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MAY 5, 2016



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Club 2992 of Rotary District 6380  
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Meets 12:15 p.m. Thursday at  
the Italian American  
Cultural Center

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### CALENDAR

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Martha Fisher MSU Medical Mission

5/19

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No Meeting

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### Minutes by Bob Morris ~ Photos by Valerie Miller and Jeff Furest

With a delicate but deft blow, our ever-upbeat President Kris called today's meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Mary Spaulding** and we all joined to sing our national anthem with Jennifer Gale accompanying on piano. Reciting of *The Four-Way Test* was led by President Kris. Our pre-meal prayer was delivered by **Tom Davies**. Today's menu included pork with mushroom gravy, salad, cavatappi pasta with meat sauce, lentil soup, rolls, and assorted sweets for dessert.



Today was one of those special days when we get to induct new members into the club. We welcomed to our fold **Michele and Kevin Kelly**, husband and wife. Michele is Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences and Macomb County Community College and Kevin is the Major Gifts Officer for Rotary International covering the Midwest area. As a departure from the norm, Kevin told us about Michele's background and Michele spoke about Kevin's. In our usual Rotary fashion, we welcomed them both.

President Kris used her Presidential moment to announce the upcoming golf outing to benefit the Salvation Army. The event is cosponsored by the Mount Clemens, Richmond, Sterling Heights, Anchor Bay and Romeo Rotary clubs. It will be held on Monday, August 22, at Greystone Golf Club. Golf and dinner is \$125 per person or just dinner is \$50. The registration deadline is August 5.

Our guests today were introduced by **Mark Smith**. They were Martha Fisher, Nancy Straitmans, and Michelle Dewitt.



The *Rotary Minute* was delivered by **Don Carnaghi**. If you know Don, you know that he participates in several service and social organizations and local social events. Although many clubs provide a great opportunity to foster new relationships, Don said that the friendships he has formed with members of the Mount Clemens Rotary Club stand out above the rest.

Peddling the petals today was someone whose name I forgot to write down. After doling out the usual flowers for members' birthdays and anniversaries, this fine unknown individual delivered one to **Nancy Dedenbach** on behalf of **Bob Selwa**. **Julie Huttenlocher** bought a bloom for **Bill Patterson** and **Patti Kaufman** welcomed our two new members, Kevin and Michele, with a carnation for each.



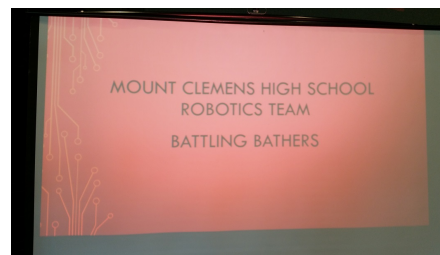
Our Thursday afternoon songfest was led by President Kris. Her first selection was a spirited rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" and our Rotary song of the day was "R-O-T-A-R-Y" (what's that spell?).

Next stop on the Kris Howell express was Good Will. Kris announced that her daughter had recently taken a job with Edward Jones. **Beth Pryor** made an announcement concerning her grandmother and **Bob Morris** bragged about his granddaughter, who will graduate from Michigan State on Saturday.



The heavy, heavy hammer of recognition was wielded this day by **Sarah Lee**. She began by hitting up **Nancy Dedenbach** for her groan-worthy explanation of why the Mexican day of celebration is called Cinco de Mayo. Thankfully, lack of space, time, and general sense of decorum prevent me from repeating it here. Her fine was \$4. **Mary Spaulding** averted a fine by correctly identifying the reason Cinco de Mayo is celebrated. Sarah fined **Michele and Kevin Kelly** \$1 each just because she can, now that they are members. **Bob Morris** attempted to help Sarah fine **Jeff Furest**, only to discover that the incriminating information obtained from **Ken Kish** was wholly untrue. In the end, Ken received a fine of \$3 for providing misleading evidence. Nancy Dedenbach just returned from a trip to North Carolina. Although this is normally a fine-worthy event, Sarah declined to do so because the purpose of the trip was to spread her mother's ashes on the beach there. Similarly, **Larry Neal** avoided paying up for his recent trip to Washington, D.C. Because he was there for work, Sarah let him off the hook. **Eric Pierson** was not so lucky, however, and paid \$1 for his excursion to the Chicago Pipe and Tobacco convention. Jeff Furest also paid up for his recent trip to Florida where some unscrupulous character stole and used his American Express card. Jeff paid \$2. **Beth Pryor** was in Florida recently, as well, and paid \$1 for the pleasure. Lastly, **Bill Patterson** shelled out \$5 for personally delivering pet meds to **Julie Huttenlocher** at her home.

Our speaker today was Martha Fisher. Martha's son, John, is a Mount Clemens High School student and is very interested in robotics. Last year, John was a member of the MCHS robotics team. However, the continuation of the team was very much in question at the beginning of this school year due to lack of funding. When Martha became



aware of the situation, she mounted an effort to seek donations from a variety of sources, including our Rotary club. Through her efforts and those of others, the team was funded to the tune of \$8,500, enough to keep them in the game.

Michigan has the second highest number of youth robotics teams in the nation, next to California. The MCHS team is comprising eight students, who compete nationwide. Each year the team builds one robot that is designed to accomplish a particular task. This year the robot was required to grab hold of a volleyball, move it through obstacles and deposit the ball in a goal to collect points. Martha's son John is the driver of the MCHS robot.

Martha described how all teams are required to stop working on their robot at a certain date prior to the competition, at which time the robot is sealed in a container. This limits the time they can spend to perfect their robot's performance. However, some teams have budgets as high as \$70,000, and can afford to build two robots. One is placed in the container and they continue to work on the other, then apply the advances they develop to the competition robot just prior to the meet. Considering the size of the team and their smaller budget, MCHS has placed well in national competition.



Just before adjournment, **Karla Gardner** announced that CARE of Southeastern Michigan is having a fundraiser bike ride on Saturday, September 24. Riders can pick from a variety of distances starting out at Lake St. Clair Metropark. Feel free to contact Karla for details at 586-218-5269 or [kgardner@careofsem.com](mailto:kgardner@careofsem.com).

The 50/50 totaled \$36 and was won by **Eric Pierson**. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.



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Photos from previous meeting.



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*Minutes by Sandra Zettel ~ Photos by Jeff Furest*

On May 12, 2016, fellow Rotarians gathered at the Italian American Cultural Center. The meeting was started promptly by **Kris Howell** and she led the Pledge of Allegiance. 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, chicken piccata with mushrooms, steamed broccoli, and cannolis as well as other varieties of assorted Italian desserts.

#### GUESTS & VISITORS

**Mark Smith** introduced Jessica Lapworth and Krystal Benoit as **Elsa Silverman's** guests and the speakers. Lauren Kline was introduced as **Rheanne Suszek's** guest. Joseph Cassa as a guest of the club.



#### FLOWERS

**Karan Bates-Gasior** led the announcements. We all joined in singing Happy Birthday to both **Dave Gerlach** and Karen, herself. **Ted DeVantier's** wife Anne-Marie as well as **Ray Glime's** wife Gretchen had birthdays. **Jackie Johnston** had a wedding anniversary announced and **Art Niederkohr** was acknowledged for it being a club anniversary.



#### MUSIC

Kris Howell led us in song and closed with "R-O-T-A-R-Y."

#### GOOD WILL

**Bill Furest** announced "I'mmmmm Baaacckkk!" as well as appreciation to everyone who had called and sent cards. He also mentioned that **Fred Duemling** was going to be evaluated for a wheelchair. It was announced that **Neal** is recovering while vacationing in Florida.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Presidents Ball is on June 9. It will be at Villa Penna. It will be held to acknowledge Kris Howell, as well as welcome president-elect, **Mark Zuccaro**, as president of the upcoming year. There will NOT be a regularly scheduled Rotary meeting on this day.

**Glenn Burton** announced that David Palmer will be present next week. CARE will be holding a bike-a-thon on September 24. There will be multiple distances of 10-62 miles and the event is family-friendly.

Kris Howell announced that 2016 checks will be distributed to the beneficiaries at the June 16 meeting.

**Bob Selwa** and Kris Howell announced their attendance at a Breast Cancer Survivors Tigers game. Both Bob and Kris have family members who are survivors.



## RECOGNITION

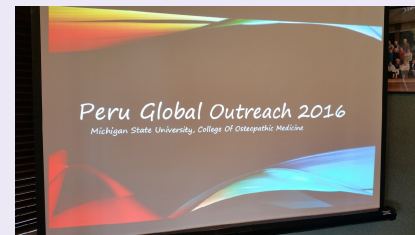


**S**arah E. Lee doled out fines to everyone in the room. **Bob Cannon and Ray Hernandez** were fined as opponents seeking to be nominated for City Supervisor. **Bob Selwa** was fined for being the longest eater and taking his time. **Jeff Furest** received fines for being dressed casually with his key hanging on his belt. He retorted "I am comfortable letting it hang out." **Tom Isset** received fines as best-dressed. Everyone seated with **Bill Furest** was fined because he is healthy again. **Tom Davies'** fines were doled out to the maximum because he had a lengthy conversation with a nurse about his preferred martinis while his wife was waiting there. Sarah E. Lee chided that "his wife is used to waiting while you get done." He received additional fines for politely offering to fill Sarah's coffee cup while offering for her to "say when to stop" and as she was saying "stop" he filled the cup entirely to the brim while reminding her that she did not say exactly what he requested. Bob Cannon was fined due to riding a roller coaster on government time. He responded that he was fulfilling his public duty of testing the roller coaster on his lunch hour. His fine was for sacrificing his safety because he could have possibly crashed to death. Lastly, Sarah E. Lee fined herself for drinking **Nancy Dedenbach's** hot water at a prior meeting.

## SPEAKER



**J**essica Lapworth and Krystal Benoit represented MSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine. They discussed the Global Outreach Project in Peru. They have had a longstanding partnership with various Rotary clubs in Michigan as well as internationally. They have focused their outreach endeavors on water sanitation, adequate hygiene, infectious disease prevention, and providing individuals as translators. The Rotary Club of Traverse City, Michigan will match contributions.



50/50 Raffle Winner: Bob Cannon

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

5/8 KARAN BATES-GASIOR  
5/9 DAVE GERLACH  
5/8 ANNE-MARIE (TED) DEVANTIER  
5/11 GRETCHEN (RAY) GLIME

## HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

5/8 JACKIE & BRENT JOHNSTON

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