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Minutes by Sarah Lee ~ Photos by Meghan Kindsvater & Ken Lampar

The first day of October brought a chill to the air but not to the room where Rotarians had gathered. President **Kris Howell** rang the bell at 12:15 and we were off. **Bob Selwa** started the Pledge; we sang the national anthem to Jennifer Gale's accompaniment and new member **Rheanne Suszek** led us in *The Four-Way Test*. **Tom Davies** gave the prayer. Back at the ConCorde, we feasted on turkey in gravy, roasted potatoes, carrots, salad, rolls and chocolate chip cookies.

President's Announcements

- President Kris was on the Clinton Township's cable channel, talking about Rotary. A true diva, she was late for the taping owing to locking herself out of her car and house.
- Next announcement was about changing our meeting location to the Italian Cultural Center, where we held our meeting last week. An email went out, asking for feedback. President Kris will hold a "group conscious" discussion at the next meeting on whether we should make the move. There were handouts on the table where she encouraged everyone to "have his/her say" on these sheets. We will discuss all the responses next week.
- There is a trunk or treat on Saturday, October 24. If you have a cool car and would like to donate it, please see President Kris. Macomb Literacy is holding a lunch on October 14.
- Lastly, in the spirit that Rotary was founded as a business networking club, Kris wants to highlight a member's business. She called on **Sandra Zettel** whose business is Memory Keepers. Sandra does customized biographies, transfers old film media to electronic and has started a Family Folkways project. More information about her products can be found on her website, memorykeepers.biz. Her company slogan is "Tell your history so parts can remain a mystery."

Guests and visitors: None.

Rotary Minute

Al Zuccaro told how he joined Rotary. At a 1994 Rotary function at Zuccaro's Banquet Hall, the late Leonard Pellegrom asked Al to join. Al joined and the best thing he did was to bring in his son, Mark who will be president next year.

Flowers

Beth Pryor, subbing for **Tom Isett**, found no birthday people at the meeting. **Chuck O'Grady** looked surprised when Beth announced his anniversary. He quickly recovered and said, "Yes, ten years ago today." Then it was open season on the flowers. **Jackie Johnston** bought for Sandra Zettel and one for her daughter, a new mom (making Jackie a new grandmother). **Ken Lampar** for **Mike O'Connor**; **Bob Lee**, setting up his sister to be fined, bought one for **Sarah Lee**, for "going away," **Larry Neal** for **Neil Dempsey** (play on words here), Bob Selwa for his wife Jane and the last mysterious request by the Dempsey/Neal/Kish cabal for "whoever has recognition," who was Tom Davies, also setting themselves up to be fined.

Music

Jessica Johnson chose "That Rotary Wheel" and in honor of the recent blue moon, we sang "Shine on Harvest Moon."

Good Will

President Kris presented **Tom Davies** with a multiple Paul Harris pin, lots of jewels.

Sunshine Report

Please keep **Mary Ann Hosey** in your thoughts as she is with her terminally-ill brother in Nashville



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We have signed up the Mount Clemens Rotary Foundation on the Amazon website under the Amazon Smiles tab. When you are purchasing items on Amazon, please click on this tab and select our foundation. See **Valerie Miller** for more information.
- **Elsa Silverman** said next week's speaker will be Carl Marlinga. We also have a table at the MCREST Samaritan Awards dinner tomorrow.



RECOGNITION

Tom Davies, who adores doing recognition as much as he loves traveling the world, started out with **Bob Selwa**. Bob was sitting next to Tom at lunch and started digging his grave early. Knowing Tom had recognition, Bob deliberately stole Tom's cookies. Then he showed everyone a picture of five generations of his family. Tom was generous and didn't fine Bob for those infractions. But as Tom had stolen Bob's sunglasses earlier, he offered to sell them back for \$3. Then after showing everyone the fifth generation picture, he fined Bob \$2.

Sarah Lee was at Christ Church Detroit, where her mother is buried, for a remembrance service and picked up the church's newsletter. On the back was a picture of several church people, including **Larry Neal**. Larry, you do get around. We on the recognition committee share sources so Larry was fined \$3.

Next victim was **Art Niederkohr** who was on Fox News recently, talking to "Dino" about the risk of wearing backpacks. Art is a chiropractor and Tom pointed out that story could mean business to Art. He would have gotten off being fined except he didn't mention he was a Rotarian. \$3 for Art.

Sandra Zettel got zapped for \$2. **Mark Zuccaro** had grumbled earlier about not doing the prayer in favor of Tom saying it. Mark was given a choice to be fined \$2 or say the prayer. Mark opted to say the prayer and then Tom fined him anyway. Then realizing he is not the only Rotarian to travel so much, he turned to your scribe to explain why she would be gone. **Sarah Lee** is setting out on a month-long tour of Europe and Tom fined her the max for imitating him, \$4.99.

Then off the **Dempsey/Neal/Kish** cabal to find out why they wanted to buy a flower (a bribe?) for the person doing recognition. They wouldn't have done it if they knew it was Tom. Their plan was to get Tom for advertising for wearing his company shirt. They paid \$2 each.

Then for no reason your scribe could see, everyone was fined \$1. Then everyone was fined \$1 again in honor of President Kris being the first Mount Clemens Rotarian to be featured in the international *Rotarian* magazine.

Program: Karla Gardner, development director, CARE: Life Happens. How We Can Help

Karla Gardner is passionate about making a difference. She is very interested in our feedback. She presented us with a power point presentation, with handouts on the table. CARE offers substance abuse and addiction counseling and support services. They have extensive programs to help students, parents, seniors and businesses. She presented statistics to show the substance abuse problem is staggering. The most surprising statistic was Macomb County led the state in drug overdoses between 2010 and 2012. Why? It was believed to be easy access to prescription drugs. Students prescribed pain killers for sports injuries; ADHD students prescribed Adderall, which they can then sell for \$10 a pill; and parents keeping painkillers unlocked in the medicine cabinet. The question of rainbow/tossed salad parties was asked. These are parties where everyone brings different narcotic painkillers and mixes them up in a bowl and then everyone takes a turn picking out a pill. How can we help? Karla suggested we come to CARE for a tour, host a Rotary meeting at their location, volunteer for the camps, and connect CARE to people who need it. Like them on Facebook. Go to their two events: March 5, 2016 Parenting Conference and June 12, 2016 Bike Path: Pedaling Ahead Toward Health, a bike ride from Metro Beach to Belle Isle.

50/50: Won by **Bob Selwa**. Amount unknown. Remember, Bob, the *Rotary Minute* is meant to last 60 seconds. Oh well, if you wander, Tom will get you again at Recognition.

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The October 8, 2015 meeting was called to order by vice president Mark Zuccaro at 12:17 p.m. **Patricia Kaufman** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The club sang the national anthem accompanied by Jennifer Gale on piano. **Salvatore D'Angelo** led us in prayer. **Mark Zuccaro** led *The Four-Way Test* reading. Lunch was barbecue chicken, mashed potatoes, salad, corn rolls and cookies.

Presidential Announcements

Mark Zuccaro passed on a request from **President Howell** that members give feedback to the proposal that the club meetings should shift westward to the Italian American Cultural Center. This would be more central to the area that we seek new members from. The center has good facilities and an excellent view. Mark said the food was good.

Guests

Larry Moloney, husband of **Cecilia**, was our only guest. He was serenaded with the usual welcome song "We Are Glad to See You Here at Rotary."



Bob Selwa gave the *Rotary Minute*. Bob prepared 16 drafts of the speech he recited. (He must have been paid by the word at *The Macomb Daily*.) Bob said he had been carrying his 50/50 winnings in an envelope looking for an appropriate way to spend it. Now it happens Bob and his wife, Jane, have a bird feeding station by their kitchen window. One day, while visiting the Bill Taylor Healing Garden, Bob found the opportunity to spend his earnings. He bought a statue of St. Francis of Assisi holding a water bowl with a little bird and a little bunny rabbit. That statue was shown to the club. It now serves as the center of his bird feeding station.

Flowers

Nancy Dedenbach distributed flowers. Larry Moloney got one for Cecilia for their wedding anniversary. **Al Zuccaro** gave one to his son, Mark. **Beth Pryor** got one for being a member for three years. **Julie Huttenlocher** got a flower for 20 years membership. **Larry Neal** bought one for **Bob Selwa** for giving such a good speech. **Neil Dempsey** gave a flower to Nancy Dedenbach. Mark Zuccaro gave a flower each to **Elsa Silverman** and Julie Huttenlocher. Songs: **Jessica Johnson** chose "Keep Your Sunny Side Up" and "R-O-T-A-R-Y" for today's songs.

Announcements

- **Glenn Burton** announced he won the Ralph Burton sailboat race around Lake St. Clair. The race is named for Glenn's father, a longtime member of our club.
- Patricia Kaufman announced a Baker College student had won an award as student chef of the year.
- **Mary Ann Hosey's** brother has passed away. Please pray for the family.
- Sunshine report: a euchre tournament is scheduled for October 28 at Gowan Golf Course.
- A dinner and visit at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford estate is scheduled for November 19, at 6 p.m.
- **Sal D'Angelo** said Martha T. Berry Hospital is changing its brochure and social media.

RECOGNITION

Nancy Dedenbach got revenge on **Larry Neal**. Larry fined Nancy last month three dollars for being late to the meeting. Larry was late today so he was fined four dollars.

Art Niederkohr was fined five dollars for appearing on TV and not wearing a Rotary pin.

Neil Dempsey's table was fined one dollar because the mayor was holding a fundraiser. Neil was fined five dollars for special delivery of special cookies.

Bob Selwa was fined for making an 80-second speech when reciting *The Rotary Minute*. He volunteered a five-dollar fine.

Bob Leslie was fined a dollar for a trip up north.

The guest speaker, Probate Judge Carl Marlinga, was introduced by Ken Lampar. Judge Marlinga started off by explaining how much he loved the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and recommended it as a place to relax. Apparently the judge needs a break as the mental health hearings were added to the wills and estates docket. Thus the work which should be done by 2.7 judges is now done by one. The other probate judge was assigned to help out the circuit court.



Probate involves many things. Wills have to be admitted or rejected. Trustees and personal representatives have to have their actions reviewed. Sometimes a trial occurs. One recent case invoked a claim for \$38,000 against a trustee. The court decided he only owed \$67.

The mental health aspect of the judge's docket involves approving guardian powers over people who are developmentally challenged. Sometimes people have to be committed to an asylum. The judge was pleased to note how much families support and care for their troubled folks. The judge also is running a criminal court for mentally ill criminals who might be diverted from the prison system for treatment. The rate of repeat offenses for people who go through this special court is about 20%. The repeat rate for normal criminals is closer to 70% in circuit court.

The judge said he didn't have an answer for preventing mass shootings.

Glenn Burton won \$32 in the 50/50.
Meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

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The meeting was called to order at 12:17 p.m. by President **Kris Howell**. **Robert Lee** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Jennifer Gale played the national anthem. The president led "The Four-Way Test." **Lori Wright** led the club prayer. A popular buffet meal was served consisting of meatballs, scalloped potatoes, salad, green beans, rolls and cookies.



President Howell announced today's topic was the State of the Club.



Rotary Minute: **Mike O'Connor** did this week's "Rotary Minute." He said his time as the club president changed his outlook on Rotary. When he met different leaders and went to clubs in foreign countries he found out just how much members of Rotary are respected.

Flowers: **Tom Isett** sold flowers. **Bob Selwa** bought one for **Bob Lee** for writing a good bulletin. At least he knows good writing when he sees it. Then Selwa bought one for **Rheanne Suszek**, because she drew Bob's winning ticket two weeks ago. Rheanne then bought one for Bob Selwa. **Elsa Silverman** purchased one for **Beth Pryor**. **Neil Dempsey** bought one for **Meghan Kindsvater**. **Larry Neal** purchased one for **Kris Howell** and **Dave Meldrum** bought one for **Sandra Zettel**.

Guests: There were no guests.



Songs: **Jessie Johnson** chose the "MSU Fight Song" and "Rotary Will Go Round the World."

Good Will: Kris said her husband Bryan needs his eyes worked on at the Kresge Eye Institute (Apparently he is blinded by his wife's smile.) Kris asks that you keep him in mind.

Mary Ann Hosey has a new grandchild. Congratulations.

Larry Neal says his mother is sick. Please keep his family in mind.



RECOGNITION: Bill Patterson had a beautiful malevolent smile as he zapped Robert Lee two bucks for a misplaced a/k/a stolen badge.

All married members were fined according to the length of their marriage. One dollar if married less than five years. Two bucks if married for 10 years. Three dollars if married more than 25 years. A table fine was levied on all persons sitting at a table where a 35-year veteran of marriage sat.

Everyone without a pin or badge was fined a dollar. All supporters of MSU and U-M were fined three dollars. Non-affiliated members were fined a dollar. The alumni of the losing team will pay five bucks next week.

PROGRAM: President Kris announced she had worked hard on getting out a report to Jessie Johnson to print and pass out to the club. But the wrong attachment was sent over. The report will be emailed to members.

Better communications are coming. Things like upcoming board agendas will soon be part of the bulletin. You will be informed of social events and future speakers.

Elsa Silverman is working on two proposals for matching grants from the District 6380 Foundation. The grants can be redoubled if the Macomb County Foundation agrees to the grant. This means potentially a four-for-one multiplier for our club's donations.

Elsa is looking for speakers for March and May.

SOCIAL EVENTS:

- A Christmas party will be held. Details to follow.
- Nancy Dedenbach needs candy donations and volunteers to help with "Trunk or Treat" on October 23, from noon to 3 p.m.
- Salvation Army Bell ringing will be on November 13 and 14. Please volunteer for a two-hour shift.
- Plans for a countywide Rotary golf outing to benefit the Salvation Army are in the works.

VENUE: The board wants a consensus on whether we should move our club meetings to the Italian American Cultural Center. Please check out this important issue.

District Club Presidents,

It's the time of year to begin the process of selecting our next District Governor Nominee (Governor 2018-19), to follow DGE Michael Caruso, 2016-17 and DGN Barry Fraser, 2017-18. Qualifications include being a regular member of a club in the district and have a classification whose integrity is without question. Candidates must have served as a club president for a full term, and demonstrate willingness, commitment, and ability to fulfill the duties of the office of governor as provided in the RI Bylaws. Candidates must also demonstrate knowledge of the qualifications, duties and responsibilities of being a district governor. These are more fully contained on pages 19-22 of the current 2013 Manual of Procedure, which can be easily downloaded and read by Google: Rotary Manual of Procedure. I will accept nominations until December 31, 2015. Candidates nominated will be interviewed by the district nominating committee and the candidate selected as our District Governor Nominee Designate will need to be confirmed at the district conference. Attached is the nomination form to be completed by the candidate and the candidate's club.

Assistant Governors:

I'm seeking two members to serve on the district governor nominating committee for a three-year term and one alternate to serve a one-year term. Please research your clubs for possible members and forward your recommendations to me. For the three-year terms, I would prefer one female and one male to balance out the committee. Thanks for Being A Gift to the World.

Henry Dotson

District 6380 Governor 2015-16

Rotary Foundation Gala: Saturday, November 7, St. Nicholas Cultural Center, Troy; cocktails at 5 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$45 per person. Please register and pay on the district website www.rotary6380.org This is a special event held annually to celebrate the Rotary Foundation and to inform us of its immense range of activities and outreach. This is a great social event for our club and also a wonderful opportunity to meet other Rotarians and their friends while enjoying delicious food and great camaraderie.



Don Miller won the 50/50 for \$30. He gets to do the "Rotary Minute" next week.

The meeting ended at 1:31 p.m.

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

The Rotary board is considering a **change in venue from the ConCorde Inn to the Italian American Cultural Center** and we would like your input.

Response so far:

1.The Silent Majority:

- i. 74 members in the club. 4% says stay, 35% says move to IACC, and 61% are silent.
- ii. The board recommends that we visit IACC at least two more times and have a response rate of 80% before a decision is made either way.

2.Comments relating to location:

- i. Traveling issues. A pro for the ConCorde Inn is proximity to 94 and less congested surface traffic. A Con for IACC is congested and heavy traffic patterns on 59 and Romeo Plank.
- ii. Business centers: a pro for the IACC is that it is close to New Thriving Entrepreneurial business along the 59 corridor. The move may make us more attractive to those businesses and thereby giving our club the opportunity to bring in a greater variety of classifications. Also with the luxury apartments building next door we may have an opportunity to attract young retirees.
- iii. Access to outdoor activity options. This is a pro for the IACC. With a bike path and park landscaping being planned around the IACC, we may have opportunities for 5k runs, bike races, outdoor beer tastings and other events.

3.Comments relating to our Name: Mount Clemens Rotary

- i. If we moved would we have to change our name? Or our name is Mount Clemens Rotary we should meet in Mount Clemens.
- ii. A Downtown Mount Clemens Meeting place has not presented itself better than the ConCorde.
- iii. Keep the Name! 95 years of name recognition. Mount Clemens Rotary, like the city of Mount Clemens has always served the county. In 1923 Mount Clemens Rotary purchased land, built buildings, and maintained it over on 26 mile and North Ave. But they did not call themselves New Haven Rotary. Likewise the members hail from all the surrounding cities and townships and we still consider ourselves Mount Clemens Rotarians.

4. Comments relating to facility:

Here are solutions to the feedback on some of the concerns of the venue.

1. The Grill Room we were in can accommodate up to about nine tables, plus the head table -- about 90 people total. (That's sitting nine people per table, with nine tables -- 81 people plus head table seating.)
2. If we have a larger group or bring the Fraser singers in, no problem moving into the larger banquet room. They would set up staging for the singers and can hold more than 200 people. They would also move the grand piano into the area for the event.
3. They have an area for us to store our banners, flags and assorted supplies. I am also speaking with them about a display case or curio cabinet to display our awards and historical artifacts.
4. No problem with having food ready and letting everyone go up to the buffet rather than calling tables.
5. The room lighting can be brighter if need be and shades can be opened or closed depending on the sunlight.
6. Sound system is comparable to the ConCorde but the IACC Internet is stronger and will allow our speakers to access Internet presentations.
7. Comments regarding Food.
Cost: The guaranteed count needs to be at least 40 people at \$12 per person. The minimum total would be \$480 -- that's the least they would need to be fair to them. Not much room for them to cover cost and not compromise quality and service -- but still make a little profit.
Quality: This is a personal feeling. Some say food was better, the same, or worse. We should visit at least two more times before a decision is made regarding food quality. However, we do like our cookies.

Please let us know your thoughts by contacting me at khowell@sigmarep.com or 586-466-6440.

Thank you,
Kris Howell

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President **Kris** started the weekly meeting at 12:17 p.m. She was in a good mood as she gave off a great smile and a cheerful welcome. It was a beautiful day with sunshine and above-average temperatures. The members gathered in a spirit of fellowship and thankfulness, especially Michigan State alumni. **Karan Bates-Gasior** led the Pledge of Allegiance recital. Jennifer Gale played "The Star-Spangled Banner" with her usual skill. **Robert Lee** led the prayer. President Kris talked us through *The Four-Way Test*. Lunch was a fantastic combination of baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls and brownies with chocolate treats.



Guests: President Kris introduced our speaker and sole guest, Michele Hodges, of the Belle Isle Conservancy. Michele thoroughly enjoyed our welcome song, "We Are Glad to See You Here at Rotary."

New member: President Kris brought in a new member, Louise Rallis. She works at the McLaren Macomb Foundation. She is a go-getter who is raising three teenage daughters. She is running for city council in Huntington Woods. She is on the zoning board of that city. She is an expert in publicity and a former professional writer. When she was asked, as all new members are asked, to say a few words about herself, she gave a brilliant and articulate report of her past work and current interests. Probably the best introduction any new member has given in many years.

Songs: **Jessie Jackson** picked up on the good mood of the day by choosing "The Helping Hand" and "Smile" for our weekly songs.

Presidential reports:

- Linda May wrote a fine article on Rotary for *The Macomb Daily*.
- Many Rotarians showed up for the FAN event. Our club name was prominently displayed on the information screen. President Kris wants to have us go to more events as a Rotary group to make our presence known.
- A decision on a change of meeting venue has not been made. More response is needed from the club. 80% is the figure cited. Two more meetings at the Italian American Cultural Center are scheduled for November 15 and December 12.

Anniversary: **Melissa Gladieux-Jackson** had a wedding anniversary. The club sang "Happy Anniversary" to her, and the club gave her a flower.



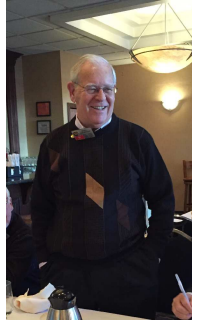
Flowers: **Paul Woodring** got a flower for 25 years of membership. Glenn Burton gave a flower to **Mike O'Connor** for his Rotary Minute speech. **Julie Huttenlocher** bought one for **Valerie Miller**. Our newest member received a flower and so did **Don Carnaghi**.



Rotary Minute: Don Miller said he was happy to be in the club.

RECOGNITION:

A certain alumni of a certain unfortunate school, known for her unimpeachable rectitude and superior taste, acted as Thursday's Fine Mistress. She allowed as that she was "in a cranky mood." First she fined the bulletin writer (always a risky move) two bucks for crass questions unbecoming of a lawyer. Then she fined **Beth Pryor** for constantly reminding the Fine Mistress of a certain unfortunate school's football defeat. Beth cheerfully paid a five dollar fine. A five dollar fine was levied on graduates of the LOSING TEAM. Remarkably few alumni stood up. **Mike O'Connor** manfully stood up to take the fine, as he is a fan, although not a graduate, from the school. **Don Carnaghi** paid five bucks for a trip to Cancun. **Bob Cannon** paid five for a trip to Rome. **Mary Ann Hosey** paid three dollars for a dog-eaten copy of a newsletter. **Neil Dempsey** was fined for being married to the mayor of Mount Clemens, who mailed off a letter addressed to "Denise Miller" to **Valerie Miller's** address. Said letter purportedly was to contain a fundraising invitation, but was in fact empty. Five dollars charged to Neil.



SPEAKER:

Our guest speaker, Michele Hodges, who is the President of the Belle Isle Conservancy, was introduced by Stephanie Shelters. Once again we got to meet a go-getting female who gets things done and with a smile. (What has happened to the men?)

Michele is the head of a group that was formed by combining several groups to protect Belle Isle. Since the DNR took over management of the island from the City of Detroit, many changes have been made. The aquarium has reopened. The place is cleaned up. The Dossin Museum has been refurbished. Eagles and beavers have returned to the island. The Belle Isle Nature Zoo is open. Our speaker suggested a party might be held in the old speakeasy in the basement of the Aquarium.



Larry Neal won \$35 from the 50/50.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

10/19 DALE (MELISSA GLADIEUX-JACKSON)

10/22 LIZ VOGEL

CELEBRATING CLUB ANNIVERSARIES!

TERI DONALDSON (2); BILL FUREST (36); PAUL WOODRING (26)



Nancy Dedenbach
needs candy and/or
cash for Saturday's
Trunk or Treat.



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Bob Selwa
Rotary International Merle Loch

11/12
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11/19
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11/26
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annual fundraiser
Rock the Presidential Election

Minutes by Robert W. Lee ~ Photos by Ken Lampar

President **Kris** banged the gavel precisely at 12:15 p.m. to start the meeting. **Karla Gardner** led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jennifer Gale played piano to accompany the national anthem. President Kris led *"The Four-Way Test."* **Mark Zuccaro** gave the prayer. Lunch was buffet style, soup and salad. Two soups were offered – chicken with rice and cream of broccoli. Rolls and cookies were also available.

PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our joyous president was happy to announce the success of recent social events. The euchre party brought out a lot of guests who had a great time. Earl Moehn, a former member of the club showed up and might be interested in joining again. President Kris suggested we contact former members and welcome them to rejoin. Kris is looking for club members to join her at the gala party for the Rotary International Foundation on November 7. She hinted that this will be a special event for our club in particular. Kris says dress up for the event, but not black tie. Does it seem to you club members that Kris is having a blast as president?

GUESTS

Dave Gerlach introduced the only guest, Ryan York, who also was the speaker. We serenaded Ryan with our traditional welcome song. He liked it.

SONGS

Jessie Johnson selected *"Shine on Harvest Moon"* and *"Sing Rotarians."* Bravo to her for choosing songs that are different from our usual selections.



ROTARY MINUTE

Larry Neal spoke about the heart of our club. In the ten years he has been a member, Larry has seen three different places as the location of our club meetings. He used to think the heart of the club was its location, but now he realizes the heart is in the hearts and minds of the members, who generation after generation, support and love our club. So long as members stand by the club, its heart will continue to beat.

FLOWERS

Jim Haselwood was in charge of flowers. **Bob Lee** bought one for President Kris because she recruited him into the Richmond Christmas pageant, which is the two nights after Thanksgiving. **Bill Furest** got one for 54 years of marriage. **Ken Kish** got his for 38 years of marriage. **Bob Selwa** bought two – one for **Val Miller** for winning the booby prize at the euchre party. The other for the future inductee of the ladies Euchre Hall of Fame, **Beth Pryor**. **Ray Glime** bought one for the organizer of the party, **Nancy Dedenbach**. **Mark Zuccaro** bought one for his dad, Al, who leaves for Florida for the winter. Larry Neal bought a flower for Robert Lee for writing *"the spokesperson."*

GOODWILL REPORT

Karan Bates-Gasior said the Turning Point fundraiser was a great success and thanked the club. Several local volunteers were paired with partners from Arthur Murray's dance studio to make up a contest. Lots of fun for the dance fans.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Julie Huttenlocher confirmed her father has cancer near a kidney and is hospitalized. The family asks that we pray for our friend, a former district governor and two-time club president.

FUNDRAISER MEETING

Mark Zuccaro announced the first brainstorming meeting will be **November 5 at 11:20 a.m. at the ConCorde Inn**. The annual fundraiser is scheduled for **April 23, 2016**. The theme is "Rock the Presidential Election." I think that I overheard Mark guarantees that this will be the best fundraiser yet.

SOCIAL EVENTS

President Kris says some money has been set aside from the last fundraiser to allow the club to get tables at various fundraiser events. For example, the upcoming Henry Ford event. We get the club's name on the programs and scrolling signs when we do this. Members who attend are expected to make a \$25 donation for sitting at the Rotary table.

TRUNK OR TREAT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Over three thousand kids lined up to get candy passed out at the county parking garage last Saturday. **Nancy Dedenbach** ran out of candy to pass out at one point. She had to go and get more.

Beth Pryor says November social events will be the Christmas Parade and Salvation Army bell ringing. Plans to visit various venues as a group were shelved due to high costs.

RECOGNITION

Doc Patterson was back in town. He said he was going to pattern his questions after some publication called "The Beaver," apparently published at the Colorado club **Fred Duemling** visits. Nancy Dedenbach was fined a dollar for not correctly reciting the theme of last spring's fundraiser. **Ted DeVantier** was charged a buck for not knowing the net profit of last spring's fundraiser. **Elsa Silverman** was fined for misspelling euchre. Nancy Dedenbach was fined four more dollars because her husband, Ron, was the big winner at the euchre party. All members who were not willing to stand up and claim they were republicans were fined two bucks. **Larry Neal** was fined three bucks for having the Clinton Macomb Library sponsor a local robotics club. **Jim Haselwood** was fined three dollars for having a condo in Puerto Vallarta which escaped damage from Hurricane Patricia. Then Doc Patterson did a group fine to members boosting their pet events. He fined **Karan Bates-Gasior** for Turning Point, **Bob Lee** for the Richmond Theater and **Jessica Johnson** for the Henry Ford fundraiser.

Lastly, Doc Patterson expressed disappointment at how few members stood up and paid a fine for a certain football team's loss. So he fined Julie Huttenlocher five dollars for last week's fining of Beth Pryor, who supported the winning team. Julie claims Beth was a "sore winner." Beth just smiled.

LECTURE

Val Miller introduced Ryan York, who was her personal fitness trainer. Ryan works at Snap Fitness at 16 Mile Road and Crocker Boulevard. He claims people can get physically fit at any age, regardless of their own genetics. Fitness goals can be achieved if they are realistic. Nutrition, consistent hard work in the gym, and especially proper nutrition are the keys. Goals should be written down and measurable, such as losing 20 pounds more than six months. Ryan said you don't have to restrict your diet to lose weight, but should switch to more protein and less carbohydrates. Half a gram of protein for each pound of body weight is optimal.

To demonstrate simple exercises for out-of-shape folks, Ryan recruited President Kris to do a few examples, such as modified pushups against a table. After a few exercises Kris told the rest of the club to join in. Your correspondent just happened to leave for a few moments, but he is sure the club did fine.



50/50: **Nancy Dedenbach** won 43 dollars and the right to do the "Rotary Minute" next week.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.



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Minutes by Kris Howell ~ Photos by Valerie Miller

President **Kris Howell** called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. The Pledge and national anthem were led by **Patricia Kaufman**. The Four-Way Test was recited by everyone. Grace was said by **Lori Wright** over our meal of kielbasa and sauerkraut.

President Time: Kris handed out to the group and agenda for the month of November.

She mentioned our district governor's visit next week for all to attend.

On 11/19 we will be at the Italian American Cultural Center and our speaker will be State Representative Anthony Forlini.

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Guests & Visitors by Neil Dempsey: They were speakers Jan and Merle Loch.

Rotary Minute: Nancy Dedenbach focused on "will it build good will and better

friendships?" Nancy shared with us that her mother's health is failing, but one of her joys is remembering the Rotary cruise she when on a few years ago where she had so much fun and made such good friends.



Flowers: Neil just kept the basket and gave out the flowers.

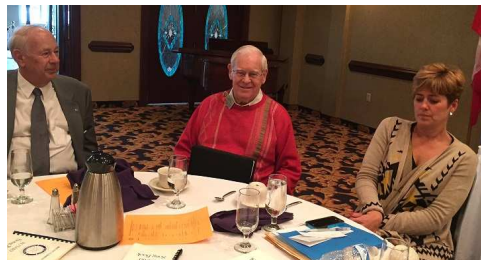
Music: Mark Zuccaro led us in "Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah" and "Viva la Rotary."

Sunshine Reports: Prayers for **Bob Baker**. **Bill Furest** encourages us to call Bob to lift his spirits. **Julie Huttenlocher** gave us and update on her father **Tom Davies**. Tom is home now recovering from his infection and in a few weeks he will tackle his cancer treatments. Tom is in good spirits but moving slow. Cards and letters welcome.

Announcement: Mount Clemens Santa Parade needs volunteers to be in the parade on Nov. 21 at 9 a.m.



Recognition: Neil Dempsey



The mayor donated \$50 for her re-election victory as Mayor of Mount Clemens as a thank you to all of the MC Rotarians who supported her re-election. **Don Miller** was fined a \$1 for his wife's induction to the Women's Hall of Fame. All Rotarians at his table were also fined \$1. **Jackie Johnston** was fined \$4 for her picture in *The Macomb Daily* on behalf of the L'Anse Creuse students who collected pennies for the Macomb Food program. **Ted DeVantier** was fined \$3 for a cell phone violation from last week. **Bob Leslie** was fined \$4.99 for his three-week vacation in Ft. Myers and Naples, FL. **Sarah Lee** was fined \$4 for her international vacation to Italy. **Jeff Furest** was fined \$4 for being the most-missed Rotarian and also for his moose hunting exploits.



Speaker:

Fourteen Rotary International Conventions! Wow!

Jan and Merle Loch of the Warren Rotary spoke today at Mount Clemens Rotary with an accounting of their reasons for their excitement for going to 14 Rotary International conventions

beginning in 1988 with the convention in Philadelphia that ushered in the beginning of the PolioPlus campaign to stamp out the polio virus in the world.

When you attend an international convention, you join up to 30,000 Rotarians from the 35,000 clubs in 200 countries.

You are privileged to hear awesome speakers, attend marvelous and informative plenary sessions, are treated to unbelievable entertainment, meet outgoing and incoming officers -- from the RI presidents to the new district governors, hob knob at The House of Friendship with people from all over the world in their native dress, taste all sorts of food, shop at vendors from everywhere, and make new and permanent friends!

You also have the opportunity to book pre-convention and post-convention tours of the country in which the convention is held!

Jan and Merle included a bit about each convention and added some funny (and hopefully) entertaining highlights!

They were blessed to be able to go to Philadelphia, Seoul, Korea, Portland, OR., Orlando, FL, Calgary, Alberta CA, Glasgow, Scotland, Indianapolis, IN, San Antonio, TX, Brisbane, Australia, Chicago, IL, Salt Lake City, UT, Los Angeles, CA, Montreal Ont. CA, and New Orleans, LA.

They urged everyone to GO! You will LOVE it.

50/50 Raffle and adjourn: **Neal Dempsey** won \$42.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

11/2 TED DeVANTIER
11/5 CAREY (BILL) FUREST

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

11/4 KEITH & JOHNNA LESPERANCE (38)

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LARRY NEAL (10); KEN LAMPAR (4)



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Minutes by Bob Lee ~ Photos by Valerie Miller & Jeff Furest

Thursday's meeting was a reunion day. Our returning friend was Henry Dotson, now the district governor of District 6380. Henry was a member of Mount Clemens Rotary about 10 years ago. The president started the meeting at 12:16 p.m. She gave a hearty welcome to all then designated **Karan Bates-Gasior** as leader of the Pledge of Allegiance. Jennifer Gale played "The Star Spangled Banner." **Mark Zuccaro** led us in prayer. **President Kris** took us through "The Four-Way Test." Lunch was a buffet-style – make your own Mexican meal. Taco shells and flour tortillas were available to be filled with all manner of ingredients. There was eclair for dessert.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Our president passed out fact sheets about current events in the club. She pointed out that ROTARIANS are going to various charitable events, like Turning Point's. The club gets noticed on the programs of these groups and on the rolling electric signage.
- President Kris reported that the Mount Clemens Rotary Club was awarded a plaque for contributions to Rotary International's efforts to end polio. **Bob and Margo Baker**, and **Jeff Furest** were recognized for major individual donations.
- A L'Anse Creuse student needs a guide to help her through the process of being an exchange student.
- President Kris is having new brochures and business cards printed up for the club.
- Elections are coming. A candidate for second vice president is needed. This person ultimately will be president on July 1, 2018. Also two new board members need to be elected. Nobody regrets holding office in our club, so sign up to run. See **Valerie Miller** to enlist.
- The Ann Arbor club had a special Veterans Day meeting. They are raising funds for a Fisher House. Fisher House Foundation is best known for a network of comfort homes where military and veterans' families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment.

Jeff Furest is planning to get the club to become a 100% Paul Harris club by the centennial year of the R.I. Foundation.

GUESTS

Ted DeVantier introduced Kelli Field, a guest of **Tom Isset**. Nick Casteel, the governor's representative, and Governor Dotson, were also introduced. All were serenaded with our "glad to see you" song.

ROTARY MINUTE

Neil Dempsey explained the need to get attendance up. Members who miss a meeting should be personally encouraged to come back.



FLOWERS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Pryor gave a flower to **Sandra Zettel** for her birthday, and one to **Glenn Burton** for his club anniversary. Beth bought a flower for **Mark Zuccaro** for hosting a board meeting dinner. **Sue Coats** bought one for **Bob Cannon** (for dancing), **Tom Davies** bought one for his wife. **Ray Glime** gave one to **Bob Selwa** for beating him at cards. **Mark Zuccaro** bought one for President Kris. The club sang happy birthday to Sandra Zettel.

MUSIC

Mark Zuccaro chose "America" ("My Country 'Tis of Thee"), and "All Hail Rotary."

Goodwill Report

The president's business partner is now the father of twins, so Kris is an honorary grandmother.

Sunshine Report

Tom Davies was able to come back to meet with us.



Donation Report

Val Miller says you can make a donation on Amazon - just plug in MountClemensRotary when you buy stuff.

Irritation Report



You all know I love to do two things – acting in plays and irritating **Sarah Lee**. So you should come see the Richmond Theater production of "A Christmas Carol" at Maniaci's in Richmond. \$32 buys a good meal and a great show. Your correspondent gets to irritate his sister in this production. And the Scrooge story gets told somewhere in there.

- Christmas parade is Saturday, **November 21**. Members will have a club banner to carry. Lineup is at 8:30. There is candy to pass out.
- **December 14** will be a big day. There will be an important meeting at noon at the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club, and later a Christmas party at Zuccaro's. Please invite prospective members to the Christmas party. Starts at 6.
- December service project is collecting hats, gloves and coats for MORC.
- Fundraising committee is to meet next Thursday at 11:15. Remember, it is at the IACC.



Neil Dempsey won the 50/50 again. Thirty dollars this time. Meeting adjourned at 1:30.

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

11/9 DON & CANDICE MILLER (31)

CELEBRATING CLUB ANNIVERSARIES!

BOB BAKER (43); GLENN BURTON (21); LORI WRIGHT (6)



Recognition

Neil Dempsey had all the veterans in the club to stand up and be recognized. Tom Davies was fined \$3.99 for being missed. **Bob Cannon** was fined a buck for a photo. **Dave Meldrum** was fined \$4.99 for winning a golf match on a free vacation.

Governor's visit



Nick Casteel introduced Governor Henry Dotson, who used to be a member of our club. Henry is retired from the Air Force and supports the building of a "Fisher House." That would be a place for veterans in need.

Governor Dotson brought greetings from the president of Rotary International K.R. "Ravi" Ravindra of Sri Lanka. The president chose this year's theme "Be a gift to the world."

Henry reported we are very close to eliminating polio. Very few new cases are reported and the disease only exist in two counties. When a year goes by without any cases the world will be declared polio-free. Donations made by ROTARIANS are mated two for one by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The RI Foundation is the masterpiece of Rotary. Last year \$365,000 was donated by District 6380.

Henry reports there is increase in the numbers of prospective outbound foreign exchange students. Usually far more students come in than go out. The outbound students get interviewed on December 5 at our old lunch meeting place, the Zion church in Mount Clemens.

The district convention will be held in Chatham, Ontario from May 13 to 15, 2016. The hotel being reserved for Rotarians is next door to the convention center. Former governor Jeff Lichty is in charge.

Seoul, South Korea is the site of the next RI convention.



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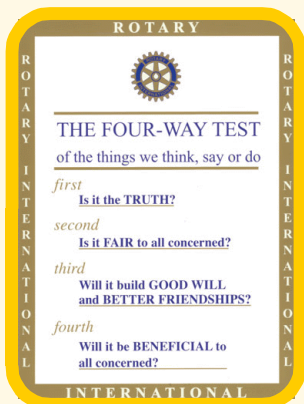


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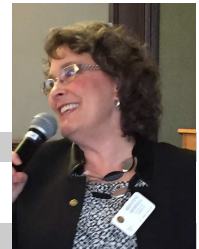
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Networking for your Business
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Jackie Johnston ~ Legislative Update
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Nancy Dedenbach /Freighter Frank

Minutes by Keith Lesperance ~ Photos by Don Carnaghi

Time meeting began: 12:15. Presiding Officer: **Kris Howell**. Rotarian leading the Pledge: All of us Rotarians. Giving the benediction: **Don Torline**. Menu: chicken and pasta – Partridge Creek



Flowers Sold by Beth Pryor

Keith Lesperance bought one for Karla Gardner.

Music – Rotarian leading the songs: Mark Zuccaro

Piano accompanist: Jennifer Gale

Songs sung: "Button Up Your Overcoat", "Helping Hand"

Goodwill

Tom Davies doing better and Kent Kukuk not doing well.



Recognition Led by Neil Dempsey

People recognized: **Eric Pierson** \$4, **Bob Selwa** \$4. Those who did not ring the bell for Salvation Army – a buck. **Jessica Johnson** did not sing U of M song – \$4.99. **Mary Ann Hosey** and **Bill Patterson** \$3 for picture. Mayor Dempsey \$4.99 for two articles and spoke to Kiwanis Club.

Speaker:

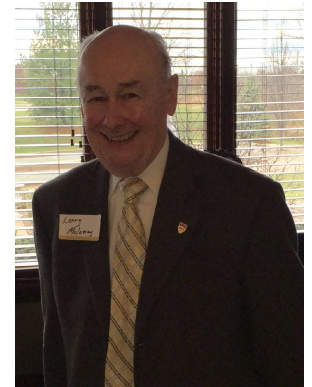
Crystal White: Her dad told her to find what you like to do free. "Hungry in Michigan" Her motto – "Don't like to preach, don't like to teach. I just like to REACH!"

I would like to point out how important it is to make every effort to attend weekly - JUST so you do not miss the details for yourself. I have been absent for at least six months and had forgot what a wonderful group of Rotarians our club possesses. I took this for granted which is wrong. Yes, I have a very good excuse since we have added a new division to Lee Printing Company. My new role has kept me extremely busy and takes up a lot of my day to day activity. BUT again, what is my purpose as a man, father, a husband, a grandfather, a business owner and especially a minister? To bring joy, love and compassion to those that I meet with on a daily basis. And isn't that the whole focus of ROTARY? Is it the truth? Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Yes, there are two more on The Four-Way Test, but FAIR and BENEFICIAL are just what I get out of it. TRUTH, GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS are what I get to GIVE. Don't lose sight of those wonderful attributes. How would I know to pray for Tom and Kent if I were not there? Be there and give, you DO make a difference. ROTARY truly IS what you put in!



50/50 amount: about 40 bucks.

Time meeting adjourned: 1:30 p.m.



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