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**Rotary**  
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**THE SPOKESPERSON**

**JUNE 16, 2016**

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(Michael Angelo Caruso)  
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Linda Davis  
FAN Families Against Narcotics  
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7/7  
Karen Palk  
A Beautiful Me  
7/21  
Boat Outing  
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8/11  
No Meeting  
Wine Tasting in the evening  
Italian American Cultural Society  
No Meeting  
8/22  
Greater Macomb Golf Outing  
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9/8  
District Governor  
Michael Angelo Caruso

On a day that the weather couldn't make up its mind to be sunny, foggy or rainy the members of the Mount Clemens Rotary were committed attend to its regular Thursday meeting. Since I arrived late, I'm sure President **Kris Howell** started on time and the Pledge and national anthem along with "The Four-Way Test" were performed perfectly. The blessing who ever gave it [**Lori Wright**], I'm sure, was appropriate for the day. Being last to the party I picked up the scraps of chicken, pasta, I was told there was broccoli, Caesar and tossed salads and rolls. Desserts never made it to my table but they are always tasty.



With only two meetings left in Pres. Kris's administration, she made the most of her presidential four minutes. Kris reflected on the past three years and how her life has evolved. With a couple housing moves, her father's passing, getting married (who could forget that party) along with a battle of cancer for her husband, her only constant was Rotary. Her commitment to serve really motivated her through the years. Looking back at it I'm sure it was a quick three years for her. Kris really drove the point of "get involved and be committed."

Some Rotarians have good memories. **Jeff (red wine) Furest** remembered (amazing) that I won the 50/50 two weeks ago. So I stepped up and tagged on to Pres. Kris comments of volunteering for committee work and getting involved, if you are asked say YES.

Someone dropped the ball on writing this week's bulletin and didn't get a replacement. Whoever it was should be fined. So I volunteered with alacrity.



RW Furest pushed the petals for birthdays and anniversaries. **Teri Donaldson** gained another year. **Dean (I'm not here) Belisle** has made it to 19 years of marriage. Along with Lori Wright married to Chuck for 32. **Don Oldham** attained the special 19/50-year pin with 19 years in Mount Clemens and 50 overall with other clubs.



**Tom Isett** counted on two fingers the years he has been in the club. Since I was playing catch up, scribe wise, I missed some flower recipients and guest hosts. Guests were: Linda May, Phil Rode, Paula Roman, Michelle Robertson, Richard Eliot, Joseph Casasanta, Kevin Evans, Shari McConnell, Gloria Murray, Rob Selwa and Kerry Janze.



*Today was a special day. We inducted two new members - Gloria Murray and Joseph Casasanta. Sam D'Angelo and Tom Isett were the sponsors. Pres. Kris gave the standard "do the deeds & serve the needs" speech that all made us very proud.*

**Cecilia Moloney** chose the songs of "God Bless America" (need a little of that right now according to her) and "Roll Rotary." This was one of Jennifer Gale's last performances and she was awesome.

Pres. Kris had Goodwill of 40 years as a life agent.

- Announcements consisted of **Val Miller** stating that a new membership directory will be coming out soon so make any changes on the circulated sheets or in ClubRunner online.
- **Rob Skippy Sogge** hauled in the North Channel Yacht Club for the boat outing July 21. There will be sign-up sheets for boat assignments over the next few weeks. Also you can come by car to Deckers Landing and a ferry will take you across the mighty North Channel.
- The Greater Macomb Golf outing is 8/22 at Graystone so sign up.

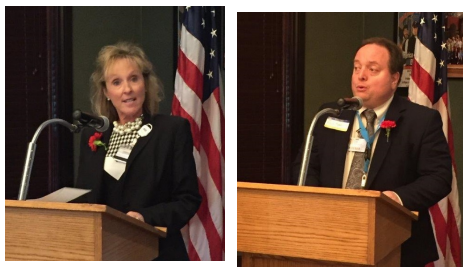
**RW Furest** was the “fine-ster” and went right to work. Soon to be fine-less **Mark Zuccaro** was assessed \$3.99 for a fantastic President’s Ball. Keeping it all in the family, **Al Zuccaro** got nicked \$3 for owning a car. **Mike Speedy O’Connor** has a new pocket rocket that can go 170 mph; he was ticketed for \$3. Jeff didn’t want to fine himself (chicken) for best-dressed so the award went to **Ray Glime** and **Paul Woodring** – \$3 apiece. Seems **Beth Pryor’s** husband likes to leave his swim trunks at other people’s houses, so losing the shorts cost her \$4.99. **Rheanne’s** popularity with Leadership Macomb excelled her \$5. Travelers in the group were **Art Niederkohr** Paris FR; **Nancy Dedenbach** San Fran.; **Ray Glime III**; **Tom Isett** Boyne MI. Various amounts were shelled out. Jeff F.’s toe got a little larger by way of his furniture coming out to bite him. **Mary Ann Hosey** knows a good doctor. **Tom Dastardly Davies** lost the new gavel \$5.



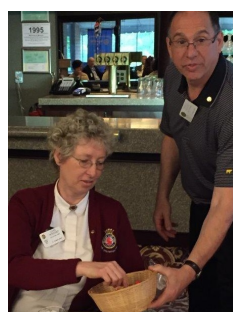
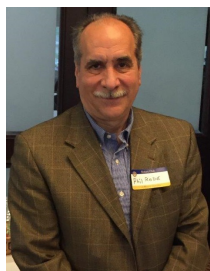
The club awarded three Paul Harris Fellowships to Jeff Furest and **Margo & Bob Baker**. It was great to see Margo and Bob after the long absence.



Check presentations were made to the Scleroderma Foundation Michigan Chapter, Martha T. Berry Medical Care Facility, Baker College of Clinton Township, Mount Clemens YMCA, CARE of Southeastern Michigan, Turning Point and Richmond Community Theatre.







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*Photography*  
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 Art Niederkohr  
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### Minutes by Ted DeVantier ~ Photos by Don Carnaghi and Jeff Furest

Incoming president **Mark Zuccaro** called the meeting to order, possibly a few minutes past 12:15 p.m. **Sam D'Angelo** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and national anthem. Mark led "The Four-Way Test" and **Nancy Dedenbach** offered the prayer of thanks and blessing. Lunch today at the Italian American Cultural Center included grilled chicken, baked eggplant, green beans and salad, white cake for dessert.

Mark let it be known that he was filling in for **President Kris** today and that today would be his inaugural address. Mark's first item was to recognize our latest Rotarian of the Year, **Sarah Lee**. Sarah received the award for going above and beyond with her many Rotary commitments. The award was made officially at the President's Ball.

There will be an evening event next Wednesday at the Detroit Yacht Club, sponsored by our own District 6380. It's a social gathering to get to know our new District Governor Michael Caruso. Open to all Rotarians and guests, check with Mark for more information.



Jennifer Gale, our talented club pianist, will be leaving us. **Mary Ann** brought Jennifer forward to receive our heartfelt appreciation and best wishes. Thanks Jennifer for sharing your talents with us.



With distinct Italian flair **Al Zuccaro** introduced today's guests. We welcomed; Kathy Zuccaro (*Katerina*) guest of Mark Z., Tom Sokal also a guest of Mark and John Calabrese (*Calabreeezzi*), guest of **Michelle Kelly**.

We also welcomed a visiting Rotarian from the Petoskey club, recently relocated to the area and here to check us out. For the Rotary Minute, **Bill Furest** was not present so **Jeff Furest** volunteered. Jeff remarked that he observed at the President's ball the family legacies that have been part of our club's rich history. These members that have introduced Rotary to the next generation(s) deserve special recognition. Well said.

**Ray Hernandez** pedaled the flowers. After several birthdays **Bob Selwa** bought one for Al Z for having the longest perfect club attendance. Michele Kelly bought one for our visitor from Petoskey, Sam D'Angelo for Kathy Zuccaro and Mary Ann for Mark Z., then **Bob Sogge** for Mary Ann for hosting a great board meeting.

**Cecilia Moloney** led us in song. We sang "Let There be Peace on Earth" and "Sing a Song to Rotary." (We will sure miss Jennifer.)





# Sunshine report

- Prayers requested for **Mike O'Connor** and family whose mother passed away this week.
- **Jeff Furest** indicated that his brother had been in an accident and is currently hospitalized with a very serious head injury. Recovery will be a long process.
- **Melissa Jackson** is home recovering from surgery; a card was circulated for get well wishes.
- **Bob Selwa** indicated that he had lost a long-term friend who worked with him at The Macomb Daily.

## Jeff Furest had the Recognition duties

Incoming president **Mark** was fined \$3, one for each minute he was late calling the meeting to order. Mark replied that it was really a courtesy to the members trickling in late to the meeting. Traveling members were identified and fined according to their adventures: **Mary Ann** went to Elk Rapids, **Sarah Lee** to Ontario, **Ken Kish** to Stratford, Ontario, **Ray Hernandez** to Calgary and **Jeff F.** to Mackinaw.

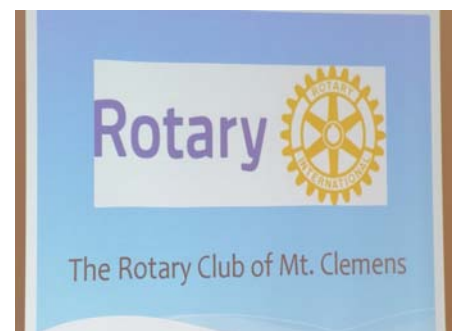
Sarah Lee was again recognized as our Rotarian of the Year. Each at her table willingly paid \$2 in her honor. **Frank Bernabei** was the most missed Rotarian. Forget the best dressed Rotarian; this week's prize was the "Heavy Red Flannel Shirt in June Award" for Bob Selwa. (He said he just likes flannel!)

What unusual event occurred this last week? **Stephanie Shelters** knew the answer: Summer Solstice with a full moon known as a Strawberry Moon. Sorry Jeff, no fine for knowing the answer. The next chance to see it is in 2078.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

6/17 DON MILLER  
6/17 MICHELLE (MARK) SMITH  
6/19 MARK ZUCCARO  
6/20 GLORIA MURRAY

### CELEBRATING A CLUB ANNIVERSARY! SANDRA ZETTEL (1)



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The final meeting of the **President Howell** administration ended aptly on June 30, the last day of the Rotary year. She rang the bell for the last time at 12:15 p.m. New member **Joe Casasanta** led the Pledge of Allegiance. We sang the national anthem a capella, a new normal until we find a pianist, and recited "The Four-Way Test." President Kris gave a most inspirational prayer, asking blessings for the new year to come on all the new officers and us. Kris has a calling in her PP days by joining the Davies/Wright team of may have meeting slot in the Zuccaro presidency.

We feasted on barbecue pork, mostaccioli (or a version of it), green beans, salad with oil and vinegar cruets (are we getting an Italian vibe?), and the usual wonderful fresh rolls and butter. Dessert was white cake with white frosting. What happened to the red and blue?

#### Guests and Visitors

Linda Davis, our speaker and guest of the club; Luca Dedenbach, guest of her grandmother, **Nancy**; Yousef Abedrabbo and Jane Selwa, guests of **Bob Selwa**; and Harold Henry, guest of **Gloria Murphy**.

#### The Rotary Five Minutes

Bob Selwa announced he transferred his membership to the Warren club, as it is closer to his home, and promises not to be stranger at our club. He asked his guest, Yousef Abedrabbo, to stand and tell his story. Yousef was born and raised in Bethlehem. In 2004, he had the opportunity to attend the

Latin Patriarchate School in Beit Jala through being sponsored by Jane and Bob Selwa. He and his family came to the U.S. in 2008 and last year Yousef graduated from California State University. He is an American citizen (wore red, white and blue tie), lives in California and now works for Federated Insurance Company. His job took him to Grand Rapids where he decided to look up Bob and Jane. Yousef said he could have easily been a dropout working construction in Bethlehem if he never had the tuition help from the Selwas. A good deed has paid off and it will continue. We, sitting next to him, told him to consider applying to be a Rotary Peace Fellow. At the very least he will become a new member of some lucky Orange County Rotary club.



#### Flowers pedaled by Art Niederkohr

No member or partner birthdays. June being the wedding month, there were three Rotarian anniversaries: Tom and **Mary Ann Hosey**; Lisa and **Paul Woodring**; and **Bob and Margo Baker**. Club anniversaries were **Cecilia Moloney**, **Mark Zuccaro**, **Suzanne Coats** and **Elsa Silverman**. **Ray Glime** bought a flower for Harold Henry, former Macomb County court reporter (who, coincidentally bought the former Bill Lee home on Breitmeyer Place, Mount Clemens); Yousef Abedrabbo by Bob Selwa; **Sarah Lee** for Kris Howell's last official day; Linda Davis by **Liz Vogel** and Luca Dedenbach by **Neil Dempsey**.

## Sunshine

Anthony Zuccaro, son of **Mark**, is in the hospital with a liver issue. We had no further news on **Bill Furest's** son, Jeff's brother, who was seriously injured in an accident up north.

## From Rob Sogge

If you have not already signed up for the Rotary boat outing scheduled for July 21 and would like to attend, please RSVP at [robsogge@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robsogge@sbcglobal.net) or give me a call at 586-322-8017. If you have not attended our boat outing in the past and would like to know more about it, give me a call. We have boat captains scheduled to escort you to and from the North Channel Yacht Club for a fun day in the sun and dinner. The cost is \$35 per person. Spouses, guests and friends are welcome.

## Boat Outing

July 21 in place of the regular meeting. There is one more meeting before the outing. If you haven't signed up, see **Rob Sogge** for a boat assignment and choose your entrée. This year the outing has a new venue. If you're unable to take the afternoon off, you can drive to close by and take a ferry to the yacht club.

## Music

**Cecilia Moloney** made some smart choices with "God Bless America" and "R-o-t-a-r-y" since we are sans piano. We didn't sound too bad a cappella, actually.

## Goodwill

**Sarah Lee** proudly announced she won the role of Queen Aggravian in the Richmond Community Theatre's production of Once a Mattress. Fellow Rotarian (MIA) and her brother, **Robert**, also won a role as the Wizard and niece, Virginia, as the luckless Lady Larkin. Of course, a Rotary event will be planned to attend a performance in September.

## RECOGNITION

**Glenn Burton** set up a clever quiz show by giving each table an unmarked sealed envelope. Each table was asked a Rotary trivia question and if they answered correctly, they paid no fine. If they answered wrong, their fine amount (per table member) was inside the envelope. Thanks to having **Bob Selwa** at your scribe's table, we answered correctly and got off scot-free! Other tables not so lucky.

**Ken Kish, Ray Glime, Jim Haselwood and Don Oldham** didn't know the name of the first Rotary club formed outside the U.S., (Winnipeg) \$5 each. **Dave Meldrum** and Neil Dempsey didn't know where the first Rotary club in Europe was organized: \$2 each. **Karla Gardner and Elsa Silverman** didn't know what Rotary club was the first to induct women (Seattle) but I didn't catch their fine.

**Nancy Dedenbach's** table benefitted from Nancy answering correctly that the percentage of women worldwide in Rotary is 15%. (We have 37% women members in our club.) **Don Carnaghi** made a valiant attempt to calculate the average number of members in a club. He was off enough to have to open the envelope and inform his table mates to fork over a buck each: **Beth Pryor, Chuck O'Grady, Mary Ann Hosey and Gloria Murphy**. Finally, at no table in particular, Glenn asked what was the official motto of the Rotary deep sea divers: Surface Above Self.

Glenn's last two minutes of Recognition went to fining **Larry Neal** for generously taking his nephews to Spain for two weeks. Hope the treasurer caught the fine because your scribe missed it.

## Meet the Governor Night at the Detroit Yacht Club





## SPEAKER: The Honorable Linda Davis, Update on FAN – Families Against Narcotics

This is Judge Davis's second time speaking to us on the pandemic of prescription opiate abuse in **our** county. The first time she shared her story of her daughter's addiction to heroin after being prescribed opiates for an injury. Judge Davis went on to create FAN.



Prescription Opiate Abuse has become the number one health crisis the U.S. is facing, according to President Obama. More Americans become unwittingly addicted to opiate drugs, even though legally prescribed, thanks to 90-day prescriptions written by their doctors. Ten years this was recognized as a problem and nothing was done.

FAN is a loose-based coalition that has grown to 19 chapters in Michigan. They have created 25 recommendations they hope will be implemented across the state. Governor Snyder is on board. FAN has succeeded in putting NARCAN, an overdose antidote, in police cars in all the communities, except one, in Macomb County. It is very easy to overdose on opiates; one extra pill could do it. Anyone having opiate prescriptions should also have the antidote, available over the counter, at hand. FAN recently presented to dentists on the dangers of writing 30/90 day prescriptions of Vicodin to their patients, many of them children, for pain. The dentists were amazed and

agreed to write scripts for three days only. FAN is now working with hospitals to have a peer coach on hand to treat addicts who come into the ER, getting them into treatment programs, not jail. Insurance companies don't know how to treat addiction; they often only pay for four days in rehab. Four days is not enough to cure addiction. There is a new implant that will block opiates and alcohol from getting to the brain. The FDA won't approve it because of the expense involved. A Good Samaritan bill is in the Michigan legislature that will give immunity to people dropping off an overdosing person to a hospital, as opposed to risking arrest. In the Q and A period, it was noted that Walgreens will notify a MD not to write more refills for someone who continually gets refills filled every month.

FAN has to fight the stigma of addiction that it's an inner-city problem only, by saying: Stop judging. Let's work together for solutions.



FAN's annual fundraiser is coming up, Run Drugs Out of Town, on Sunday, July 16, at Fraser High School, a 5K run/walk and 10K run. Follow the link for registration, sponsorships and information: <http://www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org/run-drug-out-of-town>

From the Washington Post, July 6, 2016: "Pfizer, the world's second-largest drug company, has agreed to a written code of the marketing of opioids that some officials hope will set a standard for manufacturers of narcotics and help curb the use of painkillers. Though Pfizer does not sell as many opioids as some competitors, its action sets it apart from companies that have been accused of fueling an epidemic of opioid abuse."

***Next meeting: July 13***  
***President Kris will speak on her Rotary year.***  
***No meeting July 7.***

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# Meet the Governor Night party June 29 at the Detroit Yacht Club



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**P**resident **Mark Zuccaro** started the meeting at 12:15pm. **Karla Gardner** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Jeff Furest** led us in singing the national anthem. The president led us in reciting "The Four-Way Test." **Tom Davies** gave the invocation. A delicious lunch of baked chicken, green beans, salad, manicotti, rolls, and desert was served.

### PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **There will be no regular meeting next week because of the boat outing.**
- Members are reminded to bring their accounts current.
- We are looking for a new piano player. Any recommendation is welcome.
- **Ray Glime** is working on new signage for the club meeting. The LED sign in front of the I.A.C.C. now announces the meetings on Thursdays. Other signs will be put up showing our new location.

**ROTARY MINUTE:** **Neil Dempsey** was assigned the Rotary Minute. He suggested that perhaps we no longer needed to have the Rotary Minute because everything had already been said. But then he discussed the need for attendance. He pointed out that we need to get some members to start coming back. In this writer's opinion, we should keep the Rotary Minute going to remind members of the need for better attendance.

**GUESTS:** **Beth Pryor** introduced Josefine Storceski, Donna Vanneste, Patrick Keyes, and Miss Luca Dedenbach.



**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:** **Don Oldham** celebrated his 92nd birthday. Nancy Dedenbach's husband Ron had a birthday. **Mike O'Connor** had a wedding anniversary. **Bill Patterson** also had a wedding anniversary.

**FLOWERS:** **Ray Hernandez** sold the flowers. Beth Pryor gave one to **Melissa Jackson**. **Eric Pierson** bought one for **Glenn Burton** for mixing golf with tequila. **Sam D'Angelo** gave one to **Cecilia Moloney**.

**SONGS:** **Paul Woodring** had the fun task of leading us in songs a capella. We sang "In the Good Old Summertime" and "R-O-T-A-R-Y."

**SUNSHINE REPORT:** **Mike O'Connor** thanked the club for the sympathy over his mother's death. Jeff Furest stated his brother had received a titanium plate in his head and was recovering. He also said **Bill Furest** was recovering from knee surgery.

**BOAT OUTING:** **Bob Sogge** reminded us of the boat outing will take place Thursday, July 21. He passed out the boat assignments for the individual members.

**OKTOBERFEST:** **Sam D'Angelo** is in charge of the first annual Oktoberfest. It will be at the Carpathia Club. He promises there will be plenty of sausage, German food, beer, wine, and singing. He is asking for volunteers to help with the party. Does he need a volunteer to sample the booze?

## RECOGNITION

**B**ill Patterson was fined \$2 for having his cell phone ring during the invocation. He claimed it was a call from God. **Tom Davies** was fined \$5 for his recent trip to Australia. All the other club members who left town over the July 4th weekend paid a dollar. **Bob Lee** was fined \$1 for not knowing that Linda May is now in charge of the district bulletin [for about 18 years.]. **Dave Meldrum** was fined \$1 on general principles. **Bob Cannon** was fined \$2 for not soliciting campaign funds. **Ray Hernandez** was fined \$2 for too many campaign fund mailings. **Mary Ann Hosey, Beth Pryor** and **Valerie Miller** were each fined \$1 for being in a secret group called The Fab Five. **Julie Huttenlocher** was fined \$1 for her pretty jewelry. **Jeff Furest** was fined \$5 for a strange golf story involving a Japanese beetle he carries in his pocket.



## LECTURE

**E**lsa Silverman introduced our speakers. They were Donna Vanneste and Josefine Storceski. They told us of a new confidence-building program for young girls. It is called "A Beautiful Me." This program is primarily to build self esteem in 4th and 5th grade girls. The program has four weekly two-hour sessions. Over 6,000 girls have already been helped. Referrals come from teachers. The program is designed to counter the negative self images foisted on young girls by modern media and social pressures. Many parents report that their own self esteem goes up when their children go through this program.



The program is based on the idea that positive words and affirmations improve how people think of themselves.

It is interesting to note that this program started in Macomb County in 2008. It was started by Karen Palka who found her own daughter was suffering from low self esteem. Their website is [www.ABeautifulMe.com](http://www.ABeautifulMe.com)

50/50: Valerie Miller won \$26. Hopefully she will give us a Rotary Minute next week.

**President Mark** adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.





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### CALENDAR

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8/9  
Wine Tasting Italian American  
Cultural Center
- 8/22  
Greater Macomb Golf Outing
- 9/8  
District Governor  
Michael Angelo Caruso

### Minutes by Bob Lee

Thursday's meeting was gaveled to order by our President **Mark Zuccaro**. **Beth Pryor** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Our new piano player, Mark Felts, played "The Star-Spangled Banner." Sure felt good having piano accompaniment again. President Mark led us in reciting "The Four-Way Test." **Tom Davies** gave a nice prayer.



Lunch, surprisingly, was boiled chicken. We had rigatoni in tomato sauce, broccoli, salad, rolls and butter. While eating lunch with **Bob Morris** I found out why he sits closest to the dessert table. He got there first and took the biggest piece of chocolate cake. It was delicious, he stated.

### PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Mark introduced our new piano player, Mark Felts. Mark said he was a retired school teacher from Romeo. He earned degrees at Michigan State and Wayne State. He leads a church choir which is where he knows **Bill Patterson**. In spite of that, Mark decided to play piano for our group.

President Mark led us in praise of **Bob Sogge** and **Don Carnaghi** for that fantastic boat outing last week at North Channel Yacht Club.

There will be a wine tasting party on August 10 at the IACC. Members are encouraged to bring friends who might become prospective members. If they drink enough, they might sign up on the spot.

### GUESTS & VISITORS

Beth Pryor introduced three guests. They were our speaker, Ron Roberts, Dione Blain, and Luca Dedenbach. We sang out our welcome song to them, to the fine playing of the piano by Mark Felts. Somehow **Bob Selwa** was overlooked as a guest. Bob had the record for most visits by a guest before finally joining the club. Now he promises to set a record for most visits by a former member.

### ROTARY MINUTE

**Valerie Miller** showed a chart showing our club had donated about \$433,000 to the community in recent years, despite the decline in membership. We are down to 67 members from 120 in the past. So bring some friends to our meetings. And to the wine tasting.

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

We sang "Happy Birthday" to **Karla Gardner**. Bob Sogge got a flower for his wife's birthday. **Lori Wright** got one for her husband. **Al Zuccaro** got a flower for his 64th wedding anniversary. Valerie Miller celebrated 13 years as a club member.

### FLOWERS

**Ray Hernandez** passed out flowers. Al Zuccaro bought one for his son Mark. Mark in turn bought flowers for Diane Blain and Ron Roberts.

### SONGS

**Paul Woodring** was sure glad to have a piano player. Unfortunately the club was a bit off on timing when we sang "Ain't We Got Fun." We did better with "Roll Rotary."



## GOODWILL & SUNSHINE REPORT

**Nancy Dedenbach** has been talking on the telephone with our old friend Phil Groh. Phil was a member with over 30 years membership, always with perfect attendance. He was a two-time winner of Rotarian of the Year. He is in poor health and could use some cheering up. Would someone like to bring him to a meeting?

## CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sam D'Angelo** reported Michelle Weiss has arranged to have Rotary meeting information posted on the electronic information board on Crocker Avenue in Mount Clemens. Sam also mentioned four new locations for meeting signs are being chosen.

**Kris Howell** reminded the club of the golf outing fundraiser for the Salvation Army. It will be August 22. Members can come for both golf and dinner, or just dinner.

**Sarah Lee** promised a fantastic wine tasting experience. Champagne, two whites, and two reds will be passed out. If the guests are not themselves passed out they can go to the cash bar. There will be a pasta buffet dinner.

## RECOGNITION

My old friend **GLENN BURTON** was in charge of fines. He fined your correspondent for failing to mention GLENN'S role as the fine master two weeks ago. I forgot the old rule that you can't cheese off the fine master until you write the last Spokesperson of the month. By the time he reads it his term as fine master is up. Anyways, I paid \$3 for that and for minor mistakes recounting GLENN'S fines two weeks ago.

**Bob Morris** was fined \$4 for being hit five times by golf balls.

**Paul Woodring's** table was fined \$1 a head for not knowing what the largest age group of club members was.

**Ken Kish** was recognized for his part in the S.P.J. (Society of Professional Journalists). GLENN tried to see if your correspondent knew what that meant. I did.

**Bob Sogge** was recognized for the boat outing last week.

**Chuck O'Grady** was fined \$2 for bringing two hot women to the boat outing.

**Sarah Lee** was \$2 fined for the lovely black dress she wore.

**Valerie Miller** was fined \$4 for getting lost at sea, i.e., sloshed, on the way to the boat outing.

**Nancy Dedenbach** was fined \$4 for losing at a euchre game. Somehow she thought the winners were guilty because they were drunk when they defeated her.

GLENN BURTON proceeded to auction off a Good Threads belt made by his nephew. Kris Howell paid \$25 for it.



## LECTURE

President Mark introduced Ron Roberts, who is the head of the Chippewa Valley Educational Foundation. Ron started as a teacher in 1978. Later he became a principal and then a director of the school district. He now runs the Chippewa Valley Educational Foundation.

Ron presented a PowerPoint presentation. It showed the district has 850 teachers and over 2,000 employees. Chippewa Valley started in 1994 as a K-8 school. In 1959 it became a school district. In 1965 it graduated its first high school students. Most of the schools in the district have Native American names represented by the Chippewa, Ottawa, and Potawatomi tribes of Michigan - "People of the Three Fires." The district grew from 2,000 students in 1970 to 16,500 students in 2015. It is the seventh largest school district in Michigan. Seventy-four percent of the graduating students enroll in a college in the first semester after high school graduation. Half of each graduating class attains a four-year degree after six years. There are many community outreach programs that have been set up. One of them is the ConnectedED Library Challenge. This program encourages all students to have a library card and to know the resources in the local library.

Ninth grade students are given their own special schools within their high school. This is done to develop close relationships within the freshman cohort.

The very best students are allowed to go to the International Academy of Macomb. These students are trained in a special curriculum and their diploma is recognized around the world. Roberts pointed out that the competition is fierce to get into the academy. However, many of the students who don't qualify go on to have excellent academic careers in the regular high school in the district.

## 50-50

GLENN BURTON won \$35.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

7/17	CHERYL (BOB) CANNON
7/25	MATTHEW RIGOTTI (PATRICIA KAUFMAN)
7/26	JESSICA JOHNSON
7/27	MARY KAY (ROB) SOGGE
7/27	CHUCK (LORI) WRIGHT

## HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

7/26	AL & LILLIAN ZUCCARO (64)
7/28	JEFF & KELLY OLDHAM (32)

## CELEBRATING A CLUB ANNIVERSARY!

VALERIE MILLER (13)

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8/10  
Wine Tasting Italian American  
Cultural Center  
8/11  
Marcy Colton Deaf Can  
8/18  
Thomas Buhl Racing for Kids  
8/22  
Greater Macomb Golf Outing  
8/25  
Jonathon Citrin  
Citrin Media Group - Media commentator  
•  
9/1  
Joe Petrosky  
MCC Dean of Engineering & Technology  
9/8  
Michael Caruso District Governor  
9/15  
John Rhea  
Macomb County Planning  
9/22  
Diana Rascano Paws 1 Heart  
9/29  
Lou Fazzini All the World's a Stage  
•  
10/6  
Carmen Wargel MCDVC

**M**ark Zuccaro, president, called the meeting to order at 12:14 p.m. and led us in "The Four-Way Test."



Mark Felts played the national anthem as we all sang along, **Don Oldham** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Tom Davies** did the blessing. Lunch was sirloin roast, with rice, salad, steamed broccoli, and yummy desserts.



*We have lost a wonderful Rotarian and a good friend. Love and sympathy to Neil's wife Barb and his family from his Rotary family.*

### PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark acknowledged our new banners and thanked **Elsa, Kris and Sam** for their hard work.

District Governor Michael Caruso is coming to the club September 8. Mark would like a huge turnout to welcome Michael on his first official visit. Guests will be charged \$12 for that date, and members will be charged the regular rate.



Mark also reminded us that we can do makeups online and complimented **Jessie Johnson** who has done nine makeups online this year.

### GUESTS & VISITORS

**Al Zuccaro** read the guest list. **Bob Cannon** brought Rob Amsler and former District Governor **Don Riddell** dropped by for a visit. Tom Sokol was a guest. We all sang "We Are Glad to See You Here at Rotary" to our guests.



Music was led by **Sarah Lee** and the songs were "In the Good Old Summertime," and "All Hail to Rotary."



### ROTARY MINUTE

**Glenn Burton** gave us an update on how sailors from his club were doing at the Olympics.

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**Jim Haselwood's** birthday was July 31 and **Patricia Kaufman's** was August 3.

**Gloria Murray** sold flowers today. **Kris Howell** for Jessica Johnson; **Don Riddell** for Kris Howell; **Glenn Burton** for Rob Amsler; **Ray Glime** for **Tom Davies**; **Mark Zuccaro** for Sarah; **Larry Neal** for Gloria; **Julie H** for **Beth Pryor**.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Karan Bates Gasior's** son got his first modeling job.
- **Bill Patterson** – His son is at MSU this summer doing an internship on sports medicine with the Spartans Football team. Go Green.
- **Sarah Lee** announced the Rotary Wine Tasting event is taking place at the IAC on August 10. It looks like we have 20-25 people going at this point.
- **Elsa** announced that we will again be collecting money for backpacks and school supplies for Turning Point. She will be collecting money for the next three Thursdays. Both **Beth Pryor** and **Julie Huttenlocher** have offered to help shop. Ladies LET'S GO POWER SHOPPING!

## RECOGNITION – TOM DAVIES

**F**ines: **Mark Z** was fined just because he's the president – \$4. **Julie Huttenlocher** was fined for traveling \$4 (Isn't that a basketball fine?) **Bill Patterson** was fined for traveling to Arizona \$4. Tom Sokol who isn't even a member was fined for traveling to Mackinac Island, \$4. **Jessie** was

fined for online makeups at \$4.50, **Bob Cannon's** picture for the upcoming Gratiot Cruise of him riding in an old Cadillac \$5. **Kevin Kelley** for Most Missed at \$3. **Larry Neal** for traveling at \$3. **Elsa** for using her Ipad (to do club business) \$3. **Bob Lee** was fined for hiding the flower list \$3, and **Sarah** was fined because **Tom** used a songbook paid for by Bill Lee \$3.



## PAST PRESIDENT'S SPEECH KRIS HOWELL



**K**ris talked about the how much she had enjoyed the year, and how we as a Rotary club we have made such strides to move beyond our four walls and really become more involved in the community at large. More visibility and a defined role to improve membership, especially among younger members was a key component for this year. Our participation at the Armada Fair, the Zoo walk, and attending many events in the community helped to get our name out there. Kris also made strides in reaching out to other smaller clubs and this year we are having a golf outing with Richmond, Sterling Heights, Romeo, and calling it the Greater Macomb Rotary Clubs.

50-50 was won by **Chuck O'Grady**.



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