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

Our March 24 meeting fell on a cold and rainy day, but the stalwart Rotarians still showed up for great fun and good food. **President Howell** called us to order at 12:15. **Rheanne Suszek** led the Pledge. We sang the national anthem to Jennifer Gale's accompaniment and listened to Major **Lori Wright's** wonderful blessing. The group then lined up for (in order) rolls, salad, green beans, penne marinara and chicken parmigiana. The pastries came up late but were snapped up, including many by your scribe.

President's Announcements: President Kris put out an urgent ask for sponsors for our fundraiser next month. Sponsorship sheets are available on line at mountclemensrotary.org.

Guests and Visitors: Major Lori introduced Kevin Kelly, guest of **Mark Zuccaro** and Michelle Weiss, our speaker.



Rotary Minute by Eric Pierson: Eric said he loves to brag about the money we raise at our annual fundraisers. He urged everyone to donate something to the fundraiser.



Flowers: Back in town (too early) snowbird **Nancy Dedenbach** announced two member birthdays: **Bob Leslie** and **Fred Duemling**, and no other birthday/anniversaries. We sang happy birthday to Bob. Other flowers were sold to **Jeffrey Furest**, for his son's quarter-century birthday; your scribe bought a bloom each for **Larry Neal** and **Ken Kish** for bulletin duties in her absence; **Mark Zuccaro** for his guest, Kevin; **Bill Patterson** for **Valerie Miller**, for "going on town on the baskets"; **Karla Gardner** for Michelle Weiss and President Kris for **Elsa Silverman**.

Music: **Rob Sogge** chose "Easter Parade" and "Viva Rotary," accompanied by the glass trio. I discovered on Google there is a question about the rotogravure reference in "Easter Parade." Rotogravure was mechanical printing process that engraved an image on a cylinder and used in the 19th and 20th centuries. It became its own section in the newspaper, a precursor to "People Magazine" and Facebook.

Sunshine Reports: Jeff Furest reported his father, **Bill**, is ahead of his recovery schedule, says hello and many thanks for calls. Bob Leslie said **Frank Bernabei** is home now and recovering from heart surgery. Fred Duemling is in rehab and enjoyed his birthday party.

Fundraiser: Mark Zuccaro said we are less than a month out. The invitations have been sent out and if you didn't get one, see him. If you'd like more to send to your friends, see him for that. Bill Patterson gave out a thank-you for the help he got for his basket.



Recognition by Bob Leslie

Taking pictures for “the spokesperson,” **Jeff Furest** was tapped \$2 for being the best-dressed. He then took a selfie. Most missed Rotarian had to go to **Nancy Dedenbach** (Florida and a week in Cuba), \$3. Anyone who didn’t bring cat food or wine to **Bill Patterson** were fined \$1. March Madness, of course, had to make

an appearance. **Chuck O’Grady** was allowed his time to gloat over Notre Dame beating the University of Michigan. UM grads were asked to stand and explain why this happened. **Julie Huttenlocher** very perceptively said, “We were in shock over MSU losing so much we forgot to show up.” \$2 for all UM grads. MSU grads, being a higher seed, paid \$3, for their loss. Those who went out of town were asked to stand and confess: Bill Patterson, skiing in Keystone, Colorado, \$3; **Julie Huttenlocher**, \$5, for going the furthest to Bora Bora; your scribe stood for her trips to Kalamazoo for PETS and Orlando and was fortunate her table got fined \$1; **Elsa Silverman** paid \$3 for her Bermuda cruise and **Don Carnaghi**, \$3, for not catching stone crab, while fishing off some island.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

3/20 FRED DUEMLING

3/23 BOB LESLIE



Speaker

Michelle Weiss, Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority, introduced by **Rheanne Suszek**. Michelle, or Micki, as she is known, gave us the rundown of the 2016 calendar. New this year will be a seasonal calendar of events in downtown Mount Clemens.

The Farmers Market is opening May 7 with a Made in Michigan Show. Mount Clemens City Sneakers, a walk/run club, meets the first Tuesday of each month, at 5:45 p.m., starting May 24 at Three Blind Mice. The outdoor concerts by the Anton Art Center take place the first Thursday of June-September. Santa Parade will be Saturday, November 19 with Small Business Saturday on November 26.

New Year’s Eve has two parties: one for the little ones and a later one for adults. February has the ice show, October the Halloween Spooktacular and the Christmas Open House. Micki urged us to check their Facebook page or check their website: downtownmountclemens.com.

Micki saved the best news to last. The old Macomb Theater has been purchased by John Hanna, a Royal Oak developer, who will transform it back into a theater, with a marque and all! It will be the centerpiece of our downtown, according to Micki, and opening the first of June or July.

John Hanna is interested in bringing back to life other properties. Micki described him as our Dan Gilbert, and after so many hard years for the downtown, he has been a godsend. When asked about the fate of the old Macomb Daily building on Cass, Micki said her lips were sealed but with a twinkle in her eye to mean that something is cooking there.

50/50: **Valerie Miller** won, \$26.



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■ **Guests and Visitors:** Major Lori announced our guests: Kevin and Michelle Kelly and Cathy Zuccaro, guests of **Mark Zuccaro** and Jeran Culina, our speaker and guest of **Elsa Silverman**. They were treated to our unique welcoming song.

■ **President's Announcements:** President Kris gave the sad news that Rotarian Jack Hart had passed away. He will be remembered in the memorial service May 15 at the district conference.

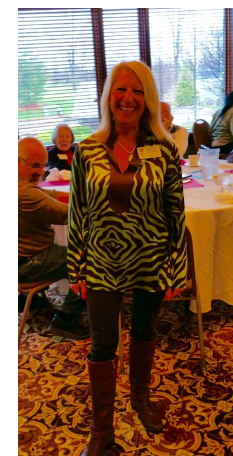
■ **District Conference:** This year it's in Chatham, Ontario from May 13 to 15. Conference packages are available in U.S. dollars but hotel accommodations are in Canadian dollars. Passport or enhanced driver's license required to cross the border. Information and registration are available at rotary6380.org. The highlight to President Kris has been the exchange student program and the Rotary scholars. Expand your Rotary world by this year attending the district conference.

■ **Rotary Minute by Valerie Miller:** Valerie complimented the fundraiser committee for its hard work and the membership for their generosity. And, now, the important part is selling tickets. Without people to bid on the items, there will be no money to give away in June. Buy your tickets now and bring your friends. The table registration is down compared to previous years.

■ **Birthdays and Anniversaries:** Bob Lee read the list of birthday Rotarians of whom only **Bob Morris** was present. No partner birthdays. However, a big first year anniversary to our president, who was married at the fundraiser last year. We sang happy birthday to Bob.

■ **Flowers:** Bob Selwa for Beth Pryor for the fabulous euchre tournament party; Sal D'Angelo for our speaker and our accompanist, Jennifer; Mark Zuccaro for his wife, Cathy and his guest, the Kellys; and President Kris for your scribe.

■ **Music:** We sang "Happy Days are Here Again" and "R-O-T-A-R-Y."



Goodwill Announcements:

Glenn Burton asked if we'd like meet Detroit's only Olympians for the summer games in Rio de Janeiro. They are members of Glenn's club, Bayview Yacht Club, and need to self-fund their trip to Rio. The BYC is holding a fundraiser Sunday, April 10, from 4 to 6 p.m. (\$45 for appetizers, beer and wine) to help with their expenses. The U.S. government, unlike other countries, does not fund any of the U.S. Olympian contenders. Call 313-822-1853 to register.

Sunshine Announcements:

Bill Furest has been cleared to drive, much to the relief of his wife, Carey, as reported by son **Jeff**. It is a still a long haul for Bill, though. **Jennifer Morgan** is feeling under the weather.

Announcements:

Mark Zuccaro echoed the need to buy tickets to the fundraiser. Now, Rotarians, we are notorious for waiting for the last minute to buy tickets. We approached the "Last Minute" mark so let's help Mark get some sleep this week by buying our tickets.

Recognition by Bob Leslie:

Glenn Burton was asked if he mentioned Rotary in his Olympian announcement. Quick-thinking Glenn said he would buy the first cocktail for any Rotarian who attended and so got his fine reduced to \$3. Bob's table decided the best-dressed, or should we say, the most colorful, Rotarian was **Val Miller** who paid \$3 for the honor. Bob then asked **Ken Kish** if his column was fact-checked which got Ken's attention. Bob's real victim, however, was **Cecilia Moloney**, \$5, for having such an opinionated husband, the subject of Ken's column. **Jackie Johnston** was recognized on the front page of The Macomb Daily for announcing her retirement. Her table mates, including your scribe, were fined \$1. By way of fining **Mark Zuccaro** \$4 for the location of his injured finger (the middle), Bob asked wife Cathy about placing third in the euchre tournament. She said she tied for third and Mark took all the money. **Jeff Furest** was then asked how he did in the tournament which Jeff swiftly said "no comment" and paid \$3. Next up for fines was anyone who ever worked at Talmer Bank. There was a robbery

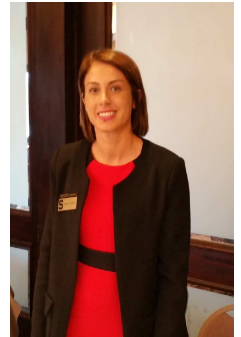


there this week and Bob held up the picture of the suspect. Was that **Neil Dempsey**? No, but he had to pay \$3 anyway. **Dave Meldrum** \$2 for a picture of himself with a "lovely female companion."

50/50: A very happy Jeff Furest won \$25.
Rotary minute man next week.

Speaker: 4-H Club MSU Extension, Jeran Culina

Many people think of 4-H when they attend a country fair and see animals raised by 4-H students. That is the traditional 4-H. Sometime ago, 4-H set up an urban version, helping urban youth, not by raising animals but by raising their self-esteem. We learned about this new 4-H from our speaker, Jeran Culina, with the Michigan State University (MSU) Extension Services. Jeran grew up in Muskegon and holds dual citizenship with Canada and the U.S. She graduated from the State University of New York and came to work for the MSU Extension. She found a love for Mount Clemens as it reminded her of where she grew up. She has been actively involved with the Mount Clemens High School students. She set up peer mentoring with the freshmen and the seniors. Mount Clemens has no music department so Jeran brought in a music teacher twice a month because her kids have great voices. A juvenile detection mentoring program starts July 1. Jeran has set up art therapy classes and financial literacy for the parents. Funding for her program comes from MSU, grants she writes and out of her own pocket. There is a great demand for adult mentors. To be one requires a reference/background check and attending a one-day class. Mentors are matched to students. 4-H began with the land-grant universities, of which Michigan State University is one. Farmers were too busy to learn new agricultural methods that came out of research at MSU. The idea was to bring the ideas to their children so they could teach their parents.



Top Five Reasons to Attend the District Conference

#5 Reason to Attend the Conference – Discover Something New

This year's conference offers an outstanding combination of information, inspiration, and entertainment. You will hear from exceptional speakers and learn something new in breakout sessions. There will also be time to browse booths in the House of Friendship to learn about exciting projects Rotarians in District 6380 are doing in our communities and communities around the world.

#4 Reason to Attend the Conference – Be Inspired by Rotary Youth!

Rotary Youth Exchange – always a district conference favorite. You will have an opportunity to meet students from around the world as they proudly display their country's flag and share their experiences in adjusting to Michigan and Ontario culture.

#3 Reason to Attend the Conference – Celebrate the Rotary Year

The conference is a great opportunity to join District Governor Henry Dotson and celebrate all District 6380 has achieved in 2015-2016. We will toast our accomplishments at the Friday night Beach Party and continue the celebration on Saturday at our cocktail reception followed by dinner and entertainment.

#2 Reason to Attend the Conference

Network to Find a Project Partner - Rotary grants are trending toward more inter-club collaboration to accomplish greater impact service projects. The conference is the best place to form new alliances to accomplish more than ever. When Rotarians work shoulder to shoulder to improve lives of those less fortunate, bonds of friendship naturally result.

#1 Reason to Attend the Conference – It's FUN!

Rotary Friendships! Make new ones, renew old ones, and build on existing ones! William Butler Yeats said: "There are no strangers here; only friends you haven't yet met." Rotarians who have attended a conference in the past have indicated it was the highlight of their Rotary year. As Woody Allen said "80 percent of success is showing up," so why not join the FUN!



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Minutes by Sarah Lee ~ Photos by Jeff Furest & Jessica Johnston

Another rainy, cold day for our April 7 meeting. What is up with the weather? Still, hearty Rotarians – those not on spring break – stood at attention when President **Kris Howell** rang the bell at 12:15 p.m. to bring the meeting to order. **Tom Islett** led the pledge. We recited “The Four-Way Test” and sang the national anthem. Major **Lori Wright** gave the blessing. Lunch was green salad, rolls, Italian wedding soup, pasta with steak, green beans and chocolate and vanilla cake for dessert.



The Rotary Minute: Jeff Furest told a story about being an MC for a Rotary event.

Guests and Visitors: We welcomed Charles Wickins of the Birmingham Rotary Club and Kevin Kelly, guest of **Mark Zuccaro**. Kevin works for Rotary International as a Major Gifts Giving Officer (Zone 29) and lives in Macomb Township. He will be joining our club.

Flowers: No member or spouse birthdays. **Neil Dempsey** and **Ray Glime** were given flowers for their wedding anniversaries: Ray for 62 years, Neil for 46 years. **Bob Cannon** had a club anniversary. **Robert Lee** bought a flower for President Kris and **Sarah Lee** for their work on his skit; Mark Zuccaro bought a flower for Robert Lee for writing the skit; President Kris gave a flower to **Beth Pryor** for subbing for the vacationing **Valerie Miller**; and Beth bought one for **Don Carnaghi**.

Music by Jeff Furest: With Opening Day tomorrow, we sang “Take Me Out to the Ball Game” and “Sing a Song to Rotary.”

Goodwill: **Bob Morris** announced his granddaughter had been promoted to corporal in the Marines. Don Carnaghi said he saw **Frank Bernabei** the previous night and Frank looked good. Hopefully he will be back soon. **Glenn Burton** repeated his offer for a free drink and the chance to meet a future Olympian racer as his sailing club’s fundraiser April 10.

Announcements: April 13 is the deadline to purchase an ad or sponsorship for our fundraiser April 23. President Kris said we are \$8,000 short of our sponsorship goals. Mark Zuccaro urged everyone who hasn’t already done so to please purchase their tickets.

District Assembly: President Kris, along with Mark Zuccaro, **Sam D’Angelo** and Sarah Lee, attended the district assembly last Saturday in Troy. The takeaway message was the new direction Rotary is headed to stay current and attract membership. There will be more action in the clubs, more “boots on the ground,” such as planting gardens and picking up trash. Clubs will also be encouraged to partner on projects together. We have started doing so through our Rotary Clubs of Greater Macomb golf outing for the Salvation Army. Clubs will also socialize together. One idea President Kris mentioned is a wine/beer tasting festival when the Italian Cultural Center finishes its landscape plan.

District Conference May 13-15, Chatham, Ontario: Conference registration increases 10 percent after April 30. Rooms are guaranteed until April 18. You can register by going to rotary6380conference.info. Finally there is a cost to not attending. Your ideas are important to the future of Rotary. Share your ideas, don't keep them to yourself.

Recognition by Jeff Furest

Robert Lee was given 60 seconds to present his history quiz to a few "plants" in the audience. Robert did it in less than 60. **Jessica Johnston** was fined \$2 for going to Opening Day. Rotarians who participated in the NCAA brackets were asked how they did. **Dave Meldrum** had no winners, \$2 and **Neil Dempsey**, \$1, for picking one winner. Major **Lori** was fined \$4 for not having sufficient vegetables at a planning meeting. Next, Jeff asked the doubters who thought he wouldn't win last week's 50/50 to stand up, and four Rotarians became vertical: **Glenn Burton, Don Carnaghi, Tom Islett** and Neil Dempsey. They were all fined \$1. Knowing **Bob Selwa** as the repository of local trivia, Jeff asked him to identify the host cities for the following food festivals: Gizzardfest, Bologna Fest and the bacon festival. Bob guessed wrong on all three. Bob's table was fined \$1 each and the rest we will never know as recognition was interrupted by the guest speaker arriving late.



Speaker: A Coalition for Transit, Maria Donigan, Transit Coordinator, Harriet Tubman Center, Detroit

This fall, we will be voting whether or not to fund a regional transit authority that would cross county lines. In 2012 Governor Snyder signed into law the creation of a regional transit authority. A study took place to create and coordinate it with existing systems. Now the plan is being introduced to the public. There will be a four-week comment period and then it goes on the ballot. The reasons for improving our transit are many. First, we have the worse system in the nation. Only 8 percent of jobs can be reached within one hour on public transit. Students take five to seven years to complete a two-year course because there is no easy transportation. Crain's Business Detroit surveyed millennials and found 75 percent want good public transit. Developers like to build homes near transit; these properties have higher value and sell better. When we outlive our ability to drive, how we will get around? And remember James Robertson who walked 21 miles every day to get to his job? Good Samaritans bought him a car, after the story came out. The new regional transit plan is seamless, safe and coordinated. There will be new stops. A bus rapid transit – essentially a train on tires – would be express, drive in a dedicated lane with dedicated stations. Routes would run down Woodward from Pontiac to Detroit, Gratiot from Detroit to Mount Clemens, Michigan Avenue (to Ann Arbor) and to the airport. Traffic lights will coordinate with the bus stops. You will be able to track a bus on your Smartphone.



50/50: Charles Wickins, our guest from the Birmingham club, was the winner. He gave his winnings back to the club. **Charles O'Grady** was asked to do the "Rotary Minute" next week.

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3/26 ROBERT MORRIS
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HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

3/15 KRIS & BRIAN HOWELL (1)
3/26 BOB & CHERYL CANNON (28)
4/3 RAY & GRETCHEN GLIME (62)
4/4 NEIL & BARB DEMPSEY (46)

CELEBRATING CLUB ANNIVERSARIES!

DON MILLER (17); KOLBY MILLER (10); BOB CANNON (15);
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With clear skies on 4/14/16 and the promise of many warmer days in the future, fellow Rotarians gathered at the Italian American Cultural Center. The meeting was started promptly by **Kris Howell** and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Bob Selwa**. We sang the national anthem and recited "The Four-Way Test." Major **Lori Wright** kindly guided us in prayer. We dined on green salad, Alfredo orecchiette, green beans, lemon chicken, and chocolate cake.

GUESTS AND VISITORS

Don Carnaghi introduced Michelle Robertson, the director of Strategic Initiatives for the YMCA, Kevin Kelly who works for Rotary International and has decided to join our club, and Mary Roberts who is **Ray Glime's** daughter.



ROTARY MINUTE



Chuck O'Grady shared his recollections during the Rotary Minute(s), which summarized his 52 years of Rotary experience. He has won the 50/50 raffle jackpot merely two times over the 25 years it has been played. The first win was within the first month 50/50 was initiated and the most recent being 25 years later. He has contributed \$3 each week which has totaled 4K in contributions. He also reflected upon the unique service projects that were offered as

well as charities that were contributed to when he initially joined Rotary. At this time they contributed to Easter Seals, the Crippled Children's Fund, and each Christmas the members invited their wives, which were entitled Rotary Anns, to purchase a gift that each couple took directly to a disabled child each year. He also mentioned Mount Clemens Travel Adventure Service a service project offered during the 1950s when few individuals had televisions in their homes. The service offered speakers and films that highlighted the cultures, traditions, and travel experiences that spanned Africa to China.

FLOWERS

There were not any member or spouse birthdays. **Nancy Dedenbach** celebrated her 47th wedding anniversary. **Bob Morris** fondly retold a quip she had formerly shared; "If I had just shot him on our wedding night, I would be out of jail by now." Ray Glime was acknowledged for his 40th year as a member. Flowers were then given with words of kindness and appreciation to **Jeff Furest, Rob Sogge, Mary Ann Hosey, Mark Zuccaro, Robert Lee, Mary Spaulding** and **Kris Howell**.

MUSIC

Jeff Furest led music with "Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah" and closed with "Roll Rotary."

GOOD WILL

It was announced that **Bill Furest** is recovering and shared that he is looking forward to hunting. **Glenn Burton** announced that the fundraiser for the U.S. Olympic Sailing Team was a night of celebration and the attendees contributed 50K.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Valerie Miller expressed appreciation for the contributions from the members which has led to 15K in gifts to generously fill 14 baskets. **Mark Zuccaro** forecasted a celebratory event with 250 attendees already having reserved their seats. He surveyed the highlights of the event and encouraged all members to continue to promote the "Rally to the White House." **Kris Howell** announced that the fundraising committee is still seeking 4K in contributions from sponsors. The goal of 20K has nearly been attained.

RECOGNITION

Jeff Furest asked all those who traveled to spring break to then delineate themselves by the distance they traveled. **Mike O'Connor** having traveled to Mexico received the highest fine, then **Ted DeVantier, Valerie Miller, and Eric Pierson** were in Florida, with **Sandra Zettel** receiving the lowest fine for having traveled to Georgia. **Ken Kish** was fined for having received an award for column writing from the Society of Professional Journalists. **Karan Gasior** was fined for promoting a women's film festival where the films highlight empowered women around the world. She was given both air time and television coverage to promote the event scheduled Saturday, 4/17 at Church of Today in Warren. **Chuck O'Grady** was fined \$3 for a lengthy Rotary Minute. Fines were also doled out by Jeff to Eric Pierson and _____ for not having their taxes filed.

SPEAKER

Rheanne Suszek, director of Mount Clemens YMCA, introduced Michelle Robertson, the director of Strategic Initiatives for the YMCA. Michelle Robertson shared her personal experience of how the YMCA had initially impacted her life and then followed with participants' first-hand experiences. Mrs. Suszek shared historical information about how the YMCA was founded and as the need grew the site that they are currently located in was built. It was expressed that the mission of the YMCA is to share Judeo-Christian principles to all members of the diverse population in Mount Clemens and the surrounding area, as well as to have all participants enter the YMCA with the opportunity to grow and thrive.



50/50 Raffle: **Raymond Glime** was the winner of this week's raffle.

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

4/12 NANCY & RON DEDENBACH (47)

CELEBRATING CLUB ANNIVERSARIES!

RAY GLIME (40); FRANK BERNABEI (41)



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APRIL 21, 2016

Minutes by Sandra Zettel ~ Photos by Jeff Furest and Valerie Miller



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CALENDAR

4/28

Nancy Dedenbach Freighter Frank

5/5

Mount Clemens Robotics Team
Martha Fisher

5/12

MSU Medical Mission Crystal Benoit
5/19

Joan Rose Foundation Glenn Burton
5/26

Tony Wickersham Macomb County Sheriff



We started our 4/21/16 meeting with **Kris Howell** leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then we sang the national anthem and recited "The Four-Way Test."

Major Lori Wright kindly guided us in prayer. We dined on green salad, pasta with meat sauce, broccoli, chicken piccata, and vanilla cake.



Guests and Visitors: Kathy Elliot, Michelle Kelley and Joe Cappisard joined us as guests for a delicious lunch and interesting presentation.



Rotary Minute: Ray Glime reminisced of his 40-year history in Mount Clemens Rotary. He recalled that he was initially invited to his first meeting while he was President of the Macomb County Bar Association in 1976. Just before a Rotary meeting he had read a Macomb Daily article about Type A personalities and their inclination to have heart attacks. At the meeting he discussed this with physician, Earl Fred. Earl mentioned that many doctors and lawyers were Type As. Then, he quipped that a lawyer had just been wheeled into the ER with symptoms of a heart attack. Shortly after this had happened his family learned that he had won the lottery. His family was uncertain that he was strong enough to receive this good news and asked his physician if they should do so. The physician offered to share the news with the lawyer. The doctor walked into the room and asked what would the patient do if he were to win the lottery? The patient replied that he felt so good that, if he won, he would give all the money to him. The doctor was so aghast that he fell over with a heart attack.



Flowers: There were not any member birthdays or anniversaries. Both **Valerie Miller** and **Jeff Oldham** spouses had birthdays. All guests were gifted a flower. **Mary Ann Hosey, Ken Kish, Ray Glime, and Neal Dempsey** were gifted flowers for contributions to the club.

Music: **Jennifer Gale** played piano and Jeff Furest led us in "Singing in the Rain" and closed with the song "R-O-T-A-R-Y."

Good Will: **Mary Spaulding** received an award for 40 years of service from the Michigan Funeral Directors Association.

Sunshine Report: **Kris Howell** announced that she is collecting written recollections about Jack Hart and to email her those stories.

Announcements: **Kathy Elliot** has invited all female members to attend a Cabi Spring 16 Private Fashion Experience of which 10% of net sales will be provided to A Beautiful Me for the development of programs to build confidence and to empower young women in our community.

Mark Zuccaro and Julie Huttenlocher spoke of the 235 registered to attend the Rotary fundraiser and the anticipated highlights of the Rotary's Rally to the White House event on 4/24/16.



Recognition: Jeff Furest asked all those who traveled to spring break to then delineate themselves by the distance they traveled. **Elsa Silverman, Patty Kaufman, Mary Ann Hosey, and Mark Smith** were fined for their Florida travels. **Ray Glime** was fined for his extended

Rotary Minute. **Mary Spaulding** was fined for receiving an award from the Michigan Funeral Directors Association and **Jackie Johnston** was fined for 30 years of professional contributions within Macomb County education. All former presidents were fined if they did not have a presidential pin on their lapel. All others were fined if they did not have their name badge and/or pin. He then posed presidential trivia questions and **Sarah Lee, Lori Wright, Cecilia Moloney and Ken Kish** were fined.

Special Consideration: Mary Spaulding led several volunteers in the dance steps for the Flash Mob for the Rotary's Rally to the White House fundraiser to the song of "Why Can't We Be Friends."



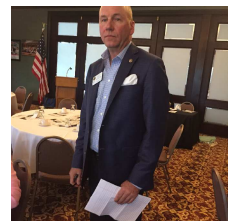
Speaker: Bob Selwa rewarded individuals who answered his Presidential Trivia questions correctly with chocolate and Rotary coins. **Bob Lee** was awarded the grand prize for the individual who answered the most questions accurately and was

given a magazine about the White House. The others who answered with correct questions were **Eric Pierson, Julie Huttenlocher, Mark Zuccaro, Sarah Lee, Mary Ann Hosey, Mary Spaulding, Karen Gasior and Mark Smith.**



50/50 Raffle: **Mary Ann Hosey** was the winner.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
4/20 DENNIS (VALERIE)
MILLER
4/20 KELLY (JEFF)
OLDHAM





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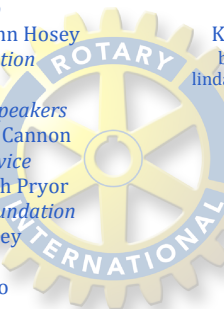
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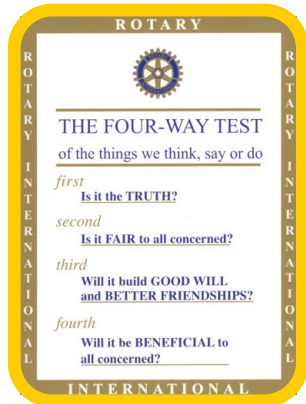
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- 5/23
wine tasting
- 5/26
Tony Wickersham
Macomb County Sheriff
- 6/9
No Meeting
President's Dinner that evening
- 6/23
Judge Linda Davis
FAN Families Against Narcotics



Minutes by Sandra Zettel ~ Photos by Valerie Miller



We started the meeting promptly on 4/28/16 with Bill Pryor leading the Pledge of Allegiance and **Tom Davies** guiding us in prayer. We sang the national anthem and recited "The Four-Way Test." We dined on green salad with Greek olives, pork sausage, pasta with meat sauce, sautéed green beans, roasted potatoes, and a variety of cookies for dessert.



GUESTS & VISITORS

Don Carnaghi introduced Ron Dedenbach, Frank and Carolee Schmidt, Frank Chris, and Michelle Kelly as the meetings guests and visitors.



ROTARY MINUTE

Neil Dempsey was the previous week's 50-50 raffle winner. He was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Rotary wine tasting is scheduled for **5/23/16** at 6 p.m. It will be located at the Italian American Cultural Center. This is an opportunity to bring a guest and acquaint them to our organization. The President's Ball will be held on June 9 with more details to be sent via email.



FLOWERS

Flowers were dispersed by **Eric Pierson** and **Julie Huttenlocher**. Megan B___ had a birthday and is currently traveling in the U.S.A. Flowers were gifted by **Bob Selwa** to **Sarah Lee** for her performance of Eleanor Roosevelt and **Bob Lee** as narrator at The Rotary's Rally to the White House event. Bob Selwa deemed the flowers as American Academy Carnation Award's for stellar performances. **Mark Zuccaro** was acknowledged for his immense efforts to host and organize the fundraiser. Flowers were also gifted to guests Frank Schmidt and Michelle Kelly. **Valerie Miller** and Julie Huttenlocher were acknowledged for their tremendous organizing endeavors of the previous weekend's fundraiser.

MUSIC

Kris Howell led the music with "Oh! What a Beautiful Morning" and closed with "R-O-T-A-R-Y."

GOOD WILL

Mark Zuccaro expressed gratitude to all that participated in the Rotary fundraiser. Neil Dempsey was admitted to the hospital with a bronchial infection the previous Sunday and is recovering. He plans to continue his healing at Marco Island, Florida during the month of May. **Sam D'Angelo's** father passed away and visitation was scheduled on the day of the Rotary meeting with funeral services the day after.



RECOGNITION

Bob Morris doled out \$1 fines to those individuals at tables that had presidential performers seated at them. Fines were given to **Tom Davies** for his travels to Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, and then to Washington, and Oregon. Fines of \$5 were given to Jan Davies, **Larry Neal**, **Elsa Silverman**, and **Don Carnaghi** who were basket winners. **Mark Zuccaro** was fined for a ringing phone during the national anthem. **Arthur Niederkohr**, **Jim Haselwood**, **Dave Gerlach** and **Don Miller** competed by metered applause for who was most missed. Dave Gerlach was awarded with the highest fines.



SPEAKER

Frank Schmidt spoke of his recollections of working as a chef and officer on freighters on the Great Lakes. He also showed a video about JW Westcott and his generations to follow, who have run freighters on the Great Lakes since the late 1800s.



50/50 RAFFLE

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