excellence and cleanliness. Fans are not disappointed by substandard refreshments or shoddy surroundings. You will not have your shoes sticking to bubblegum remnants on the floor.

Extremely important to the Pistons organization are the many charitable activities that they participate in, both directly and indirectly. They apply their assets – players, the Palace, and even the team aircraft – to fulfill the dreams of underprivileged, handicapped and ill children who are thrilled to be in the same room with their heroes, much less given individual attention by the likes of Rasheed Wallace, Tayshaun Prince and Rip Hamilton.

Dennis rocketed through a sampling of the philanthropic activities engaged in by the Pistons, but by this time your scribe had developed writer's cramp and could not stay even. Suffice it to say the Pistons are focused, not only on winning championships, but on serving their community. Ashley provided a flyer entitled "Jeans Day" which announced that "The 2009 Pistons Care Telethon will be held at the Palace of Auburn Hills Wednesday, March 11, in support of Feed The Children. 100% of the proceeds will benefit Michigan families in critical need of basic necessities such as food and personal care items. Dennis invited our club to participate. A more worthy cause is difficult to imagine.















Topping it off, the Pistons raffled off game tickets, won by a happy **Jim Haselwood**.

The 50/50 amounted to \$37. The winner was somewhere in the crowd that mobbed Dennis Sanpier after the meeting closed at 1:35.



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resident Nancy rang the bell early, for reasons that became evident later in the program. Gerry Hanson led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the national anthem, and John Walendowski gave thanks. The Ladies of Zion served a thinner-than-usual group a world-class lunch of roast pork, coleslaw, candied and parsleyed carrots, mashed potatoes and strawberry ice cream sundaes! With a sugar wafer to boot! Absentees, ya don't know what ya missed.



Guests: **Ray Hofner** introduced Del Becker, guest of husband **Carl**; Dana Casson, guest of **Jessica Cheshire**; speaker Mira Green, guest of the club and husband **Don**.



Bob Randolph led us in "Sing a Song to Rotary."



Ken Kish passed out phantom phlowers to absentees Ron Reed (birthday), Tom Davies, Frank McNelis, and Dick Pierson (partner birthdays); Mary Spaulding (wedding anniversary); Frank McNelis and Mary Spaulding (club anniversaries). Real flowers went to Mira Green, Del Becker, Larry Neal, Jennifer Gale, Ray Glime and Ken Kish. Sue **Blanchard** will be distributing flowers next month.



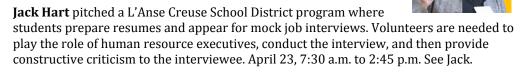


Ray Glime told the nautical tale of the magician versus the captain's parrot. The smart parrot religiously attended the ship's entertainment shows and, over time, learned the magic tricks. He began tipping off the audience about the magician's secrets; "Look, it's not the same hat!" "Look, he's hiding the flowers under the table!" "Hey, why are all the cards the Ace of Spades?" The magician had to contain his fury because it was the captain's parrot. The ship sank. The magician saved himself by clinging to a piece of wood . . . with the parrot clinging to the other end. They stared at each other with hatred for several days, but did

Announcements

the boat?"

Kris Miele announced her daughter's adventuresome trip to Thailand, courtesy of Kalamazoo College.



not utter a single word. After a week the parrot finally said: "Okay, what did you do with









Rotarian Dave Gerlach with a \$2 welcome. Del Becker was best dressed – her beautiful leather jacket was the same color as a car she once owned. Ken Kish acknowledged the Daily was now owned by the bank. Bob ordered a one buck bailout from





RECOGNITION

Don Carnaghi, transformed to a race horse in last year's fundraiser, bought his Macomb Daily picture for \$3. Joe Peruzzi, on the 2009 Gratiot Cruise Committee, paid \$3. Community Central Bank executives (has the title "bank executive" sunk below the title "lawyer" in popularity polls?)





Neil Dempsey and Bob Morris got bonked because their bank is now a "Certified" bank...? Whassat? \$2 apiece. Star of stage, screen and TV Art Mullen paid \$3 for hanging around with Guy Gordon. Rolf Schroeter forfeited \$2 for complaining that he never made any money delivering the Daily as a kid. ~~ Don Torline will be next month's recognizer. Beware.







Program

ur speaker, Mira Green, gave an abbreviated (because of time constraints) talk about her childhood in Poland. She described Torin as a peaceful small town, tracing its heritage back to medieval times, where she and her brother helped their parents in their small shop. They lived in relative security and stability in an apartment above the shop.



Then, on September 1, 1939, things changed. Distant explosions signaled the German invasion of Poland. German soldiers appeared with a convoy of trucks, and most of the able-bodied men were carted off to an undisclosed location and never returned. Then the tanks came; some of the city's residents, Nazi sympathizers, cheered them from the sidewalks, but scattered when the tanks began randomly firing their cannons into buildings. Mira's parents urged their neighbors to take shelter in their basement until they were "packed like sardines." Things quieted down, and when the emerged from the basement, they found an unexploded shell in their dining room. Mira was sure that if the shell had detonated, she would not have lived to celebrate her 15th birthday.



The terror soon intensified. A 9 p.m. – 6 a.m. curfew was imposed. Professionals – doctors, lawyers, educators – were singled out and summarily executed. With few exceptions, anyone over 17 years old was taken to concentration camps. Children 14 –15 years old were removed to labor camps. Mira's family was temporarily spared because her father claimed

American citizenship. But their turn was to come.

A 4 a.m. a pounding on the door signaled the end of their home in Torin. They were ordered to evacuate the house and were given one hour to do so; their home was to be turned

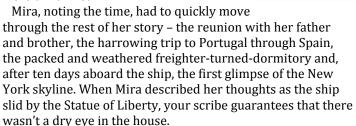
over to Estonians. They were allowed to take only personal items and ten German marks. The family scattered and was given shelter at remote locations among family members.

Mira's father took action. As an American citizen, he had to make his way to the American Consulate in Berlin and do it without a travel permit. He risked certain death by sneaking aboard a train and somehow dodging soldiers who patrolled the cars during the trip. Passports were obtained; embarkation, however, was a distant dream – there was a flood of humanity fleeing Europe. They would have to wait their turn.

Meantime, Mira and her mother worked in a cousin's restaurant, sharing a tiny storage room in the attic. Only a small window provided daylight; there was no electricity, water, or heat in the room, but they were grateful for the shelter. But that was soon to end, too.

Again, in the early hours of the morning, the dreaded pounding on the door came. Again, all occupants were rounded up and evicted. A soldier pointed to the stairs. "What's up there?" The answer; "Nothing." Miraculously, the soldier did not investigate and all left,

leaving outside workers to seal all doors to the building. After all was quiet, the women opened the tiny window, tossed out their small bundles of clothing, squeezed through the window and slid down the steeply-pitched roof to the ground. Aside from a few scratches and bruises, they were unharmed...



We've been privileged to have many wonderful speakers at our meetings, but none can surpass Mira Green. She puts our present troubles in perspective; sure we're in tough times,

but we still, to a great degree, have control over our lives. Can we even imagine being suddenly forced out of a tranquil, loving environment and plunged into a whirlwind of unspeakable horror? Witnessing man's inhumanity to man taken to unimaginable depths of decadence? At age 14? Where did this petite and soft-spoken lady summon the grit and perseverance to fight on? We can only thank God that the shell did not detonate; the answer was "nothing;" and we are blessed to have Mira with us.





Bob Morris won \$33. Put it in the bank, Bob!

BIRTHDAYS

2/20 JANICE (TOM) DAVIES

2/21 Ron Reed

2/21 ALICIA (FRANK) MCNELIS2/22 LOIS (DICK) PIERSON

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

2/25 MARY & JAMES SPAULDING (32)

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

FRANK McNelis (8), Mary Spaulding (21)



~ Dinner Theater Outing ~ Photos By Nancy Dedenbach ~











FROM JESSICA CHESHIRE: THE 2009 "YOU RACE THEY WIN" RAFFLE TICKETS ARE READY FOR PICKUP. WE ARE ASKING EACH ROTARIAN TO SELL 20 RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THIS EVENT (ADDITIONAL RAFFLE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE). THE RAFFLE TICKETS ARE \$10 EACH. THE DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE AT 10 PM AND YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN. THE WINNING AMOUNTS ARE: 1ST DRAWING \$500; 2ND DRAWING \$1,000; 3RD DRAWING \$3,000. AFTER YOU HAVE SOLD YOUR TICKETS, PLEASE RETURN THE TICKET STUBS AND RAFFLE MONEY TO ME OR MAIL THEM TO 48 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUITE 2B, MOUNT CLEMENS MI 48043. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SELL ALL 20 TICKETS, PLEASE RETURN UNSOLD TICKETS TO JESSICA NO LATER THAN MARCH 26. ANY UNSOLD TICKETS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN RETURNED WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY CHARGED TO YOUR ROTARY ACCOUNT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT (586) 463-1151 OR (313) 401-4526 OR JESSICA.CHESHIRE@LIVEUNITEDSEM.ORG AND I WILL SEND YOUR TICKETS TO YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND ENJOY THE RACES!











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