

MOUNT CLEMENS ROTARY CLUB

"THE SPOKESPERSON" JULY 11, 2013



CALENDAR

7/18

Glenn Burton ■ Scott Hedges
Avidasports High Tech Swim System

7/25

BOAT OUTING
NO MEETING

8/1

Kris Miele ■ Jeff Olsmand
Clinton Counseling Center, jail program
runaway and homeless youth

8/8

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Rotary board business

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11/21

Bob Selwa ■ Ray Glime
We remember and honor JFK

2/27 - 3/9, 2014
Caribbean Cruise

Minutes by Art Niederkohr ~ Photos by Jeff Furest

Time meeting begins: 12:15 p.m. Presiding officer: **Michael O'Connor**. Rotarian leading the Pledge: **Ray Glime**. Giving the benediction: **Don Torline**. Menu: salad, corn, mac and cheese, chicken with Parmesan cheese and gravy, C.C. cookies.



Announcements

Nancy Dedenbach - Boat outing July 25; sign up by July 18; \$25.

Piano accompanist: Jennifer Gale. Songs sung: "Yankee Doodle Dandy," "Viva La Rotary"
Rotarian leading the songs: **Al Zuccaro**

Guests introduced by Jeffrey Furest

David Beran guest of **Art Niederkohr** (that is me!)

Emma Gougroun guest of **Ken Lampar**

Rochelle guest of **Larry Neal**

Lynn Wilhelm guest of **Sue Coats**

Stephanie Shelters guest of **Elsa Silverman**

Shen Shen guest of **Larry Neal**



Rotary Minute: **William Patterson** enjoyed his time as Rotary president and made a lot of friends.

Flowers sold by: trying to remember and cannot. Sold to and for what reason: Ken Lampar birthday, **Dick Pierson** birthday, **Frank** birthday, Nancy's hubbys' birthday, **Bob Baker** 40th wedding anniversary (Today was the Bob Baker show with how many times he was mentioned) Michael O'Connor 19 years married, Bill Patterson 28 years married; **Beth Pryor** 28 years married; Sue Coats 2 years member, Elsa Silverman 2 years member.

Ken Lampar bought a flower for Emma (guest); Larry Neal bought flower for guest Chen Chen; **Kris Miele** for **Bob Lee**; Ray Glime for **Cecilia Moloney**; Ray Burton for **Liz Vogel**; Cecilia Moloney from Bob Lee; Nancy Dedenbach from Ray Glime

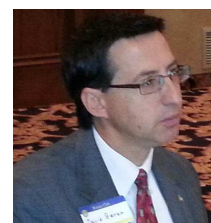
Announcements/Goodwill:

Bob Baker = Rotary Convention in Hawaii 2020

People recognized and fine amount lead by **Glenn Burton**

Don Torline \$2
Bill Patterson \$2
Larry Neal \$2
Don Torline (again) \$1
Bob Lee \$5

Don Carnaghi \$4
Liz Vogel \$5
Ray Glime \$2
Ted D. \$1
Kris Miele \$5
Jeff Furest \$3
Mr. Forrest \$5



Speaker: Michael O'Connor

Rotary preview of upcoming year
Background of MOC
Raise money
Party
Awareness
Get to know each other



50/50 Winner: **Bob Baker** \$41

Time meeting adjourned: 1:16 p.m.

I was a little rusty doing this, felt like Jordan playing with the Wizards.

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Presiding Officer: **Michael O'Connor**

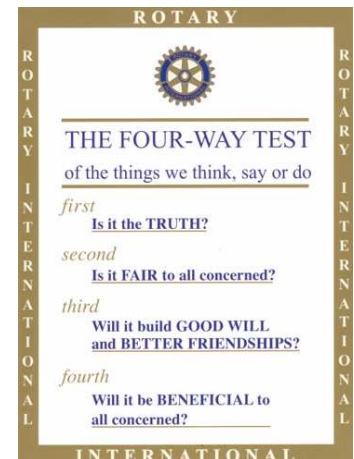
Rotarian Leading the Pledge: **Bob Lee**

Rotarian Giving the Benediction: **Lori Wright**

Menu: Salad, rolls, potatoes, grilled chicken, broccoli, C.C. cookies

Piano accompanist: Jennifer Gale. Songs Sung: "Whatever Will Be, Will Be", "Viva La Rotary", Rotarian leading the songs: **Al Zuccaro**

Minutes by Art Niederkohr



Announcements:

Michael O'Connor - Board meetings are going well. Get involved
Rotary Minute - **Bob Baker** - get involved

Guests introduced by Eric Pierson

Karla Gardner guest of **Jennifer Morgan**

Ray Heranadez guest of club

Emma Gougen guest of **Ken Lampar**

Scott Hedges guest of **Glenn Burton**

Jennifer Dunn guest of Glenn Burton

Dwight Williams visitor from Miami Brickell District 6990

Lynn Wilhelm guest **Sue Coats**

Nick Casteel guest of SH Rotary

Yuam Qian Qian guest of **Larry Neal**

Stephanie Shelters guest of **Elsa Silverman**

Flowers Sold by Ken Lampar

Elsa Silverman for Stephanie Shelters

Glenn Burton for Jennifer Dunn

Larry Neal for Qian Qian

Ray Glime for **Nancy Dedenbach**

Bob Baker for Nick Casteel

Elsa for Ken Lampar

Announcements/Goodwill:

Sunshine Report: Bob Leslie's father in law passed. Prayers and thoughts please, said by **Neil Dempsey**.

RECOGNITION by Glenn Burton

Table 1: \$1 each, Table 2: \$5 each, Table 3: \$3 each, Table 4: \$4 each

Speaker: Scott Hedges introduced by Glenn Burton

Name and organization: Avida Sports. Topic of talk: Sports Technology (mainly swimming), Highlights, a summary of the speech: Athletic Telemetry. How their product can help with swimming performance by statistical analysis and communication with athlete and coach. Very cutting edge athletic technology. Virtual swim meets.

50/50 winner **Eva Armitage** \$55

Time meeting adjourned: 1:31 p.m.

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Minutes by Eric Pierson ~ Photos by Jeff Furest

President **Mike O'Connor** rang the bell promptly at 12:15 p.m., or at least I assume he did. I really don't pay much attention to that stuff. :) **Bob Leslie** requested that we join him in singing the Pledge; fortunately he did not sing it. **Tom Davies** provided a nice prayer that started with a moment of silence for a recently deceased Rotarian, Ken King, who most people in the room did not know since he was more active in the '70s. Lunch consisted of a boneless porkchop with Ammoglio (I really don't know how to spell this, or say it for that matter, but I know how to eat it and it is delicious) sauce, with scalloped potatoes and corn. Also, was the typical fantastically fresh green salad with buns and cookies.

President Time

President Mike started by thanking **Nancy Dedenbach** for putting together such a successful and fun (which is really the only measure of success with this event) boat outing last Thursday. He also thanked the captains and hosts and recognized everyone who attended the outing.

Mike also shared the following:

- **Bob Selwa** is working with the Detroit Rotary Club to put together a Rotary day at Comerica Park. It will take place on 9/16 and will be a 7 p.m. game. I believe the ticket costs will be \$30 apiece and a portion of that will benefit Polio Eradication.
- The Macomb Rotary Club has changed its meeting location to Shield's Pizza on Tuesday Nights at 6 p.m.



- Finally, Mike swore in a new member and the first one within his presidential year. We all welcomed **Lynn Wilhelm** of Turning Point to our club. Lynn will make a great addition. She kept her speech short explaining her role in Turning Point and thanking us for the wonderful time she had on the boat outing last Thursday.

Guests

The guest situation was a major SNAFU this week. **Gerry Hanson** had the honor of leading us in this chaos which was quickly recognized when we discovered there was no list. Fortunately there were only two and I believe they were both guests of the club. The first was David Beran and the second was Ray Hernandez. I will add that Elsa walked in with Stephanie Shelters, another guest of the club. I will also note that all three of these guests are fulfilling their minimum requirements for becoming members.

Rotary Minute

After the disaster of the guest list we quickly realized that **Eva Armitage** was not present to present her Rotary Minute. President Mike just moved right into music, so no minute was had.

Songs

Al Zuccaro was our "tootsie wootsie" this week and started with "In the Good Old Summertime" and then finished with "Sing a Song to Rotary."

Flowers

Art Niederkohr was on flower duty today. **Jim Haselwood** was the only member in attendance who got a flower for his birthday, but **Don Carnaghi** let us know that **Steve Ternullo** would also like one and to just put it on his (Steve's) account. **Rob Sogge** and **Lori Wright** accepted flowers for their partners' birthdays. **Al Zuccaro** and **Jeff Oldham** were recognized for their respective wedding anniversaries. Finally **Rolf Schroeter** and **Valerie Miller** were celebrating their club anniversaries of seven and 10 years, respectively.

Many flowers were available for sale and the first was bought by our commander-in-chief, Mike O'Connor, for our newest member **Lynn Wilhelm**. **Rob Sogge** purchased one for Valerie Miller for a great time on her boat last Thursday. **Jackie Johnson** bought one for **Paul Woodring** and **Elsa Silverman** bought one for **Kris Miele** for being such a good friend. **Beth Pryor** then bought one for Val Miller, whose neckline was starting to resemble a lei with yet a third flower, for being such a good co-captain. **Ken Lampar** then bought one for Elsa Silverman and **Mary Ann Hosey** bought one for **Bill Patterson**. Finally, **Beth Pryor** purchased one for **Art Niederkohr** for becoming her husband Steve's new best friend.

Sunshine Reports

Tom Davies used this as a moment to tell us all a little about Ken King who, as I previously had mentioned, passed away and was acknowledged in Tom's prayer. Ken was born in 1925 and fought in WWII. He was a decorated soldier who participated both in the Battle of the Bulge as well as liberating multiple concentration camps. He was the head of the Mount Clemens Library in 1976 and was a very active Rotarian.

Announcements and Good Will

Mark Zuccaro announced that the club will be doing a school supply collection effort in the latter half of this month. Bring in school supplies for needy kids or donate some cash.

Recognition

Tom Davies was the finer today and had an interesting story to share about **Ray Glime**. Apparently Tom and Ray get their hair cut by the same barber. Tom shared that to park in proximity to said barbershop cost him 75 cents and asked how much it cost Ray for the beard trimming he received. Ray responded that he used the free parking in front of the shop. Upon explanation this had to do with parking in front of the shop and putting your hazard lights on. Well, it ended up costing him a \$3 fine.

Next came the inquisition with regard to the Miller boat at the outing. **Val**, was sporting more flowers than the Kentucky Derby winner, so Tom had to find out what could justify such. All passengers were asked to stand and explain. This included **Art Niederkohr, Rob Sogge, Beth Pryor, Bill Patterson and Mary Ann Hosey**. All were mum explaining that "what happens on the boat stays on the boat."

Well, they had so much fun that Val had a carry-on bag packed full of stuff that was lost/forgotten on the boat. First up was a towel that was claimed by Beth Pryor on behalf of her husband, Steve. (Nice try. \$4) Then came a martini shaker also claimed by Beth. The rest of the stuff probably belonged to Beth as well, but since she already maxed out, it was given to Bill Patterson for a \$3 fine. Then Tom fined the rest of the boat \$2, but upon reconsideration, Tom raised it to \$3.

Next up Tom tried to get to the bottom of the guest list debacle. Asking who the house chair was, **Ken Lampar** then stood and was asked what happened with the guest list. From the blank stare Ken didn't know what Tom was talking about, so Ken then asked **Eric Pierson**, the former chair of the position and who I like to refer to as me, if this was part of the job. I then had to let Ken know that implicit in being the house chair is the responsibility of taking blame for anything to keep the president looking good. \$2.

Glenn Burton was fined \$3 in absentia because he was supposed to be doing recognition. **Neil Dempsey** was about to be fined for the Talmer bank pen that Tom found, but when Neil said Tom could keep it, no fine was issued. Can't you guys be more discreet with your bribery? Finally only three people were without badges: **Elsa Silverman, Kris Miele and Julie Huttenlocher**. \$2 for the first two, but Julie was fined \$4 because Tom raised her better than that.

Speaker

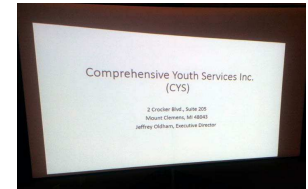
Our speaker today was our own **Jeff Oldham** and he was introduced by **Sam D'Angelo**. Jeff comes from West Virginia which is evident in the slight drawl to his speech. He currently serves as the executive director of Comprehensive Youth Services. Their focus is assisting youth in meeting life's challenges by building hope, strength and safety.

The organization was incorporated in 1970 and its directors are chosen by the clergy from eight local churches. In 11 years the umbrella organization has grown to span Macomb, Sanilac and St. Clair counties and in 1985 they started up Clinton Counseling services. Today CYS encompasses 32 budgets that make up \$3 million in annual operations and has 75 employees. They are primarily an outpatient substance abuse and mental health facility. They take Medicare, Medicaid as well as third-party insurance. A big part of the job is working closely with the jails to right the way of wayward youth.

Of the 23,000 inmates booked annually at the Macomb County Jail, 80 percent are addicted and 60 percent have mental health issues. Another concern is the homeless youth in Macomb County. A little known fact is that there are more homeless children than adults. In fact, the 12-17 age group is the highest risk of homelessness. Mostly due to runaways as a result of physical abuse, aging out of the fostered care system or by simply being abandoned by family.

50/50

I missed it. Sorry. But if it helps, it wasn't me or anyone at my table, or the president or the past president. It could have been anyone else.



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Don Miller led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and "The Star-Spangled Banner" and **Tom Davies** led the prayer. Everyone was asked to keep the family of Gloria Campau, one of the "lunch ladies" at Zion Church in your prayers as she recently passed away.

The day's menu featured tossed salad, barbecued chicken, broccoli, scalloped potatoes and chocolate chip cookies.

President Michael O'Connor provided a few announcements:

- Our *Rotary Member Guide Book* is a handy reference for all members to review so that we can all be the best possible Rotarians! Please contact Mike if you are interested in receiving a copy.
- PolioPlus will be organizing a trip to Africa to help with an immunization drive. The costs are about \$1,600 plus airfare. This is the opportunity to "walk the talk."
- The 6380 district newsletter is available on the district website and is packed with informative information: <http://www.rotary6380.org/>
- September 16 will be a special day for Rotary at the Detroit Tigers! Tickets will be available through the Tigers group ticket sales website for \$30 and \$5 from each ticket will benefit PolioPlus.
- The Rotary board will be meeting next Tuesday. Please let **Mike** know if there are any issues you would like addressed by the board.



Al and Mark Zuccaro will be collecting school supplies this month. Checks are welcome, too!

Jackie Johnston introduced our guests:

Charlie DiFelice, visiting Rotarian from Florida; Gerald Moore, speaker; Morgan Gladieux, guest of **Melissa Gladieux-Jackson**; Margot Baker, guest of **Bob Baker**; Yuan Qianqian, guest of **Larry Neal**; Stephanie Shelters; and Luca, guest of **Nancy Dedenbach**.

Val Miller's "Rotary Minute" was filled with interesting statistics about our club: 69 active members, three honorary members, heavy on older dudes (44% age 50-64; 22% age 65-79; 71% male, 28% female, 1%?). She reminded members that ClubRunner is where our membership directory lives and she is always happy to help anyone with questions learn how to get access to it.

Art Niederkohr sold flowers. **Melissa Gladieux-Jackson** bought one for Morgan, **Nancy Dedenbach** bought one for Luca, the speaker bought one for himself, **Bob Selwa** bought one for **Ken Kish** for his great work as managing editor of *The Macomb Daily*, **Jeff Furest** bought one for **Mike O'Connor** for a great golf game, **Larry Neal** bought one for his guest Qianqian, and **Mike O'Connor** bought one for **Bob Selwa** for his great work at working on the Tigers fundraising event.

Larry Neal led the club in "It's a Small World After All" in honor of our visit for Shanghai, and the ever-popular, "Roll Rotary."

Bill Patterson announced that there will be a social outing to the Richmond Community Theatre on September 22 for a 2 p.m. production of *Spamalot* followed by dinner. **Kris Miele** has secured a block of tickets (\$15 adults; \$10 students and seniors; call 586-727-9518). Our own **Bob Lee** will be in the performance. And not to write off August, too quickly, but a social event will be scheduled for a "bar night" later in the month. Details coming soon!

Recognition by Nancy Dedenbach



Nancy Dedenbach

recognized several Rotarians for recent vacations. Those who traveled instate fared better than those traveling a distance! **Neil Dempsey** was fined for what appeared to be texting during a meeting (\$2.50) and for a photo of his better half (\$2.49). **Neil** confirmed that he *did* know how to text. **Sarah Ellena** was fined for a photo booth photo that didn't stay in the booth at the Daughters of Macomb function - \$5. **Bob Leslie** paid \$3 for a rather historical photo of Rotary presidents passing the gavel.

Sam D'Angelo introduced Gerald Moore, member of the Troy Rotary Club and AMVETS, Department of Michigan, District II Commander.

He has initiated a program to assist the sadly shocking number of veterans who have become homeless and are living on the street or in shelters. Estimates are in the range of 71,000 nationwide with 10% of them living in Michigan. Last winter alone he collected 1,769 winter coats that he distributed personally. Through the efforts of his club and AMVETS District II, they put together 700 care bags with toiletries, a pair of socks and briefs. They also collected 1,161 pairs of jeans. (*Typesetter's note: See www.rotary6380.org and click on July 2013 newsletter.*)

One particularly heartfelt moment was when he talked about acquiring five electronic wheelchairs for disabled veterans in shelters. His goal for next year is to raise \$15,000 and apply for a matching grant from Rotary International so that all homeless veterans in shelters can receive care bags. Post-traumatic stress disorder was listed as a main cause for disrupting the lives of many veterans. In addition, with today's veterans volunteering to serve, many of them are sent on multiple tours of duty making life even more difficult upon return to civilian life.



Our guest speaker won the 50/50 drawing of \$63, which he donated back to the club.

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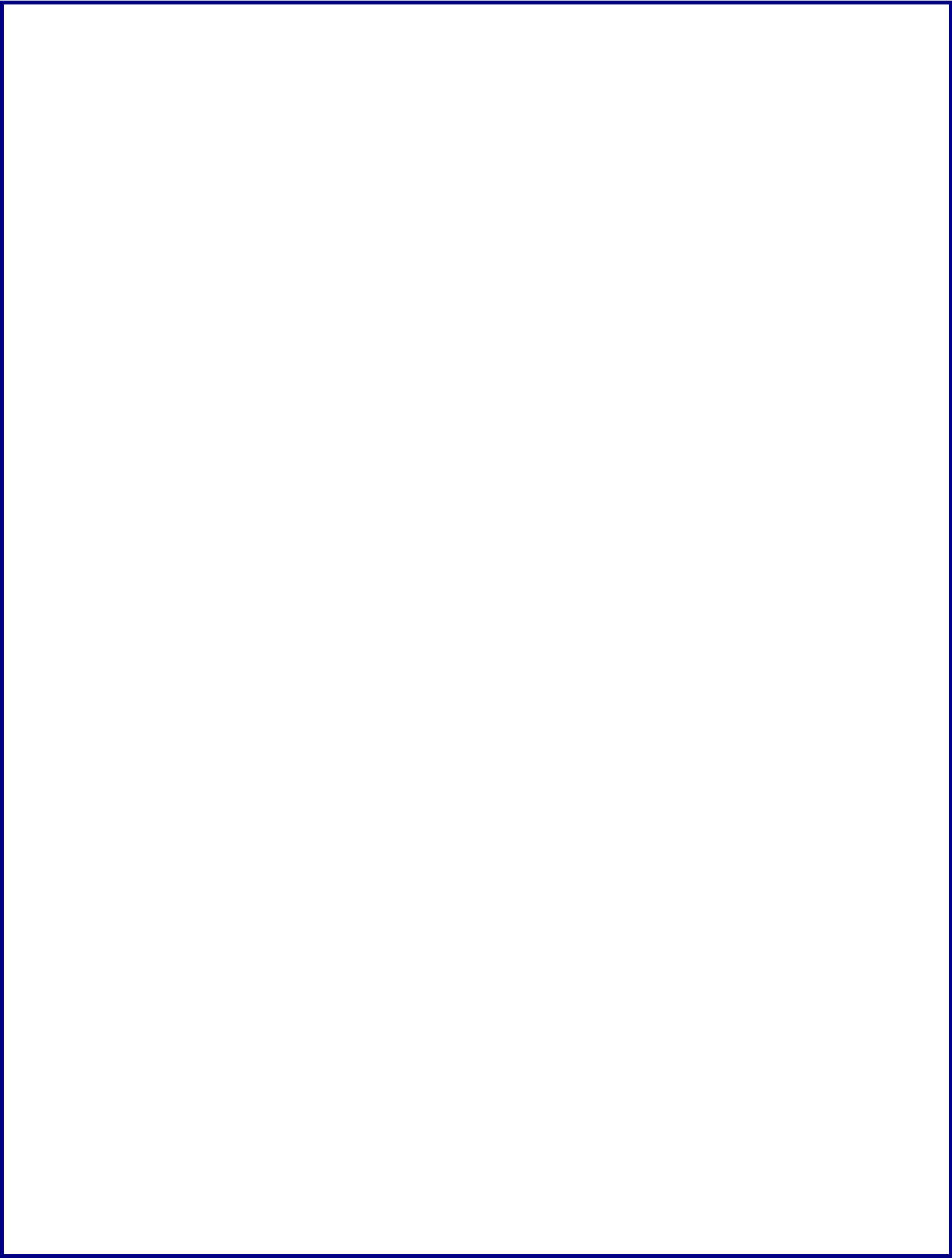
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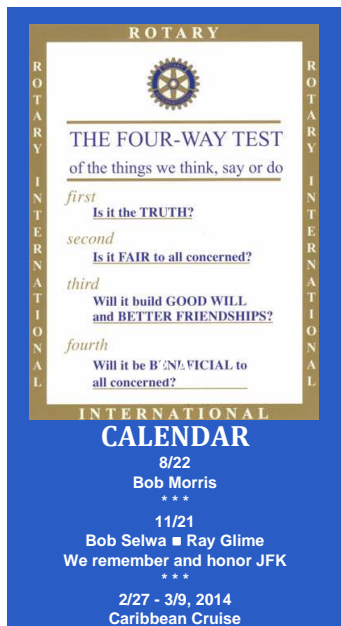


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Minutes by Larry Neal ~ Photos by Jeff Furest



President **Michael O'Connor** called the Mount Clemens Rotary Club to order at 12:15 p.m. **Bob Morris** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and "The Star-Spangled Banner" and **Lori Wright** led the prayer. The day's menu featured corn bread, tossed salad, ham, roasted redskins, broccoli, and mini cream puffs and éclairs. **Larry Neal** led the club in "Deep in the Heart of Texas" in memory of a hurricane that hit Texas on this day in 1983 followed by "R-O-T-A-R-Y."

President Michael O'Connor provided a few announcements:

- The Rotary Board had a great meeting courtesy of **Jeff Furest** including a eight-course meal and 18?? bottles of wine!
- Raffle tickets from the Garden City Rotary were available, \$10/ticket, \$20/3 for tickets to the November 30 UM/OSU game.
- The September 16 Rotary Day at the Detroit Tigers is still in the works. More details coming soon.

Gerry Hanson introduced our guests: Margo Baker, guest of **Bob Baker**; Dawn Drozd, speaker; and Stephanie Shelters, guest of **Elsa Silverman**.

Since the speaker won last week's 50/50, President Mike requested that everyone recite "The Four-Way Test." Needless to say the group's words became less decipherable on reciting #4 which was hard to see behind the table!

Art Niederkohr had to sell all of the flowers as several Rotarians were out celebrating birthdays and anniversaries elsewhere. **Sarah Lee** bought

one for the speaker; **Nancy Dedenbach** bought one for **Mark Zuccaro** for his good work in collecting school supplies; **Glenn Burton** bought one for Nancy; **Kris Miele** bought one for Sarah; **Larry Neal** bought one for Jennifer Gale; **Eric Pierson** bought one for Art Niederkohr; **Ray Glime** bought one for **Ken Kish** and **Bill Furest** bought one for \$1.

Glenn Burton in a gesture of goodwill bid \$1 for winning the Mackinaw race overall, a new record!

Kris Miele announced that her sister-in-law's mother, Mary, a former nurse in Mount Clemens, passed away.

Mark Zuccaro announced that he will continue collecting school supplies for Turning Point this month. Checks are welcome, too!

Kris Miele has secured a block of tickets (\$15 adults; \$10 students/seniors; call 586-727-9518). Our own **Bob Lee** will be in the performance. A dinner at Brengman's Innland, 67020 Gratiot Avenue, is planned after the performance for those interested.

Dave Meldrum announced that there will be a golf outing on September 15 to benefit the YMCA (\$125). Please contact **Josh Landefeld** at jlandefeld@ymcadetroit.org.

Ken Lampar announced that he is selling ticket for \$10 for an REO Speedwagon concert at Freedom Hill for Sunday, August 18. Please call Ken at 586-405-2260 for tickets.

Nancy Dedenbach recognized herself for going on vacation and not paying last week. She went to North Carolina and Drummond Island. **Glenn Burton** was recognized an additional \$4 for his sailing victory. **Dave Meldrum** was fined \$5 for sending Ron Dedenbach an insurance certificate that had expired for Ron's new motorcycle.

Sam D'Angelo introduced Dawn Drozd, CEO of Clear Vision Business Coaching. She is the author of a forthcoming book, *The Success Code*, which reveals how business owners throughout metro Detroit thrived during the great recession. The "code" has been created from nine key principles that emerged consistently in the companies interviewed. In particular she focused on the third code, "bring the right mindset." With a positive, can-do mindset successful leaders inspire and influence their teams to find better solutions and dig deep when required. For more information about Dawn's book and other workshops see <http://clearvision.us.com> or contact Dawn at 586-323-5150 or dawn@clearvision.us.com.

The bulletin writer and leader of all things musical this week was the lucky winner of the 50/50 garnering \$39.

We are collecting school supplies the next three weeks. Items in need: backpacks, notebooks, binders, pens/pencils, crayons, rulers, scissors, glue etc. We also accept cash or checks for the purchase of these items (Make checks payable to "Turning Point" or "Operation: Kid Equip") Turning Point and the children they care for is the primary benefactor. Depending on how much we collect, Michigan Friends of Education (Operation: Kid Equip) may also benefit from our efforts. School supplies will be for elementary and high school level students. I will be parked by the front doors of the ConCorde prior to our meetings to receive your donation. Thank you in advance for your support of kids in need. Let's provide hope and confidence for kids to succeed. If you plan on writing a check for your donation for school supplies please make check payable to Mount Clemens Rotary. In turn, Julie and I will go and make school supply purchases.

Sincerely,
Mark Zuccaro

Photos of August 8 meeting submitted by Jeff Furest



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MOUNT CLEMENS ROTARY CLUB

"THE SPOKESPERSON" AUGUST 22, 2013



Minutes by Larry Neal

President **Michael O'Connor** called the Mount Clemens Rotary Club to order at 12:15 p.m. **Jeff Furest** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and "The Star-Spangled Banner" and **Bill Patterson** led the prayer. The day's menu featured rolls, tossed salad, beef tips in noodles, broccoli and cauliflower, and chocolate chip cookies.

President Michael O'Connor provided a few announcements:

- Raffle tickets from the Garden City Rotary are available, \$10/ticket, \$20/3 for tickets to the November 30 UM/OSU game. Please see Mike if interested.
- We have since learned (after our August 22 meeting) that the Tigers game to raise funds for Rotary is back on! This is for the game on Monday, September 16 at 7 p.m. against the Mariners. Tickets are \$33 for left field pavilion seats and include a T-shirt, Pepsi, hotdog, chips and a \$5 donation to PolioPlus. We are hoping a Rotarian catches a home run ball! To order tickets please visit: <http://detroit.tigers.mlb.com/det/ticketing/specialevents.jsp?event=rotary> Contact Corey Bell at 313-471-2361 or corey.bell@detroittigers.com to order 15 tickets or more. Be sure to let him know it is for Rotary. Thanks to **Bob Selwa** for his hard work over the past six months to make this opportunity happen!
- On October 31, our meeting will be held at the Selfridge Air National Guard Base. Further details will be coming in the weeks ahead.
- Next week will be the last chance to donate school supplies for Turning Point. **Mark Zuccaro** will be at the door. Checks are welcome, too!

Jackie Johnson introduced our guests: John MacArthur, guest of **Bob Morris**; Alec MacArthur, speaker; Luca, guest of **Nancy Dedenbach**; Margot Baker, guest of **Bob Baker**; Killian O'Connor, guest of Michael O'Connor.



For this week's Rotary Minute **Larry Neal** discussed the appreciation he had for the fact that this was a "singing" Rotary club and that it was one of the many reasons he always feels better after having attended our weekly meetings. He also thanked Jennifer Gale for her many talents in making us sound good as a "chorus."

Eric Pierson was the stand-in for **Art Niederkohr** as the flower seller. Nancy's granddaughter Luca received a special flower and big round of "happy birthday" as she turns a big six years old! **Ken Lampar** bought one for his son who is turning 18; Jackie Johnson bought one for **Mark Zuccaro** for his good work in collection school supplies; Bob Morris bought one for the speaker and his guest; **Paul Woodring** bought one for **Don Oldham** for his happy return to the club; and **Chuck O'Grady** bought one for **Dick Pierson** for an excellent "tea party."

Larry Neal led the club in "I'm Looking Over a Four-Leaf Clover" since he won the 50/50 last week and wished others good luck followed by "Sing a Song to Rotary" with the appropriate "SHOUTing" and "HAILing."

Please keep **Al Zuccaro's** wife in your thoughts and prayers as she is in the hospital. Please do the same for Vivian Hofner as she fell last week, and for Jim Gilmore, District 6380 Governor, who recently survived a heart attack.

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INTERNATIONAL

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Nancy Dedenbach recognized just about everyone in the room for one reason or another! **Bill Patterson** paid three clucks, I mean bucks, for taking a vacation to judge chickens at the Indiana State Fair. He then went to Caseville for the Cheeseburger Festival. **Jeff Furest** paid \$3 for a golf weekend and **Paul Woodring** joined the crowd for his vacation, \$3. Those not wearing Rotary pins paid \$1. Newbies **Jackie Johnson, Liz Vogel, Lynn Wilhelm, and Ken Lampar** were each asked to stand and answer a basic trivia question about Rotary. If the question was answered correctly, the corresponding table(s) were spared a fine. If not, the fine was applied to everyone at the table. A fairly good amount of revenue was generated. Everyone who hadn't been maxed out was asked to chip in \$1 in honor of our most missed Rotarian, **Don Oldham**, who suffered a serious fall and hitting his head while on Mud Island in Tennessee. He was in intensive care for five days. Welcome back, **Don!**

Bob Morris introduced a longtime friend from Mount Clemens, Alec MacArthur, who talked about his career in law enforcement as part of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Back in 1981 when he was looking for a position, Los Angeles was in the midst of a major hiring initiative so he moved out west. It is a county of 10 million people, a 70-mile coast line, 88 cities, and 42 that contract with the department. There are 10,000 officers on the force, about the same in other staff and 22,000 inmates in the county's jails. It has an annual budget of \$2.55B, yes B as in billion. He was promoted to gang detective in 1988 in South Central L.A. In 1994 he was promoted to sergeant in the narcotics crew. He finished his career as a homicide detective in 2011 after eight years in that position. One of the most difficult times in his career was in April 1988 when he was shot at and hit. He counts himself as a member of the Kevlar Survivor Club thanks to the special vest he was wearing at the time. Thankfully he noted that most officers never experience even firing a weapon while on duty.

The luck of the Irish was clear in song today and with **Chuck O'Grady** taking home the 50/50 pot of gold worth \$33.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

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"THE SPOKESPERSON" AUGUST 29, 2013




Minutes by Larry Neal

President **Michael O'Connor** called the Mount Clemens Rotary Club to order at 12:15 p.m. **Ken Lampar** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and "The Star-Spangled Banner" and **Lori Wright** led the prayer. The day's menu featured tossed salad, peas, rice and chicken kebobs, and chocolate chip cookies.

President Michael O'Connor provided a few announcements:

- Raffle tickets from the Garden City Rotary are STILL available, \$10/ticket, \$20/3 for tickets to the November 30 UM/OSU game. Please see Mike if interested.
- **Bill Patterson** will be purchasing a book of tickets to the Rotary Day at Comerica Park. This is for the game on Monday, September 16 at 7 p.m. against the Mariners. Tickets are \$33 for left field pavilion seats and include a T-shirt, Pepsi, hotdog, chips and a \$5 donation to PolioPlus. We are hoping a Rotarian catches a home run ball! To order tickets please contact **Bill**. Thanks to **Bob Selwa** for his hard work over the past six months to make this opportunity happen!
- Thanks to **Mark Zuccaro** for collecting back-to-school supplies for Turning Point!
- The latest District 6380 newsletter is out with lots of cool things about other clubs and ours, too! Please see: <http://www.rotary6380.org/>

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Gerry Hanson introduced our guests: Teri Donaldson; Margo Baker, guest of **Bob Baker**; Alex Landuyt, grandson of **Paul Woodring**; Father Philemon Adem Okoh, our speaker; Connie Wasmund, member of the speaker's staff; Ray Hernandez, guest of **Bob Cannon**; Ray Opezzo from the DAC; Karla Gardner, guest of **Jennifer Morgan**; and Stephanie Shelters.

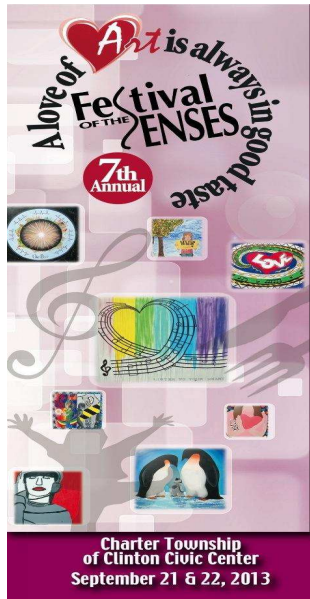
Chuck O'Grady noted the many changes he has observed as a Rotarian over the years, from a club with all men and only two in a category to having a new Rotary International female VP. He mentioned his feeling of indebtedness to **Don Green** who brought him into the club and to Rotary in general. He mentioned that his first outing was a bus trip down for a ball game. On the way down the group stopped at Stroh's to pick up some beer. Shortly all of the "Mr." this and "Mr." that became first names and good friends.

Art Niederkohr sold flowers. **Valerie Miller** bought one each for the guest speaker and his assistant. **Bob Selwa** bought one for **Ken Kish** for the excellent article on a church that spent \$1M to make its building fully handicapped accessible. **Paul Woodring** bought one for his grandson Alex.

In **Larry Neal**'s final performance as the "music man" the club sang "America the Beautiful" in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech earlier in the week and "Bill Patterson's [MacDonald's] Farm" in honor of the Dr. William Patterson's birthday on this very day.

On October 31 our meeting will be held at the Selfridge Air National Guard Base. Further details will be coming in the weeks ahead.

Please keep **Dick Pierson** in your thoughts and prayers as he undergoes a lung biopsy.



Mary Ann Hosey announced that Clinton Township will host its 7th annual Festival of the Senses on September 21 and 22. Our Rotary club is a sponsor and will host a tent to let the community know about our good work and as a way to promote membership and support. Volunteers are needed to help staff the booth. Please let Mary Ann know if you can help. There will also be a dog parade! Forms are available at: <http://www.ctfestivalofthesenses.com/storage/Dog%20Parade%20Registration%20Form%202013.pdf>

- Karla Gardner announced that the Hope Center is holding its second annual charity concert on September 27.
- Macomb Literacy Partners has partnered with Leadership Macomb for a wonderful cruise on Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m. on Lake Saint Clair and the Detroit River featuring a gourmet dinner, dancing and amazing sightseeing. Please see **Ken Lampar** for tickets or call Erika Delange at 586-954-2788. Tickets are \$100.

Recognition

Nancy Dedenbach called out **Chuck O'Grady** for spilling the beans so to speak on the fact that Rotary had its first female VP, \$1! **Bob Cannon** was fined in absentia for causing his guest's phone to ring during Rotary, \$5. A group of tablemates was fined \$1 each for not correctly identifying the commonality of **Bob Lee** and **Gerry Hanson** – both are second generation Mount Clemens Rotarians. **Bob Selwa** was fined for his cold weather attire on an 87-degree day. **Ken Kish** was recognized by **Nancy** for its outstanding new app that allows her to instantly view the obituaries on her iPad. She paid the \$1.

Program

Ray Glime introduced Father Philemon Adem Okoh who was born in Ogoli-Ipangbo "inside banana," Nigeria in West Africa. He is a middle child with 17 brothers and sisters. His is an ordained Roman Catholic priest and is currently a chaplain and student in Supervisory Education at the Department of Pastoral Care and Education at Beaumont, Royal Oak. He is the director of Healing Hearts' International Outreach to Africa. He is working to help improve the lives of children in his home village and started a school, St. Philemon Academic Center for Excellence, "SPACE," that now has 265 students. They are currently being taught in a school with a dirt floor and no roof. He is seeking to raise \$14,000 toward these building enhancements. Further information is available at <http://www.spacescholar.webs.com> and www.healingheartsoutreach.org.

Liz Vogel was the lucky winner of the 50/50 for \$44. Since she was out of the room taking a phone call from her boss when the number was drawn and as the "music man"/pull-it-surprise winning "bulletin author" becomes the person doing recognition in September, she might want to be sure to have some of those winnings with her at the next meeting.

Since next week will be my first time doing recognition, as a special reward to those who carefully read each edition of the *spokesperson*, if you are called upon, the special code word is READ if asked!

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

Typesetter's note: To download the current District 6380 newsletter you can also copy and paste the following address into your browser:

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(Editorial comment: The blogs by former Rotary youth groups member Christina Marchand about her work in Africa are very interesting and very touching.)

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"THE SPOKESPERSON" SEPTEMBER 5, 2013



Minutes by Ken Kish

President **Michael O'Connor** called the meeting to order promptly at 12:15 p.m. **Keith Lesperance**, our most-missed Rotarian looking fit as always, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" with the talented Jennifer Gale on piano. **Don Torline** gave the prayer, noting the great weather and the terrific work performed by all Rotarians. The luncheon featured tossed salad, corn, potatoes, fried chicken and chocolate chip cookies.

President Mike, and others, made announcements:

- Raffle tickets from the Garden City Rotary are available, \$10 each or \$20 for three, for tickets to the Nov. 30 UofM-OSU game. See Mike if interested.
- The outing to a Tigers game is Sept. 16, but the deadline for reservations is Sept. 9. A DAC tailgate is sure to prove popular.
- **Kris Miele** announced tickets are still available to the Spamalat showing on Sept. 22, at 2 p.m., at the Richmond Theater. Tickets are only \$15 with an optional dinner at Brengman's Inn. RSVP Kris at 586-321-2611.
- **Mark Zuccaro** thanked Rotarians for donations during school supply month. He noted that 20 children at Turning Point received full supplies, including backpacks. And \$300 in cash was donated to the Michigan Friends of Education.

Sarah Lee introduced our guest, Margo Baker, who was with member **Bob**.

The Rotary Minute was provided by **Liz Vogel**, who won the 50-50 the prior week, which was the first time in memory she bought more than a single ticket. Liz mentioned how much she has enjoyed being a club member, particularly her work on updating the club on social meeting. She noted our Twitter accounts have hit 500.



Lovely Liz was also on flower duty. Member birthdays were noted for **Ken Lampar** and **Melissa Gladieux-Jackson**. Gail Lee, wife of **Bob**, also had a birthday. Ken Lampar and Mark Zuccaro received flowers for wedding anniversaries and hopefully the flowers made it to Deborah and Cathy.

Ted DeVantier was honored for his 29 years in the club.

The remaining four flowers were presented to Margo Baker and **Dick Pierson**, both from **Mary Ann Hosey**; Mark Zuccaro from **Mark Smith** and Sarah Lee purchased one for her daughter.

In the Sunshine report, **Nancy Dedenbach** noted the recent passing of Marge Murphy, a well-known businesswoman based in Mount Clemens.

Our singing was handled by **Al Zuccaro**, as only Al can. We opened with "Vive Le Rotary" and then Al separated us into the men vs. the women. It should be noted that the men sang louder but the women, led by songstress Kris Miele, were far better.

From **Larry Neal**: As a special reward to those who carefully read each edition of *the spokesperson*, if you are called upon, the special code word for the September 12 meeting is OVERDUE if asked!

RECOGNITION

Recognition was handled by **Larry Neal** who noted it was his first time handling the job and said how nice it was for a librarian to be able to collect fines for anything he wanted. And collect fines, he did!

Tom Davies paid \$2 for pouring coffee for Larry at one of his first meetings – and we all know Tom's trick of overfilling the cups.

Eric Pierson and **Bill Patterson** paid \$4.99 for forgetfulness.

Liz Vogel contributed \$4 for winning the 50-50 but being on her cell phone when the winning number was announced.

Don Torline paid \$4.99 for being honored by Leadership Macomb and what an honor is was!

It's UofM grads vs. **Chuck O'Grady** (a Notre Dame grad) for \$5 on the game—loser pays.

There was a table contest with all paying except those seated with Tom Davies, who carefully noted that Larry's magic word (which he put in the Spokesperson) was "read."

Also, anyone with a pin or badge paid \$1 and Larry warned us that this will be a weekly fine in September.



More on the Tigers outing from Bill Patterson: To make your outing to the Tigers an extra-special evening, the Detroit Rotary has arranged a tailgate dinner for \$19 per person (all Rotarians and their guests welcome), inclusive of tax and gratuity: relish platter – carrot, celery sticks, pepperoncini, ripe olives, green olives and midget pickles; Yukon gold potato salad; Farfalle pasta salad; stadium hotdogs; DAC sliders; fried chicken tenders; sliced watermelon; assorted cookies and brownies; soft drinks and bottled water. Parking at the DAC will also be available for \$10. For tickets to the game or to sign up for the tailgate dinner, please contact me at theroost59@hughes.net.

PROGRAM

President Mike introduced our speaker for the day, our own Mary Ann Hosey who was assisted by **Val (Ms. Coppertone) Miller**.

Mary Ann, the force behind Clinton Township's popular Festival of the Senses, promoted the event and convinced us all that the Mount Clemens Rotary Club should have a display booth at the event, which is Sept. 21-22 on the grounds between the Clinton-Macomb Library and the Clinton Township Municipal offices.

It didn't take Mary Ann very long to get volunteers to work the booth during the event on Saturday. She also organized volunteers to work on displays and gathered suggestions from many Rotarians.

For those who have never attended, the Festival of the Senses is one of the largest free outdoor arts, crafts and entertainment (including food vendors) events in southeastern Michigan.

And its success is all because of Mary Ann. So set aside some time to attend, even if you aren't working the Rotary booth.

The 50-50, worth \$41, was won by **Neil Dempsey**. A banker cashes in again.

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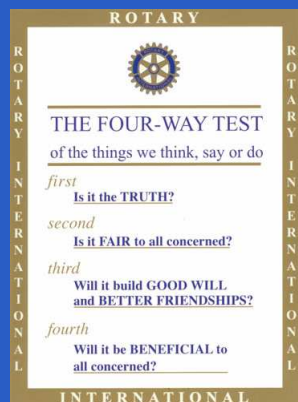
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President **Mike O'Connor** called the meeting to order at 12:18, three minutes late as noted by timekeeper **Jack Hart**. Casually attired, but dapper as usual, **Jeff Furest** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" with Jennifer Gale on the keyboard. The benediction was presented by guest Sheree Patterson, who noted how wonderful it was to be attending our club meeting and mentioning our community service. The lunch included tossed salad, corn, potatoes, sausages and, of course, cookies.

President Mike congratulated Don Carnaghi for hosting the most recent board meeting at his Harsens Island retreat. It sounded like the board had a great time, and a few drinks, while conducting our all-important business.

Sarah Lee introduced guests: Margo Baker, guest of **Bob**; Larry Moloney, guest of **Cecilia**, Sheree Patterson, guest of **Bill**; Steve Pryor, guest of Beth; Stephanie Shelters, guest of **Elsa Silverman**; Teri Donaldson, guest of the club.



After explaining the importance and history of Paul Harris Fellowships, President Mike awarded fellowships to Don Carnaghi, Sheree Patterson, Larry Neal and Jane Selwa. Pins and certificates were also given.

Neil Dempsey, winner of the last 50/50, was AWOL so President Mike handled the "Rotary Minute," noting the value of Rotarians to the community and how much we have donated to groups in recent years.

Kris Miele was on flower patrol. **Dave Meldrum** was honored for 37 years in the club, which brought a round of applause. Club members were in a buying mood because it took lovely Kris no time at all to present flowers to **Liz Vogel**, Sheree Patterson, **Larry Neal**, **Ken Kish**, **Valerie Miller** and **Bob Selwa**, **Don Carnaghi**.

Music chairman Bob Selwa personally handled our song selections with, of course, his favorite this time of the year, "Take Me Out To The Ball Game" along with "R-O-T-A-R-Y."



Goodwill & Announcements

- Kris Miele happily announced her engagement but she didn't mention the lucky man's name. We did hear a rumor that he's a member of the Richmond Rotary Club. Congrats to Kris from us all.
- Bill Furest** said that former member Jay Kasmark made a church donation in honor of his late wife Carol.
- Bill Patterson** said plans are in the works for an Oct. 17 golf outing at Gowanie Country Club. Tee time will follow the meeting and a dinner will be included. More details coming.
- Bride-to-be Kris noted there are tickets available to the Spamalot outing at the Richmond Community Theater. Event is 2 p.m., Sept. 22. Call Kris at 586-321-2611 for tickets.
- Jeff Furest announced that those attending the Tigers game should be sure to bring "lots of quarters." Has something to do with two-bit gambling.



Recognition by Larry Neal

Larry Neal, who is moving up rapidly on **Tom** as king of recognition, passed out fines faster than **Don Miller** when he was a judge.

UofM grads paid \$1 for not offering to buy Rotary raffle for tickets for Ohio State game.

Chuck O'Grady paid \$5 for Notre Dame losing to UofM but admitted he fell asleep before the game ended.

Bill Furest was fined \$3 for using a cell phone during the prior week's recognition but the Wild Bill admitted he was trying to reach O'Grady's app that plays the Irish Fight Song.

Others who were fined for various reasons included **Mary Ann Hosey, Ken Kish, Sarah Lee, Elsa Silverman, Dave Meldrum, Jeff Furest, Tom Davies, Jim Haselwood, Bob Lee, Al Zuccaro, Sam D'Angelo.**

Of special note was **Kris Miele** who was recognized for being the 1976 queen at the Richmond Good Old Days – and she still looks like a queen.

Program by Liz Vogel



President **Mike** introduced the speaker, our own **Liz Vogel**, who gave a presentation on social media and how it can assist the Mount Clemens Rotary Club.

She gave us all a lesson on Twitter and how it has grown into a primary information platform since it started in 2008. The 140 character service is shared by celebrities, businesses, restaurants and yes, teenagers keeping in touch with each other.

Our club, in just a few months, now has 529 followers. And as Liz noted, Twitter, is more than fun; it is used as a serious business tool for marketing.

An informative and educational program.

The 50/50 ticket was drawn by guest Sheree Patterson. The winner was **Valerie Miller**, who just happened to be sitting next to Sheree.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Spouse birthday
9/12 Joseph (Jennifer) Morgan
Club Anniversary Dave Meldrum 37



From Larry Neal - Code word: Tigers

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"THE SPOKESPERSON" SEPTEMBER 19, 2013



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President **Mike O'Connor** called the meeting to order promptly at 12:15 p.m. The distinguished **Jeff Furest** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" with Jennifer Gale on piano. **Tom Davies** gave the prayer, noting our club blessings to all the families impacted by the tragic shooting at the Navy Yard in Washington, D.C. Our luncheon featured tossed salad, green beans, potatoes, meatloaf and chocolate chip cookies.

President Mike, and others, made announcements:

More than two dozen Mount Clemens Rotarians and guests had a great time at the Tigers baseball outing. And the Tigers won 4-2.

A golf outing will be held **Oct. 17** at Gowanle Golf Club. Tee times will follow the regular Thursday meeting. Non-golfers will be able to sign up for dinner only. Registration information in near future.

Plans for another bonfire are also in the works.



Kris Miele announced the last chance to see the remarkable actor **Bob Lee** play God in Spamalot.

Mary Ann Hosey and **Ray Glime** commented on the Festival of the Senses, Sept. 21-22. Mary Ann encouraged us all to attend and Ray mentioned he would be working a historical booth, giving out information about the Mount Clemens Rotary donating the two large cannons on Main Street in Mount Clemens.

Valerie Miller introduced our guests:

Diane Kish, guest of **Ken**; Margo Baker, guest of Dr. **Bob** and soon to be a member; Dr. Kristi Schutte, guest of Don Torline; Chris Groh, guest of his father Phil; Meghan Kindsvater, guest of the club; Pat Keigher, our speaker from McLaren Macomb; Stephanie Shelters, guest of **Elsa Silverman**

Liz Vogel handled the flowers which went rather quickly to **Keith Lesperance**, wife's birthday; **Bill Patterson** and Phil Groh, club anniversaries; **Ted DeVantier**, **Bob Selwa** and **Don Miller** for wedding anniversaries.

The remaining flowers went to Jeff Furest for his daughter; Don Torline and **Mark Zuccaro**, from **Lynn Wilhelm**, for assisting Turning Point, and Diane Kish, from Ken who might have been a tad slow buying but it was only because he was busy taking notes for this report.

Al Zuccaro led us in a single song, "In The Good Old Summer-Time."

Tom Davies gave a wonderful description of all the work provided by



*Helen Groh, late wife of **Phil**, who served as our club's piano player for 25 years. In addition to her dedicated work for Rotary, Helen was the first legal secretary serving Mount Clemens and had a successful business career. Tom's remarks led to the announcement of the establishment by the club of a scholarship in Helen Groh's name for a paralegal student at Baker College. The \$500 club donation will be matched by Baker College, a fact announced by our **Don Torline**, president of Baker College of Clinton Township, and Dr. Kristi Schutte, also from Baker College. Phil and Helen's son, Chris, was present*

Larry Neal handled recognition, collecting so many fines that few, if anyone, escaped with full wallets or pocketbooks.

- **Jeff Furest** and **Glenn Burton** paid \$3 for winning the YMCA golf tournament, and it was noted that Jeff just missed a hole-in-one that carried a prize of a new car. But then Jeff did cash in on a raffle at the event.
- **Tom “travel man” Davies** was hit for having his cell ring during Larry’s presentation last week.
- Another group paid up for attending a fundraiser for Mayor Barb Dempsey, held at **Bob Leslie’s** home. This inquiring reporter noted that few of those attending actually live in Mount Clemens so they could vote for Barb.
- Everyone who didn’t attend our Tigers outing paid \$2.
- **Chuck O’Grady**, who is in Florida, will find out that he has a wager on the MSU-Notre Dame game.
- **Liz Vogel** was fined \$5 for somehow managing to pilfer president Mike’s cell phone.
- **Mark Z.** paid for not knowing Larry’s “code word” but **Papa Al** was way ahead, he had a copy of the *spokesperson* with the magic word “Tigers.”
- And lastly, as promised, no pin, no badge, less money.



Our guest speaker, Pat Keigher was introduced by **Elsa Silverman**. Pat is director of the McLaren Macomb Breast Center and the Ted B. Wahby Cancer Center.

Pat’s talk was designed with two main purposes: to inform us of the facts concerning breast cancer and to interest us in attending BRAvo, a unique fundraising event that helps pay for mammograms for the needy.

October is Breast Cancer Month and the disease is diagnosed in 200,000 women each year in the U.S. with 7,700 of that total being in Michigan. That’s about one in eight women during their lifetime.

But early detection is a key to treatment and all women starting at age 40 should have a mammogram every year.

And now, for the first time, McLaren Macomb hospital offers 3D mammography, the best testing procedure available. And in addition, the hospital will accept the insurance payment for 2A testing and write off any difference.

Pat also explained the popular BRAvo event, which is raising money to provide cancer testing for women who cannot afford it. Thus far, more than 800 women have benefitted.

The annual event, the brainchild of Pat, involves decorated bras being signed by celebrities and then sold at auction. Kid Rock, Taylor Swift, Miguel Cabrera and others have signed the many that will be sold on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at Penna’s of Sterling. Tickets include dinner and the price is only \$40.

It’s a great event for a great cause. I’ll see you there.

The 50-50, worth \$42 was won by **Melissa Gladieux-Jackson**.



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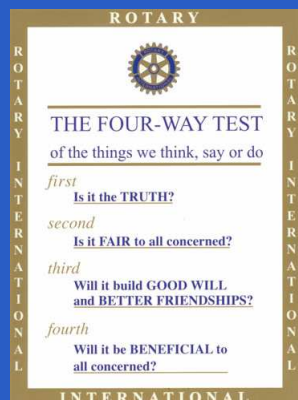
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President **Mike O'Connor** called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. **Nancy Dedenbach**, looking sporty in her green and blue shorts with matching blouse and shoes, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the national anthem with talented Jennifer Gale on the piano. **Don Torline** gave the prayer, mentioning the fellowship at our weekly meetings. Lunch included tossed salad, potatoes, corn bread, corn on the cob and a roasted beef mix for sandwiches. And, of course, the chocolate chip cookies. **Sarah Lee** introduced our guests: William Creed, the speaker; Ray Opezzo, from the D.A.C. Detroit Club; Ralph Burton, our former member and father of **Glenn**; Ken Yodel, from California and guest of **Larry Neal**; Jane Selwa, guest of member **Bob**; and Teri Donaldson.

President Mike had the pleasure of inducting our newest, but well-known member, **Margo Baker**. In addition to being married **Robert Baker**, Margo was the leader behind starting a Rotary Club in Clinton Township. She has attended our functions with Bob for years and President Mike and **Val Miller** also presented Margo with a large poster of when Bob served as district governor. It was a wonderful presentation and we have a great new member.



Announcements by President Mike and others:

- Our new district governor visits Oct. 10 and we'd like maximum attendance. A foundation board meeting will be held prior to the regular meeting.
- President Mike is seeking suggestions for schools for an Interact club.
- Free tickets were offered to a fundraiser for the Hope Center.
- Troy Rotary is having a special event with its sister club from Lebanon on Sept. 29.



Our *Rotary Minute*, arranged by **Melissa Galdieux-Jackson**, was not exactly a minute but was quite a show. In her absence, Melissa called on Ken Lampar to present her wonderful tribute to Rotary but she somehow convinced him to do this in a "spandex outfit." Off went Ken's jacket; then his tie; then his shirt. A number of our women members were hoping his pants were next, but stripper Ken stopped at the bright orange spandex top. But it was the words from Melissa (included elsewhere in this report) that so touched Ken (and all of us) that Mary Ann Hosey had to help out reading her comments.

Melissa's Rotary Minute

First and foremost, I apologize for not being able to deliver this Rotary Minute in person. I am involved in a disaster exercise in Wyandotte that I committed to months ago. Second, please check to make sure that Ken is wearing the orange tights he promised to wear while delivering this for me.

This Rotary Minute couldn't have come at a better time for me. In fact, Val asked me at the Festival of Senses what I really think of Rotary, and it sparked a free-flow of ideas to share with you today. I will be honest, when I first joined the Rotary (I was "voluntold" by my CEO) I was very skeptical. I am not an overly emotional person and I've been told that when I am focused on something, I appear unapproachable. My husband and I refer to it as my "intense" look. I had attended a few Rotary meetings prior to joining and I feared that I wouldn't fit in with the happy, singing, praying, always jolly atmosphere. Well, it turns out, I really like hanging around happy singing people ... who knew?



Rotary Minute, continued

I have also discovered why people refer to themselves as "Rotarians," instead of just telling people that they attend the Rotary. I have learned that being a Rotarian becomes part of who you are and how you live your life. I look forward to my Rotary lunches each week. In fact, when my co-workers ask where I'm headed each Thursday at noon I tell them that I'm going to church (I'm pretty sure a few of them believe it). But if you really think about it, I'm not too far off. Where else, besides church, can you go for an hour and sing, pray, experience great fellowship with great people, learn about others doing good things in the community, and leave feeling like you are ready to take on the world? So . . . it is pretty much like going to church each week, except the food is way better :-)

The other thing that I've noticed about Rotarians is that when they ask how you are doing, instead of asking it in a "small-talk, passing-in-the-hall kind of way," Rotarians stop and wait for your response, because they truly care about how you are doing. In the hustle-and-bustle of everybody's daily lives, we often become self-absorbed and forget to ask how people are REALLY doing. Being a Rotarian reminds me each week to stop and wait for a response from people when I ask how they are doing. And I've since learned, that sometimes people aren't doing well and they are just waiting for somebody to ask how they are and stop to listen to their response. I was one of those people the entire time that my husband was in Afghanistan. Coming to Rotary helped get me through the tough weeks and sometimes I really needed somebody to ask me how I was doing. Sometimes I was having a good day, but most others, I really needed somebody to stop and listen to me sob my way through how rough my week had been. You may not realize it, but so many of you gave me the strength to get through another week.

So, without droning on, I'm proud to tell people that I'm now a Rotarian and I hope that I am able to live up to the title, and that I am able to be there for others the way that all of you have been there for me.

Amen.

Melissa (Gladieux) Jackson

Neil Dempsey, better known as the First Gentleman of Mount Clemens was on flower duty: **Lori Wright** and **Rolf Schroeter** for birthdays; **Jim Haselwood** for Carolyn's birthday; **Gerald Hansen**, wedding anniversary. The remaining flowers sold quickly: **Larry Neal** for **Mary Ann** for her Festival of Senses work; **Ken Lampar** for **Julie Huttenlocher**; **Bob Selwa** in honor of **Ken Kish's** retirement; **Val Miller** for **Nancy D.** for some secret reason; **Bob Cannon** for **Tom Davies** and **Bill Furest** for his duck hunting friend **Ralph Burton**.

Bob Selwa led us in singing of "America, the Beautiful" and with Jennifer's assistance we sounded pretty good.

Goodwill & Member Announcements:

- Julie mentioned her father Tom's upcoming knee replacement surgery and her sister soon having a baby.
- Nancy D. revealed that Larry Neal was named Michigan Librarian of the Year, which spurred applause from us all.
- **Bill Patterson** reminded us of the Oct. 10 golf outing. There will be a meeting but no speaker to allow for tee times.
- **Don Torline** thanked **Bob Lee** for his great performance in Spamalat. Bob played God. If you'd like to speak to God call 1-800-lee-free.

Larry Neal concluded his first-ever month of recognition with his continued energy to fine as many as possible:

MSU grads paid \$3 for losing to Notre Dame. ● Everyone who did NOT work our booth at the Festival of Senses paid \$1. ● **Eric Pierson** escaped a fine by describing the cover of Rotarian. ● **Bob Morris** and **Gerald Hansen** paid for not knowing Larry's question about the nonexistent code word – a really trick question. ● **Bob Selwa** paid for taking wife Jane on an anniversary trip to the U.P. and Wisconsin. ● **David Gerlach** was our most-missed Rotarian and it cost him. ● **Don Oldham** gladly paid \$5 in honor of his grandson being called up to the Los Angeles Dodgers. ● **Bill Patterson** was fined, appropriately, for discussing the value of using maggots for medical treatment. This was during lunch. ● And lastly, no pin, no badges: \$1 fine.



Sam D'Angelo introduced our speaker William Creed, who had a remarkable story about how he became the author of a series of "Christian fiction" books. It all started with a rare illness when Creed virtually "lost his mind" and couldn't remember who he was or most anything about his life. At the age of 39, his life became one setback after another. He lost his business, lost his house and eventually even lost his wife. But in the end, Creed says, it was because "God decided I would be a writer." His often-acclaimed books now sell for \$12.95 and he also has recorded songs. For more information, go to www.williamcreed.com

Our 50/50, worth \$53, was won by "Maggot Man" Patterson, previously known as "Mr. Rooster."

from Secretary Valerie Miller

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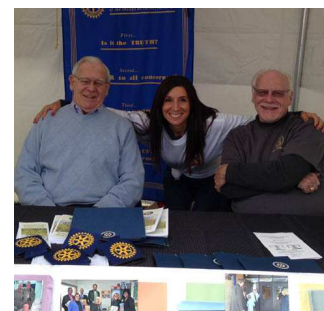
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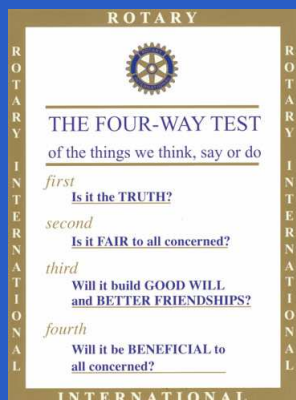
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President **Mike O'Connor** called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. **Neil Dempsey** led us in the Pledge and the national anthem, and **Don Torline** followed with the prayer. Lunch was tossed salad, green beans, mashed potatoes, and bologna. **Art Niederkohr** introduced our guests, Ken Yoder, a Rotarian from San Diego and our speaker, Amanda York.

President Mike welcomed two new members, **Megan Slaughter** and **Ray Hernandez**, each giving a short bio. A well-deserved round of applause followed.



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New Rotarian **Margo Baker** (well -acquainted with Rotary as the spouse of past District Representative Bob) cheerfully and vigorously handled distribution of flowers. Al Zuccaro led in songs, "Oh What a Beautiful Morning" and "Rotary My Rotary." Sounded good, with Al drowning everybody out (with the exception of **Jeff Furest** - did I see water glasses cracking at his table?)



Announcements and Recognition . . .

. . . assigned to **Tom Davies**, was handled by **Julie Huttenlocher** who jumped in because of dad Tom's knee surgery; Julie announced that he was doing very well with a quick recovery anticipated. **Mary Ann Hosey** urged participation on November 10 in a very good cause: packaging items for Kids Against Hunger. Mary Ann followed with good news; a new baby in the family – she can now be called Aunt Mary Ann!

Julie first recognized **Ken Kish's** retirement from 40+ years at *The Macomb Daily*, winding up as the managing editor. Ken can be proud of a distinguished career with too many accomplishments to present here (with the exception of obtaining a certain garment from a world-renown star, said garment bringing in more than \$10,000 at our Rotary auction.) Ken gets it done!

Next target was our just-admitted **Ray Hernandez**, who, Julie noted, omitted reference to his wife Patricia during his biography. (Like dad Tom, nothing escapes Julie's sharp eye!) The next target of the day was **Chuck O'Grady** who somehow had a conversation with prison guards? Regretfully, your scribe missed the bulk of the event. Finally, however, we were asked to guess the identity of the female Rotarian who was observed to be golfing on high-heeled shoes. Who else but past-president Dedenbach! Nancy challenged the report because they weren't spike heels, and anyway, she was hitting 8s and 9s. So there!

Program Speaker

Amanda York gave a very concise and interesting view of what goes on in a U.S. Representative's office. It can be very intense, with addressing multitudes of requests from constituents, dealing with the media, and staying abreast of the operations of federal agencies, to name a few; demanding, but rewarding. Rotarians concluded with an enthusiastic round of applause for Amanda's presentation.



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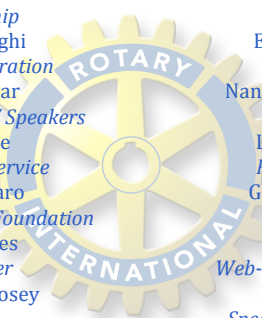
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President **Mike O'Connor** rang the bell promptly at 12:15pm - ish. I led us in the Pledge and anthem. **Bill Patterson** provided a nice prayer to get things started. Or so we thought, as confusion mounted and some people insisted that we needed to sing the Canadian anthem since the district governor was here. This is technically incorrect as it is only necessary to sing the Canadian anthem if the district governor is Canadian, which in this case he was not, but it is a nice song, so why not. Lunch was ham, scalloped potatoes, corn and the always-fresh salad.

President Time

President Mike started by welcoming the district governor to our club and shared with him a letter we received from Dave Dombrowski that stated their (Detroit Tigers) desire to expand on the Rotary polio drive event started by **Bob Selwa** due to the success of the event. Great work, **Bob Selwa**. ●●● Then Mike had the pleasure of doing one of the favorite things we presidents get to do, swear in a new member. **Terri Donaldson** joined us and made a very short and concise speech. Terri is a part of the Futures Foundation, a charitable organization that works with people who have developmental disabilities. Welcome to Rotary Terri; we look forward to many fun times ahead.



Guests

Art Niederkohr introduced our four guests today. Our first guest is visiting Rotarian Ken Yoder from Solana Beach (CA) Rotary Club. Libby Dubay guest and cousin of **Nancy Dedenbach**. Jim Gilmore, our district governor, who is from the Brighton Rotary Club and Nick Casteel, our assistant district governor, from the Sterling Heights Rotary Club.



Rotary Minute

The Rotary Minute was delivered by **Ken Lampar** due to **Dave Gerlach** not being present. Ken took this time to apprise of his efforts involved in setting up an Interact club in L'Anse Creuse.

Songs

Mark Zuccaro led us in song today, first starting with "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" to help the Tigers to victory. It worked. For the Rotary song, we sang "A Helping Hand."

Flowers

Margo Baker was on flower duty today. **Cecilia Moloney** received a flower for her and Larry's 52nd wedding anniversary and that was it for date-specific flowers, so several were up for sale. **Don Carnaghi** started by ordering one up for **Valerie Miller** for handling stuff for him. **Ken Lampar** bought one for **Jackie Johnston** for meeting to discuss setting up an Interact club at L'Anse Creuse. **Bill Patterson** bought two flowers, one for the DG and the other for the ADG. **Mike O'Connor** bought a flower for **Ken Lampar** for his efforts in setting up the Interact club. **Nancy Dedenbach** bought one for her cousin Libby who is in town for the MSU alumni game.

Sunshine Reports

- It was brought up that our own **Fred Duemling** was doing well despite the wildfires and other natural devastations that are taking place in Colorado, but a family that he knows was not so lucky and perished due to a nearby rockslide. Prayers to all in Colorado.
- **Don Carnaghi's** mother-in-law passed away last Friday.
- **Mike O'Connor** asked for prayers for a family that he knows who lost a child to a suicide brought on by an addiction to prescription drugs.

Announcements and Good Will

Dave Meldrum reminded us of the golf outing taking place on **October 17** at Gowanie at 1:30 directly following the meeting (there will be no speaker for this meeting.) You can play and eat or just play or just eat. The choice is yours.

October 25, our president **Mike O'Connor** will be hosting another bonfire at his house. I highly recommend attending this event. It is a lot of fun and Mike makes big fires.

Jack Hart let everyone know that he will be selling tickets for a reverse raffle to benefit the L'Anse Creuse Foundation.



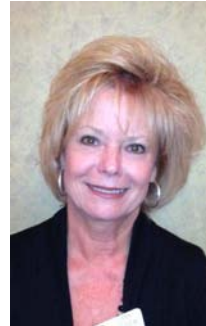
Liz Vogel let us all know that we are closing in on her goal of 1,000 followers on Twitter.

Recognition

Julie Huttenlocher took the role as finer today and started out by recognizing the famous Rotarians in the room. **Liz Vogel** was fined \$5 for having a picture in two magazines as well as having written an article in one of them. **Mary Ann Hosey** was next at \$3 for an article detailing her involvement in the Festival of the Senses. Finally, **Ken Kish** rounded out this list of A list celebs due to his appearance in a Wayne State Alumni Magazine detailing famous alumni. \$5 was the cost, upon inspection, Ken apprised us that this was a very old magazine.

Don Carnaghi was fined \$5 for a wine-filled vacation with Laura through Switzerland and Italy. **Bob Selwa** was fined for the swanky trip through Posen, the UP and Wisconsin where he and Jane celebrated 43 years of marriage. **Mark Smith** was volunteered by Julie to give the motto for this Rotary year. Many hints abounded the room from our new pins to the banner brought by the DG, but Mark still looked confused, so being the helpful Rotarian I am, I tried to assist Mark by directing his attention to these hints. Well, Mark ended up getting the answer and I got the finer's rage for lending a helping hand. \$2.

NEW MEMBERS



Lynn Wilhelm



Ray Hernandez



*** speaker ***



Our speaker today was our district governor Jim Gilmore who was introduced by our assistant district governor, Nick Casteel.

Jim gave, perhaps, the most inspiring DG presentation that I have yet to hear in my years of Rotary. He joined us five weeks after suffering a heart attack. His presentation consisted of stories starting from 1996 when he became a Rotarian. As a young businessman in the insurance industry he wanted to get in touch with the movers and shakers in the community (Brighton) and it didn't take him long to discover that they were all in the Rotary club.

The Brighton club is most notable for its involvement in handicap ramp building (they do between 25 to 30 per year) and Jim became involved with this early on despite being handyman-challenged. Upon completion of the first ramp, Jim was overcome by pride when he saw the look on an older gentleman's face, who had rarely left the home due to the difficulty it used to take getting him outside. This was the first great moment that made him proud to be a Rotarian.

The second great moment came when Jim was the president of the club in 2000 and the club and the community was in need of a building that would cost upwards of about \$500,000. When the club got involved, business people came out from within and outside to donate labor, materials and dollars to the project. The kindness of the individuals overwhelmed Jim and cemented his love for Rotary.

Another great moment came in 2004 when it was decided a breakfast club was needed in the area, so Jim helped to set up the Livingston Sunrise Club with the assistance of Keith Koke. Jim was blown away how Keith would travel from Chatham, Canada (three hours each way) to be at every meeting besides one at 5 a.m. to ensure all was set up right before the meeting would start. This reaffirmed the many reasons why Jim joined Rotary.

After these stories, Jim thanked Nick for the standard introduction and then reintroduced himself simply as Jim Gilmore, a Rotarian. He then talked about all of the things that Rotary does worldwide and that he likes to look at it as things he is doing because of his involvement in Rotary. The sun never sets on Rotary International.

The theme this year, "Engage Rotary, Change Lives," is apt as Jim states that, in a simple way that is what Rotary does. It changes lives. Everything that is done in Rotary changes the lives of those to whom the action is directed and so many of these people you will never meet, but the biggest life that is changed is all of us who call ourselves Rotarians. Jim followed up by thanking us for all our club has done to change lives in the area. He was amazed at the money we have raised and the amounts we donated to such great charities as a result of those efforts.

Jim added one final story about a changed life that affected him. When he was president, the Rotary club sponsored a project for the local school. Later in the year, a young lady sent him a letter thanking him and the club for saving her life. She explained that she had attempted suicide 10 times, but since her involvement with the project, she no longer felt suicidal and felt she could move on in life.

Jim emphasized that although clubs should focus significant energy on helping their local communities, it is important not to lose sight of fellowship and having fun. He thinks that fellowship should always be first as it was when the club was started by Paul Harris 108 years ago.

Jim is carrying that theme to the district conference this year at the Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island, by cutting down on the entertainment to allow for more fellowship time.

***... fellowship
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first ...***

50/50

Don Carnaghi took home the big prize of \$44.

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MOUNT CLEMENS ROTARY CLUB

"THE SPOKESPERSON" OCTOBER 24, 2013



Minutes by Don Miller ~ Photos by Jeff Furest

President O'Connor chimed the bell at 12:16, on this, a brisk and beautiful November day (a bit early, reminding us of what's soon to come) bringing a nice gathering of Rotarians to attention. **Jeff Furest** led us in the Pledge and anthem, followed by **Al Zuccaro** delivering an inspiring prayer . . . in Italianato! "Bevedici Signove noie il cibo che stiamo per prendere, fa' che non manchi mai a neesuno in nessun a parte del mond, speacialmenle ai bambini." Beautiful, Al!



A well-deserved standing ovation was greeted with that Al Zuccaro grin – second to none. Lunch was served; salad, broccoli, potatoes, and kabassa, followed by chocolate chip cookies. Pasta fazool might have been a little more appropriate, to continue on with memories of Capri.

Our president called for announcements; coming up is an outdoor picnic, to be held at the O'Connor residence on Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. Beware – curb to house is a LONG driveway, decorated with statuesque trees, with an intervening security gate. Push the button to get admitted . . . if you arrive a little late, just look for the big bonfire.



Meghan Kindsvater

Art Niederkohr introduced guests: Gerri Dziak, guest of **Val Miller**; **Sal D'Angelo**, a visitor from Kiwanis; Kelvin Melldit, guest of **Meghan Kindsvater**; and our speaker for the day, Joseph Lesini.

A "Rotary Minute" focused on a question; who won the 50/50 last week? After a moment or two, Al Zuccaro was on his feet again, amid a round of laughter. Did Al forget?



Margo Baker

Flowers were distributed by **Margo Baker**; **Bill Furest**, 35 years as a Rotarian; **Paul Woodring**, 24 years; **Gerry Hanson**, birthday; Double-dooer **Liz Vogel**, another year older plus doing the Detroit Marathon! **Mark Zucarro** got a flower from **Bill Patterson** – amid a roomful of groans! Seems as though veterinarian Bill had (at Mark's request) sent Mark's pet to doggie heaven. Mark knew that the flower was coming . . . Mark led us in singing; "Button Up Your Overcoat," and "Sing a Song to Rotary."



Goodwill presentations:

- **Val Miller** got **Jim Haselwood** to model a beautiful red Rotary jacket, that she found, brand new, in a box of chapter belongings. Jim got with the program – could get a job with Vanity Fair! Buy a \$1 ticket – you may win it.
- **Sarah Lee** needs volunteers to ring the Salvation Army bells on Nov. 9, 16, and 23.
- **Julie Huttenlocher** needs 80 – 90 volunteers to help with Kids Against Hunger.
- **Jack Hart** pitched a raffle/banquet fundraiser for the L'Anse Creuse Foundation - Mac & Ray's, Nov. 6, \$125 per ticket, need not be present to win.
- **Bob Selwa** described Polio Day at a Detroit Tigers game (a \$35 shot in the arm can save a kid's life) enough was raised to save thousands!

Rotarians everywhere contributing to the community!

Recognition:

Julie Huttenlocher got two lucky ladies; **Val Miller**, for working at her golf game at Hilton Head, and **Mary Ann Hosey** for dividing her time between California and Hawaii.

PROGRAM

Our speaker, Joe Lesini, gave an informative presentation regarding his efforts to provide books -- not necessarily textbooks, but also other material that will get underprivileged kids interested in reading. Books for Kids funds enough to supply up to 100,000 books per year, and targets public schools as the recipients for the books, as well as public libraries.



Joe's other interests center around a Dental HMO (Health Maintenance Organization), as compared with PPO (Preferred Provider Organization) and POS, (Point of Service) plans. Joe's business started with one office by his father about 35 years ago, and has blossomed to a licensed organization with offices throughout Michigan. Joe made it clear that the wise choosing an HMO can save a large amount of money.

50/50 went to **Mark Zuccaro**.

BIRTHDAYS

10/22 LIZ VOGEL
10/19 DALE (MELISSA GLADIEUX-JACKSON)
10/23 MIKE (TERRI) DONALDSON



CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

BILL FUREST (34), PAUL WOODRING (24)



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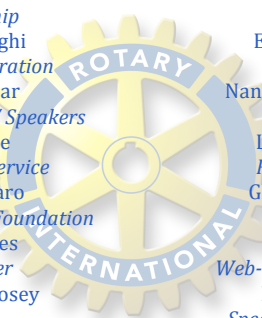
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"THE SPOKESPERSON" OCTOBER 31, 2013



Minutes by Don Miller ~ Photos by Jeff Furest



President **Mike O'Connor** struck the Rotary bell at 12:15, bringing the meeting to order on Halloween, a day of delight for all kids, ages four to 75. The weatherman is uncooperative this day, providing a Michigan mix of rain, wind, and chill. The costume of choice might be the poncho! **Ray Hernandez** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and national anthem; **Lori Wright** followed with a prayer for blessings for all. Meal: A hearty lunch was provided by ConCorde, consisting of tossed salad, rolls, mixed vegetables, smashed potatoes, meatballs, and chocolate chip cookies.

President time and special announcements:

- President O'Connor reminded us that guest speakers should be cautioned that the Rotary podium is not available for use by for-profit enterprises intending to advertise their products.
- **Val Miller** urged participation in Kids Against Hunger – a coalition devoted to reducing the numbers of hungry, starving children – by attending an event being held on **November 10**.

Visitors and Guests:

Art Niederkohr introduced Diane Schwartz, guest of Val Miller; and Luca, guest of proud grandma **Nancy Dedenbach**. Teresa Sandner, club guest and speaker, was introduced by **Meghan Kindsvater**.



Rotary Minute or The Four-Way Test:

Ken Lampar quoted The Four-Way Test as energetically applied by a devoted member, Mark Zuccaro.

Margo Baker gave a flower to Art Niederkohr, one year older; recipient **Bill Furest** was represented by son **Jeff**, who noted that dad was never in town for this event, his wedding anniversary; a \$4.99 fine was considered appropriate. **Ken Kish** got a flower for the 36-year anniversary of his wedding to Diane; **Sarah Lee** will play the Richmond villain, gets a flower; **Eric Pierson** and the bonfire had a relationship that deserved a flower; Ken Lampar takes note of **Larry Neal's** 30 years of achievement; another flower. Nice job, Margo!

Music:

Al Zuccaro selects "Bye, Bye Blackbird" and modifies it to "Bye, Bye Snowbird" – one of which he happens to be! Al follows up with "Viva La Rotary," a song guaranteed to get the club revved up.

Goodwill:

Bob Lee pays a \$5 fee to announce a non-Rotary event, the new play in Richmond where he appears as a hanging judge. Is it Sister Sarah playing a villain ... hmm – could it be? Naw – but, if she's a bad person – maybe. . . just have to see the play to find out!

Sunshine reports:

Jackie Johnston, participating a Thanksgiving Day parade, needs a trailer to carry her float.

Bill Patterson notes an event to be held at the Warren Andiamo night club, featuring Karen Newman.



RECOGNITION:

Jeff Furest, in a money-makin' mood, kicked off with a challenge to the entire room; if you aren't displaying your Rotary badge, dig into your wallet; one buck, please. The Four-Way Test – who had the most fun at the bonfire? Answer; **Ray H!** Four bucks from you, thank you very much. **Eric Pierson:** where in the Sam Hill did you get that weird hat? Sas flap we run? No – Oh – Sasquachreon! Hi \$5, please.



SPEAKER:

Our speaker for the day is Teresa Sandner, a senior coordinator of CARE and a leader in STEP, Systematic Training for Effective Parenting.



Teresa, for 20-plus years, has been active in the area of family difficulties and parenting issues with emphasis on parent – child interaction. Stressful conditions can arise in the family as a result of regrettable behavior; drugs and/or alcohol leading to violence resulting in divorce is an often repeated scenario. Teresa was very candid in her presentation, describing some of the circumstances that she personally had been involved in, both as a daughter and as a mother.

STEP offers various workshops to teach parents specific child-training principles and techniques; when admitting parents into these workshops, STEP concentrates on two goals; one, to teach a parent how to avoid reinforcing their children's unacceptable behaviors and two, how to encourage and achieve cooperative behavior from their children. The titles of some of the workshops provide insight as to the issues STEP attacks:

"What to expect when raising young children"
 "Parenting for positive outcomes"
 "Help! My teen is driving me nuts!"
 "Time for a better relationship"

Teresa's demonstration of mother's innocent comments and their immensely negative effect on daughter was particularly illustrious. What may be intended as a compliment can easily sharpen a teen's self-degradation. Parents must be on guard and think twice before they make any statement criticizing their teen. Teresa's in-depth presentation did not allow time for many questions and answers. This certainly was a deep peek into a complex subject, and left us Rotarians a lot to think about.

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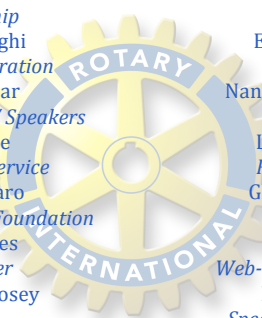
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MOUNT CLEMENS ROTARY CLUB

"THE SPOKESPERSON" NOVEMBER 7, 2013



Minutes by Glenn Burton

On a cold and windy day the hot members of the Mount Clemens Rotary breezed into the ConCorde Inn. President **Mike O'Connor** rang the bell early which was a good thing as it turned out because the 11/7 installment was definitely off the grid. **Jeff Furest** lead us in the Pledge and national anthem, a cappella style. **Lori Wright** was our salvation and gave us autumn prayer blessing. Our sustenance consisted of Italian "fine tuned" sausage, beans of your choice-baked and green, mixed salad and moist chocolate cookies, a **Don Miller** favorite.

Announcements consisted of Pres. Mike mentioning the next board meeting 11/12, location and time not disclosed. At the meeting there will be no complaints or whinny about the president.

The meeting was National **Nancy Dedenbach** Day due to her extensive activities that she conducted. Starting with emceeing the "Perfect Attendance Awards," **Mary Ann Hosey, Julie Huttenlocher, Don Carnaghi, Bob Baker, Bill Patterson, Bob Selwa, Mark Zuccaro, Val Miller** and Mr. "Iron Man" of 44 years straight **Phil Groh**. Phil was not in attendance but I'm sure he is making it up somehow /somewhere. National Nancy then tried to have **Ken Kish, Ray Glime and Neil Dempsey** put them in order of longevity which failed miserably.

The lovely **Liz Vogel** announced our guest and visitors. Al "Lucky" Roulo guest of the **Pierson brothers** and Ken Yoder our speaker and Rotarian from Club 5340.

Nancy D was back up for the Rotary 10 Minute. She declared that November is a month to give thanks and she is thankful for a lot. The people and programs, the funds we raise and good works for the community, polio eradication, her round-trip to Africa (it will never be the same) the parties, friendships and above all our "new members" make us all proud to be Rotarians.

Paul Woodring with Pres. Mike help, forked over the flowers to **Ted DeVantier** and **Lynn Wilhelm** for their birthdays. **Bill Furest's** wife Carey got a flower for still being 29. **Jeff F** did mention the Bill had to rush off the hospital, so keep him our prayers. Jennifer Gale made it to the piano for us to sing "Happy Birthday." **Keith Lesperance** and Don Miller had wedding anniversaries. **Larry Neal** and **Ken Lampar** had club anniversaries. **Bob Lee** flipped a flower to **Kris Miele** and **Ray Glime** passed one to **Beth Pryor**.

Nancy D was back at it with music but in a strange way. Pulling out her phone she played a song that was saved in honor of her departed 101-year old father-in-law, Ron's dad. What a great age. We finished with "Sing a Song to Rotary."

With no goodwill **Ken Kish** modeled the "Red Rotary Jacket" with ticket sales going to the Salvation Army of which the club raised \$149. Julie H announced a hunger benefit at the First Presbyterian Church on Cass 11/10 from 12-4 for the benefit of the Hope Center and everyone is welcome.

Kris Miele is putting together a Rotarian table for "Miracle on 34th Street" in Richmond either 11/29 or 30. Get in touch with Kris if you want to attend.



Ken Kish quickly doled out the fines. All U-M grads paid \$4.99 for the humiliating loss to MSU. **Bob Cannon** was happy to be fined for a passing millage in Clinton Twp. **Tom "Slim" Davies** has a new grandson and a new knee for a donation of \$10. Mount Clemens is still safe with "First Husband" **Neil Dempsey** with his wife's mayoral victory. Neil was also a big jackpot winner so he coughed up \$100.

BIRTHDAYS

11/2 TED DeVANTIER
11/4 LYNN WILHELM
11/5 CAREY (BILL) FUREST

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

11/4 KEITH & JOHNNA LESPERANCE (36)
11/9 DON & CANDICE MILLER (29)

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

LARRY NEAL (8), KEN LAMPAR (2)

Sam D'Angelo introduced our speaker Ken Yoder.

Ken was a Boy Scout and Special Forces member has been to our club many times since September and spoke of "Eco Rotary Club" of Solana Beach CA. A unique concept of "sustainable and stewardship" of the earth. Through Rotary International Eco concept, the Solana club has forged relationships with schools, businesses and other clubs to help clean up rivers and beaches around southern California. Working with Ocean Knoll School the club has help build sustainable gardens that grow food for the school along with compost bins. They have put in place storm water pollution drains that help clean the water before it is discharged into the ocean and many other eco-friendly programs. Sounds like a great project, good work Ken.



Just to see who is reading the bulletin, the password for next week is: Ken Kish.

50/50 winner Al Roulo \$46

Red Coat Winning #864133 Unclaimed

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"THE SPOKESPERSON" NOVEMBER 14, 2013



Minutes by Glenn Burton

A sunny yet chilly day welcomed the Mount Clemens Rotarians to the ConCorde Inn. Greeting the membership were **Ray Glime**, **Ken Kish** and 50/50 money-manager **Cecilia Moloney**.

Promptly at 12:15, President **Mike O'Connor** clanged the bell a couple of times to call the rowdy Rotarians to order. Yours truly was put on the spot to lead the group in the Pledge and national anthem. Pianist-in-residence Jennifer Gale played brilliantly. Ex-president **Don Torline** gave a very thankful prayer for all the good works various members are performing in the community. One of the more delectable meals we have had in a while consisted of beef tips, noodles, vegetable medley, mixed salad, rolls and miniature éclairs. **Bob "two-plate" Selwa** could not get enough.

After the repast, President Mike announced that this week's board meeting, "good things happened." The leadership has been struggling with what to do about the stalled wheelchair program. In previous years, our club, along with a matching grant from Rotary International, has been able to fill a container full of wheelchairs and ship them to a foreign country. It is a costly undertaking of \$54,000. Currently the club has \$13,500 set aside for the program and RI has now pulled the matching funding. So to fund the balance of \$40,500 it would be a tuff sell to the club, and our financial resources would be better spent on other projects. In light of the tragedy in the Philippines, and RI ShelterBox program, the funds could be used in this direction.



CALENDAR

11/17
3pm parade meeting
at Nancy D's

11/21
Bob Selwa ■ Ray Glime
We remember and honor JFK

11/29
Miracle on 34th Street

12/8
Salvation Army Christmas party

12/15
Karen Newman Christmas show

12/19
Fraser Singers

2/27 - 3/9, 2014
Caribbean Cruise

Ken Lampar has a connection to a library in Belize that is in need of \$1,000 worth of books, which they are going to explore. For the members who would like to still contribute to the wheelchair program, that option is available, see Pres. Mike for the details.



Mark Zuccaro is collecting for **The Salvation Army Christmas party to be held on December 8** (details to follow). He requested that members pick up a tag from the front table that listed a child's gender and age and purchase a gift accordingly. Or you may contribute \$15-\$20 for a gift. Please return the gift next week wrapped or by December 5.

- ◆ The Iron Man **Phil Groh** was not attendance last week to pick up his perfect attendance award, Pres. Mike bestowed the honor this week. Phil took the "Rotary Minute" to describe his 44 years of travels to other clubs as far away as Germany, Australia, Japan and the USA. His friendships that he has formed will last a lifetime ... good on ya mate ...
- ◆ **Liz "guests & visitors" Vogel** announced Stephanie Shetters and Michael Greiner (speaker) were guests of the club. Additionally, Rebecca Ensign and Pam Lavers attended but I was unable to note who accompanied them.
- ◆ **Paul Woodring** with Pres. Mike helped pressed the petals. No member birthdays but ex-Pres. **Bill Patterson's** wife is still 39. We had four club anniversaries: **Bob Baker** 41, **Glenn Burton** 19 (seems like 9), **Lori Wright** 4, and **Mary Ann Hosey** 22. Pres. Mike bestowed Phil Groh with a flower. Ken Lampar passed one to **Nancy Dedenbach** because she is learning to read to other people in need; and **Rolf Schroeter** flinged flowers to our speaker and guest.
- ◆ Nancy Dedenbach got our vocal chords vibrating with "This is My Country" in honor of Veterans Day and "That Rotary Wheel."

- The sun was shining on **Bill "Birdy" Patterson** last week as his chickens came in grand champion and reserve champion in the largest chicken show in the country. A little bird told me that this is the first time that has ever happened ... get the cluck out ...
- **Nancy D** is promoting the Rotary float for the Mount Clemens Thanksgiving parade. A meeting will take place at her house 158 Eastman. Mount Clemens on **11/17 at 3 p.m.**, families and ideas are welcome.
- The ever-popular **Fraser Singers are back to the club on 12/19** if you plan on bringing a guest please let **Mary Ann Hosey** know for head count purposes.
- **Kris Miele** has rounded up three Rotary tables for the **11/29 "Miracle on 34th Street" production dinner at 7 p.m. show at 8 p.m.**; see Kris.
- Each table had a writeup of **Bob Selwa's** "Teammates for a Polio-Free World" for our review.
- December's social event will be Christmas songs with Red Wing singer, Karen Newman 12/15, Bill Patterson has 35 tickets, so see him.
- Our Salvation Army bell ringing is in full swing. **Sarah Lee** has filled all the time slots, so bring in your loose change next week and contribute to the kettle.

Pressed for time, ex-pressman **Ken Kish** fired off the fines. Birdy Bill was hit for \$4 of chicken feed. In honor of Veterans Day, the vets in attendance stood up and were given a big round of applause. **Bob Leslie's** artistic pumpkins carved him \$5. Ken's fashion police were on patrol, **Ray Glime**, yours truly and winter fashion expert **Val Miller** got nicked for \$2. Mountain man **Fred "The Beard" Duemling**, for his stubble and lack of a razor, cut him for \$5.

PROGRAM SPEAKER

Don Torline introduced our speaker for the day, Michael Greiner, JD attorney and author of the book "Get Paid – Big Business Strategies for The Small Business Person" Mr. Greiner has represented banks and individuals in litigation over collecting of funds when they are rightly due. Three aspects of being a small business owner you must 1) Provide Good Service 2) Sell Good Service 3) Get paid for Good Service. His method of getting paid is to integrate the customer or client early in the sales process by way of knowing whom you are dealing with, asking questions, getting security and following up after the service has been provided. Keeping a detailed file with contractual obligations of what the exact service or product the customer is receiving. Mr. Greiner's website getpaidstratgies.com has downloadable information of contracts and clauses one might use in a legal document. Good tips that we all should follow.

Let's try this again, the password is: Red Coat.
The Beard won the 50/50 of \$40 now he can get a shave.
No winner of the Red Coat so it goes on the block next week.



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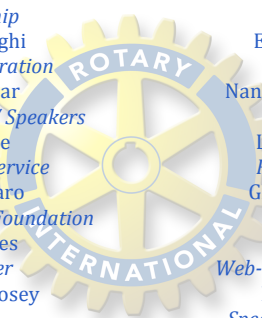
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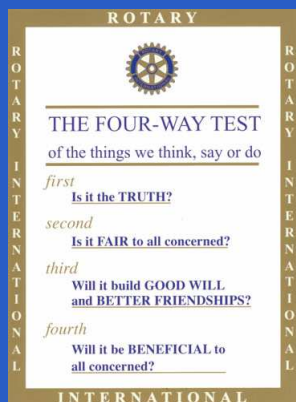
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"THE SPOKESPERSON" NOVEMBER 21, 2013



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CALENDAR

11/29
Miracle on 34th Street

12/5
Linda Davis - FAN

12/8
Salvation Army Christmas party

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

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**Proposed Member
Stephanie Shelters**

The November 21, 2013 meeting of the Mount Clemens Rotary took place at the usual meeting spot, The ConCorde Inn in Clinton Township. Greeting the group and selling 50/50 tix's were **Paul "Ring Master" Woodring** and **Ken "Master Finer" Kish**. At exactly 12:17 President **Mike O'Connor** summoned the members to order. Firstly, **Jeff Furest** lead us in the Pledge and national anthem with Jennifer Gale pounding out the notes for all of us to sing by. **Don "Deacon" Torline** gave a thankful prayer reminding us to be thankful for how blessed we are to be at ROTARY.

The catering company at the ConCorde seems to have hit a sweet spot with us. The BBQ meatloaf made its monthly appearance along with garlic mashed spuds, veggie medley, mixed salad, rolls and warm chocolate cookies to finish it off. **Ted DeVantier** could not wait to dig in and become a member of the "CPC" Clean Plate Club.

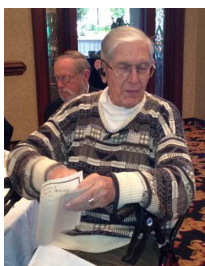
President Mike announced that the club is moving forward to replace the wheelchair program and those members that would like to contribute to the Rotary International ShelterBox program may do so. The plan should be finalized by next month.

Anyone who would like to sit in a box and be "Shooter VIP" during the Mount Clemens Thanksgiving parade see Pres. Mike for the tix's. It seems like knowing the mayor has its benefits, thanks to Mayor Dempsey for the seats.

The **December 8 Salvation Army Christmas party** is quickly approaching and **Mark Zuccaro** has 10 kids left to buy Christmas gifts for. So 1.) choose a card representing a child 2.) Buy a gift and wrap it, including the card 3.) Return wrapped gift by 12/5. Or just donate \$20 and Mark will make it happen. So STEP UP.

With **Liz Vogel** MIA for G&V Pres. Mike announced our guests, Ken Yoder (past speaker) Shelly Bania our speaker and guest of **Meghan Kindsvater**, Lois "Lucky" Pierson wife of **Dick**, Deborah McPeck guest of **Lynn Wilhelm** and Stephanie Shelters guest of the club.

Fred Duemling's beard was called on to give its historical Rotary Minute of being in the club since 1981. Fred credits Don Snyder for proposing him for membership along with **Chuck O'Grady's** flying and golf trips. He is blessed to have a 7th great-grandchild and his business is still booming. Fred then launched into a high-flying helicopter flight he took due to health problems in June. When he landed in Denver he thought he was at a Rotary meeting ... go Freddy go ...



Fresh off ringing the Salvation Army bells, **Fred Woodring** pushed the petals: **Jeff Furest** is one year over the half-century mark, age-wise. Flowers were given for club commitments, **Nancy Dedenbach** 24 years, **Chuck O'Grady** 59 years and **Ken Kish** 27 years. **Kris Miele** was very excited about an article that Ken Kish wrote about the 60 Rotarians who are going to see "Miracle on 34th Street," she had to buy him another flower. **Lynn Wilhelm** honored her guest with one. **Melissa Gladieux Jackson's** soup is worthy of a flower in **Val Miller's** eyes and stomach. **Mary Ann Hosey** believed that a flower is needed for all the good work **Mark Zuccaro** is doing for the club. We ended with a birthday song to **Jeff F.**

Nancy D provided the musical selections but needed some help. So **Pres. Mike and Chuck O** came up to sing a rare version of "Notre Dame Fight Song." The club needs to work on that one. Even more rare was the Rotary song "A Helping Hand" which we quietly put to bed.

Master Finer Ken called for Goodwill and Sunshine. Jeff F provided sunshine for **Bill Furest** who is okay now but needs surgery after the first of the year; we will send out the prayers. Nancy D is a calendar girl and if you need a free one for 2014, see her. Master Finer had some success auctioning off Rotary hats and golf markers. Stepping up to the tee for \$10 **Bob Selwa, Fred Duemling** and **Kris Miele**. **Don Torline** has been recognized by "Leadership Macomb" but it seems his friends need to pay 75 cents for parking at the event so \$5 to Don. Our club is a marketplace to buy and sell boats with Val Miller buying Candice Miller's "hole in the water" and **Bob Sogge** taking possession of Val's, I'm sure it was "fair to all concerned," \$4.99 each. **Bob Leslie** is a Woodward Ave. cruiser that searches for "Hot Spots;" his ride burned him for \$4.99. Nancy D is a backer of the Mount Clemens Children's Museum which recently raised \$5,600 so everyone at her table kicked in \$1. No badge or pin cost \$1.

The Rotary board needs two new members and a 2nd VP. Elections will be held in June so if you want to get on board see Pres. Mike.

Our speaker for the day was Shelly Bania of CARE Southeastern Michigan. Shelly has been with CARE for 12 years as a trainer and teacher. CARE administers more than 46 programs and is dedicated to the prevention of alcohol, tobacco and substance abuse. The topic for the presentation was on Fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD). CARE is all about raising awareness in the community, schools colleges and other forums of the dangers of drinking while pregnant. Drinking while in pregnant causes lifelong disabilities to the unborn child. Studies have shown that one drink over the term has great effects on the child's future behaviors. More than 80% of all foster children in SE Michigan have some form of FASD. So CARE's goal is to educate childbearing women to the dangers of one glass of wine over the course of their term. Posters were given out for the members to take the stores that we frequent, that sell alcohol and warns to its dangers. A very sobering talk.

50/50 WAS WON BY LUCKY LOIS P \$47

NEIL DEMPSEY WAS THE RED COAT WINNER.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

11/18 **JEFF FUREST**

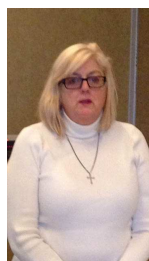
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE!

NANCY DEDENBACH 24

CHUCK O'GRADY 59

KEN KISH 27



This Thanksgiving we pause to reflect
on the many blessings bestowed upon us
throughout the year.



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 We Remember and Honor JFK & Jackie

 12/15
 Karen Newman Christmas show

 12/19
 Fraser Singers

 12/26 & 01/02
 No Meetings
 Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

 2/27 - 3/9
 Caribbean Cruise

**Proposed Member
 Stephanie Shelters**

Our December 5 meeting was called to order by President **Mike O'Connor** at the usual 12:15 p.m. time. **Jeff Furest** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner." **Tom Davies** gave the blessing. We dined on chicken Parmesan, penne pasta marinara, green salad, rolls and the famous chocolate chip cookies.

Guests were our speaker, Judge Linda Davis and Margaret Brune of FAN (Family Against Narcotics), Vito Strolis, guest of the club and George Hedgespeth, District Governor-Elect.

Flowers were purchased by **Bob Leslie** for our speaker, Linda; by **Liz Vogel** for **Mark Zuccaro**; by **Kris Miele** for **Sarah Lee** and by **Ken Lampar** for **Jeff Furest**. Our district governor elect bought a flower for Ken Lampar, **Neil Dempsey** for Vito and Kris Miele for **Sal D'Angelo**.

Tom DeVantier led us in "Deck the Halls" and "Sing Rotarians." Jennifer Gale, as always, accompanied us on the piano.



Sunshine Requests: **Julie Huttenlocher** for her son's best friend; Kris Miele for fiancé Brian undergoing surgery soon; **Teri Donaldson** for having three tragedies at once; finally Mike O'Connor asked for prayers for families who have lost children. Good will: Liz Vogel thanked Mark Zuccaro for helping out with a funeral luncheon.



Salvation Army: Sarah Lee reported that Rotarians had volunteered 16 hours ringing the bells and collected \$769. Contributions are still being taken. Sarah will gladly take further contributions, cash, loose change or checks, at the next two meetings.

LOST AND FOUND: A pair of glasses left at last week's meeting was held up to see if the owner would claim them. No one did.



RECOGNITION BY LIZ VOGEL:

Larry Neal was recognized for being named Librarian of the Year, \$5; **Don Torline** for receiving a community service award, \$5. Those traveling over Thanksgiving: **Fred Duemling** who went to Ubyly, Michigan and **Ray Glime** who went to Illinois. \$2. **Bill Patterson** paid \$5 for his picture of a chicken on Facebook. **Ken Lampar** felt \$5 lighter for posing with Santa Claus; **Jeff Furest** offered 10 percent of his recent winnings at Blackjack, \$120, and **Mary Ann Hosey** was seen sampling five desserts at a recent event and so was fined a dollar each dessert.



PROGRAM: JUDGE LINDA DAVIS OF FAN, FAMILIES AGAINST NARCOTICS

Judge Linda Davis began by noting she was here some three or four years when the program, FAN, Families Against Narcotics, was new. Her speech today would show the great progress her group has made in teaching the community the dangers of prescription opiate drugs. Judge Davis did not become involved in this campaign out of curiosity but by personal experience. She shared that her straight-A, talented, bright daughter confessed one night she was a heroin addict. This was not the usual picture we have of a heroin addict; someone living under a bridge, injecting the drug directly into the vein. Linda's daughter had become addicted to legal opiate prescription drugs given to her after knee surgery. Judge Davis admitted she felt great shame, feared she wouldn't get reelected if the news got out all the while watching her beloved daughter dying daily from this addiction.

Fortunately, Judge Davis sprang into action and began involving the community, first through a town hall meeting to eventually creating FAN chapters whose mission is to educate everyone – parents, schools, hospitals -- of the dangers of opiate prescription drugs. FAN has reached into the medical community to educate doctors who were taught opiates were safe and nonaddicting. Prescription drug abuse is the largest epidemic to hit the U.S. We are 6 percent of the world population but we consume 98 percent of the opiates.

50/50 The 50/50 pot of \$47 was won by the newly-retired Neil Dempsey.



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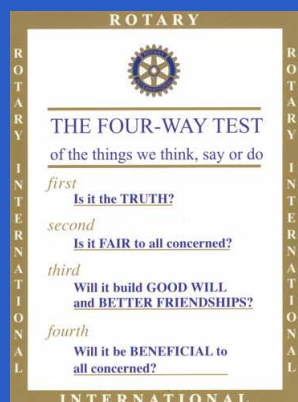
Minutes by Sarah Lee ~ Photos by Valerie Miller

The December 12 meeting was called to order by President **Mike O'Connor** at 12:15 p.m. **Glenn Burton** led the Pledge and the national anthem. **Nancy Dedenbach** gave the prayer. We feasted on meatballs, penne pasta with meat sauce, corn, mixed green salad, rolls, and the irresistible freshly-baked chocolate chip cookies.

President Mike reported the recent board meeting at **Tom Davies'** house was a good one. The club is in good shape. He asked if members were bringing guests next week to hear the Fraser Singers to let him know.

*Next, we inducted a new member, **Stephanie Shelters**, from McLaren Macomb. President Mike decided to read the induction speech, which he later regretted, as certain words were not quite completely pronounced. He would later hear about it in Recognition. Stephanie shared that she grew up in Brighton, lives in Grosse Pointe, and has spent 15 years in the fundraising field. She used to figure skate, still does ballet and dance, enjoys cooking.*

Welcome to Rotary, Stephanie.



CALENDAR

12/19

Fraser Singers

12/26 & 01/02

No Meetings

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

2/27 - 3/9

Caribbean Cruise

5/3

Annual Fundraiser



Sarah Lee announced the Red Kettle was there to take any donations for The Salvation Army.

Ken Kish mentioned there were Goodfellows papers for sale.



Guests and Visitors: Larry Neal announced our two guests, Jane Selwa, wife of **Bob Selwa** and George McCann, who found us on our website.

Rotary Minute: Neil Dempsey asked everyone to stand and recite "The 4-Way Test."

Flowers and Birthdays: Sal D'Angelo reported there were no member birthdays. Partner birthdays were Steve **Pryor**, **Beth's** husband, and Lillian Zuccaro, wife of **Al Zuccaro**. Wedding anniversaries were **Bob and Gail Lee** (25 years – hey, Bob, did you get Gail something in silver?), **Jack and Ann Hart** for 51 years and **Arthur and Angel Niederkohr** for two years. The remainder for the flowers were purchased by **Bill Patterson** to give to Jan Davies for the board dinner; **Elsa** to Stephanie; Nancy Dedenbach to **Bill Furest**; **Mary Ann Hosey** for our guest George McCann; **Bob Selwa** for his wife Jane and, finally, Sal bought the remaining two flowers for our speakers: Bob Selwa and **Ray Glime**.

Music: Ted DeVantier again threw out the songbook in favor of "Jingle Bells" and "Roll Rotary."





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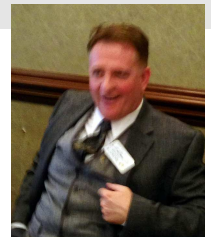
- **Nancy Dedenbach** has 48 jars of organic scrub donated to Rotary by her sister. Sales began immediately and took focus away from Recognizer Tom Davies. He fined Nancy \$5 for cutting into his time.
- **Mary Ann Hosey** announced the Rotary fundraiser would be **Saturday, May 3**, aboard the Titanic.

Recognition by Tom Davies



As he always does with new members, Tom immediately recognized **Stephanie** and fined her \$3. The pair of "lost" glasses from last week were produced but so far no owner has claimed them. However, Tom produced another pair of glasses he "recovered" that were lost. Turns out they were **Sal D'Angelo's** who paid \$2 for their return. For his massacre of the new member speech, **President O'Connor** was saved a fine owing to the no-fine presidential policy. But his partner in crime, **Jeff Furest**, was fined \$5 instead. All MSU grads were asked to stand and pay \$3 for beating Ohio State and winning a spot at the Rose Bowl. Tom recognized **Steve Ternullo** as the most missed Rotarian but fined **Don Carnaghi** instead, \$3. **Beth Pryor** was singled out as the best dressed Rotarian because of her fur coat. Didn't get her fine amount. Finally, another new

member, **Robert Sogge**, also felt the sting of Tom Davies when he willingly gave Tom his phone and had to pay \$3 to get it back.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

12/10 STEVE (BETH) PRYOR
12/12 LILLIAN (AL) ZUCCARO

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

12/6 BOB & GAIL LEE (25)
12/11 JACK & ANN HART (51)
12/12 ARTHUR & ANGEL NIEDERKOHHR (2)

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES - THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE!

LIZ VOGEL (2), JENNIFER MORGAN (2)



Program: Remembering and Honoring John and Jacqueline Kennedy by Bob Selwa and Ray Glime

Rotarians were treated to a marvelous presentation by our own Bob Selwa and Ray Glime on what we feel and remember about JFK's legacy from the perspective of 50 years.



Both gentlemen shared their personal stories of meeting JFK. Bob met Kennedy at the Detroit Labor Day 1960 event. Ray Glime met JFK when he campaigned in Mount Clemens. (Obviously security was different then.) Ray noticed that JFK was a big guy with big hands. Ray also noticed the rain falling that day pooled on JFK's wool suit instead of penetrating the material.

Dear Bob, consummate reporter that he is, provided a handout that is far superior to anything this poor scribe could reproduce about their talk. I am going to take out highlights. Please take the time to read it, especially those members born after 1963. You will learn how heartbroken we, who lived through this time, were about the loss of JFK.

"Throughout the Kennedy era of 1960 through 1963, I was a college student. President Kennedy and First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy inspired in me and my fellow students a strong sense of idealism and a keen interest in our country and our world. In becoming a newspaper reporter, I devoted my journalistic career to the

idea of public service."

"His (JFK's) words were moving and his life was an example for all. Though rich, he dedicated himself to helping those who were deprived. An educated man, he devoted himself to furthering education for others. A Caucasian, he sought protection of the rights of Negroes. A cultured aristocrat, he set the Peace Corps on its way into the uncultured masses of the world.

"He was a shy man, and he overcame his shyness to develop friendliness and informality and to elicit charisma. He was a physically injured man and he ignored his injuries and their pain so well as to make it barely apparent. [Bob stated that Kennedy couldn't get in the Army when WWII broke out, due to his disabilities. So he was assigned to Naval Intelligence. But he wanted action so he managed to get to the Pacific, to command a PT boat.]

"In an age of world tension over the very real possibility of world extermination, he negotiated the test ban treaty with Russia and led American support forward towards steps toward peace."

November 22, 1963, (a date the lives in history with December 7, 1941 and September 11, 2001) – the date the president was assassinated, Rotarians of a certain age – and I include myself so no fines, please – recounted where they were on that fateful day. I heard the news when I was entering my 9th grade algebra class at MCHS. Don Miller was flying an F102 toward Texas. Ray Glime was in New York and quit cold his smoking habit. Ironically, Bob was taking a class at U of M on American presidents that fall 1963. He described his attending the first class after the funeral. His professor began his lecture but broke into sobs, unable to continue. The class quietly and respectfully left.

I have a footnote to add: In 1964 my family visited JFK's grave at Arlington – the eternal flame had not yet been added. We met a shoestring cousin, Captain Cecil Stoughton, who happened to be JFK's personal photographer. He shot the famous photo of Johnson being sworn in on Air Force One. Later he gave me a book of his photos of JFK which I still have.

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The last meeting of 2013 was called to order by President-elect **Mary Ann Hosey** at 12:15 p.m. President O'Connor was stuck doing his day job and couldn't leave to be with us. **Don Carnaghi** led us in the Pledge, and the national anthem was sung a cappella. (The piano had been moved into the atrium for the Fraser Singers.) **Don Torline** gave the blessing. So busy writing I didn't record the menu. I can say it was the usual salad, rolls and chocolate chip cookies.



What was served in between is lost forever in our Rotary archives. With the missing piano and our not being candidates for The Voice, songs were mercifully kept to the minimum: "Roll Rotary." Thank you, **Ted DeVantier**, for this smart move.

There was also no Rotary Minute as last week's 50/50 winner was our absent president.

Announcements

The passing of **Ray Hofner** on December 13, 2013 had been sent to all Rotarians. Ray Glime announced the visitation was the next day at Vick Funeral Home and that in addition to his wife, Ray Hofner was survived by two daughters. A moment of silence was taken to remember Ray – his dry, witty remarks and his famous red suit jacket.

Guests and Visitors

Ken Lampar asked all guests to stand and then he ran around the room like Phil Donahue with the microphone to have each Rotarian announce his/her guest. I never got the guest list so that, too, along with the entrée of the meeting, will be lost to Rotary history. Suffice to say the Fraser Singers always bring out the guests so Ken worked off his cookie doing his job.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Bill Patterson announced there were only two club anniversaries to celebrate: **Liz Vogel**, two years, and **Jennifer Morgan**, who was not there. Flowers were purchased by **Julie Huttenlocher** for Stephanie, our new member; for Debbie Ternullo by **Dave Meldrum**; for his wife Sherrie by **Bill Patterson** (good move); for her hubby, Tom, by Mary Ann Hosey; by **Beth Pryor** for husband Steve and by Cecilia for her husband Larry.

Sunshine and Good Will

- Ken Kish** announced that Jack Hart is recovering from a bad cold. **Valerie Miller** read a letter from our frequent guest Rotarian (from a California club), Ken Yoder, who expressed his great appreciation for our treating a stranger so well (his words).
- Dick Pierson** was asked to turn in his white name badge by the club secretary (Val) for a silver one, representing his 25 years in Rotary.



Recognition by Liz Vogel

Liz lost no time in singling out **Steve Ternullo** and **Don Carnaghi** for trying to pass off as a makeup meeting their standing in front of a Rotary sign. \$5 each. That's close to a capital crime, fellas.

Bill Furest was foolish enough to show up at a meeting after a "substantial" winning at the BCC 50/50 raffle. Of course, Liz asked him what fine amount he should contribute, reminding him son **Jeff** generously donated 10 percent of a lucky win Jeff had recently. Instead of replying his usual "I bid a buck," Bill smartly agreed to match 10 percent and we got \$40.



Ken Lampar doubled his take at something and was fined \$5 for it. (Now my notes are getting sketchy – we were all having a good time). **Bob Cannon** announced **Don Torline** had been recently honored for something Baker College did. Well, that isn't news as Baker College is always being honored for something. But Bob stayed on the floor to announce an upcoming Clinton Township event. No fine? No notes on that.

The Christmas sweater people were all recognized: **Bill Patterson**, for his outrageous '70-style jacket paid the most, \$5. **Fred Duemling**, \$3, for his Christmas vest, **Cecilia Moloney**, \$2, and **Valerie Miller** for her poinsettia sweater: \$5.

Most Missed Rotarians: **Art Niederkohr**, **Jim Haselwood** and **Gerry Hanson**. Fines? Apparently not.

• 50/50: The pot of \$66 was won by Debbie Ternullo, wife of **Steve**. We will see who gives the Rotary Minute at our next meeting this Thursday, January 9.

Program: Fraser Singers

Mary Ann Hosey introduced our perennial Christmas program – and favorite one – the Fraser Singers, their director Pat and pianist Jackie, noting they have been entertaining us since 1995. This group of highly talented high school singers, the men in black tails and the women in long black dresses, then treated us to the following program.

Vocal Jazz

Carol of the Bells

Good King Wenceslaus, solo by Jerald Montgomery, baritone

White Christmas, solo by Jerald Montgomery. (Jerald has quite a career ahead of him. He is auditioning for Curtis Institute. Expect to see him on the Detroit Opera House stage in the future.)

Jingle Bells (Not quite the way we sang it last week)

Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire, solo by soprano Cheyenne Jackson

O Holy Night segued into *Silent Night*

Sleigh Ride

Man with the Bag/Santa Baby: sung "sultry" not sexy, per the choir

Christmas is Coming



We wanted to hear more but it was time to go. As always, our club showed our appreciation by presenting the group with a check. It was a magnificent performance only marred by the fact another group was going through the buffet line also set up in the atrium at the exact time our concert started! I have it on good authority that Mary Ann Hosey will find another venue for our 2014 Fraser Singers meeting. They deserve to be the only show in the room. Oh, by the way, director Pat told us the piano at the ConCorde was signed by Dave Brubeck. Was this a joke or truth? Next time look into the piano soundboard and see if I was being had.



In Memory of Raymond Hofner, December 17, 1922 to December 13, 2013.

Raymond served in the Army Air Corps during World War II, and was honorably discharged as a Lieutenant Colonel. Inurnment at Great Lakes National Cemetery with military honors at a later date. Contributions may be addressed to the donor's choice. Share memories with the family at www.vickfuneralhome.com.

Verse chosen for his memorial folder:

*That man is a success . . .
Who has lived well,
Laughed often and loved much;
who has gained the respect of intelligent women and men
and the love of children;
who never lacks appreciation of the Earth's beauty
or fails to express it;
who follows his dreams
and pursues excellence in each task;
and who brings out the best in others,
and gives only the best of himself.*

(Adapted from an original verse by Bessie Anderson)

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