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No Meeting
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(Michael Angelo Caruso)

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VICE PRESIDENT OF SALES

Minutes by Larry Neal ~ Photos by Jeff Furest & Valerie Miller

President **Kris Howell** called the Mount Clemens Rotary Club to order at 12:15 p.m. **Bob Lee** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, "The Star-Spangled Banner." **Mark Zuccaro** gave the benediction. Kris led the club in "The Four-Way Test." The day's menu featured green salad, dinner rolls, grilled chicken, mostaccioli, roasted redskins, cannolis and cream puffs.

President Kris Howell indicated that one of the fundraiser baskets would be re-gifted for the Salvation Army golf outing but that the Tigers tickets were time-sensitive so she auctioned them off to the lucky winning bidder, **Paul Woodring** for \$120.

The President's Ball will be Thursday, June 9, there will be no regular club meeting that day. She also announced that our own **Sarah Lee** will be taking over duties as the new Assistant District Governor. In stepping right up to her duties, Sarah announced that the New Governor's Ball will be June 29, \$65 at the Detroit Yacht Club. The event is open to the public. Next year's district conference will be at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

Mark Smith introduced speaker David Palmer and guest Mike Ringler, both guests of **Glenn Burton**.

Mike O'Connor gave the Rotary half minute but with all seriousness in reflecting on how many great things our club does when compared to those he reads about in the Rotarian Magazine, but how much broader community support many of those clubs receive. He challenged our club to better engage with the community in the year ahead.

Jeff Furest sold flowers. **Patti Kaufman** bought one for Sarah Lee to recognize her new role as assistant governor. **Glenn Burton** bought one for each of his guests. **Elsa Silverman** bought one for Jeff and then Jeff re-purchased his flower for Angela for her birthday. **Don Carnaghi** received one from Valerie Miller for the use of his place. New member Kevin Kelly was "encouraged" to buy one for his wife, **Michelle**, also a new member, who just purchased a house for them, and **Mark Zuccaro** purchased one for Kris Howell.

Kris Howell led the club in a slightly painful rendition of "Ain't We Got Fun" and "Roll Rotary." There were no Sunshine Reports.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Kris Howell** announced that the Richmond Rotary golf outing had 42 foursomes registered!
- **Bill Furest** was happy with a \$35,000 for insurance work at the UP getaway.
- **Sam D'Angelo** announced a major medical research breakthrough that indicates a genetically modified polio virus might be used to cure brain cancer.



- **Julie Huttenlocher** wanted to let everyone know that the invitations to the President's Ball are in the mail but are -- priceless -- so to speak. Please note the ticket cost is \$50 per person. Dressy summertime attire is recommended. Bocci will be played so feel free to leave the heels at home.
- **Valerie Miller** announced the annual boat outing will be held on July 21. **Rob Sogge** is in charge and is looking for locations where people can drive. As another reminder, upcoming dates for our major events are all located at www.mountclemensrotary.org (a.k.a. ClubRunner.)
- The Greater Macomb Golf Outing is August 22.
- Last, we will have a wine tasting on August 11 at the Italian American Cultural Society building; there will be no regular meeting that day although the suggestion to combine the two was proposed with Uber drivers standing by to take people back to work (or home for the retirees).

RECOGNITION

Sarah Lee was the finemaster. **Jim Haselwood** paid \$3 for his phone playing music last week. **Mark Smith** paid \$1

for putting his Rotary pin near his gluteus maximus rather than in a more visible location. **Mark Zuccaro** was fined \$1 because he won't be fineable very shortly. **Karan Bates-Gasior's** boss was recognized for winning a national award so Karan's tablemates were all fined \$2. **Nancy Dedenbach** was fined \$2 for a photo in the newspaper of her ringing bells for the Salvation Army. **Dave Gerlach** was the only person living in the L'Anse Creuse School District and to show support for the fine bus drivers in the district who won a competition, was fined \$3. Those not bedecked with pins and badges were fined \$1. **Bill Furest**, who received a check for \$35,000 as confessed earlier, that's three, five, oh, oh, oh with a buck sign in front, got away FINE-FREE!

SPEAKER'S PROGRAM



Glenn Burton introduced David Palmer, founder of the Joan Rose Foundation. Mr. Palmer provided us with an update since his last presentation to our club four years ago. His organization's purpose is to improve the lives of vulnerable Haitian children and their families. They currently have 120 children they are serving. While at the foundation the kids receive food, education, clothing, medicine, and support. The foundation's ultimate

goal is to give these children the opportunity to break out of the cycle of poverty. For some, this may involve going to college, and for others it may mean learning a trade. They have started the Good Threads project which allows the parents to earn an income in exchange for making needlework belts. The economic downturn in the Dominican Republic has increased tensions and significant deportation of Haitians from the country. This resulted in the foundation's move to Haiti. For just \$700 a week, 80 kids receive lunch and dinner for six days. More information can be found on the foundation's website (www.joanrosefoundation.com).

The meeting was adjourned
at 1:35 p.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

5/16 LARRY (CECILIA) MOLONEY
5/17 DAVE MELDRUM
5/17 DEAN BELISLE



Mike O'Connor was again the lucky
winner of the 50/50 for \$35.



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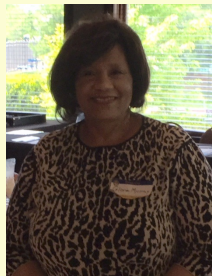
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On a bright sunny day, the members of the Mount Clemens Rotary made their way into the Italian American Cultural Center. **President Kris Howell** rang the bell at approximately 12:15 bringing us all to order. **Sandra Zettel** was pressed into service to lead us in the Pledge and national anthem. The club truthfully recited "The Four-Way Test." **Mark Zuccaro** gave an extemporaneous heartfelt prayer citing those who could not be with us for the day. The meal consisted of rolls, salad, chicken Parmesan, broccoli, pasta and sauce. The IAC brought out an interesting tiramisu in a parfait glass, With no help needed, Pres. Kris did a great job selling the dessert, which pretty tasty.



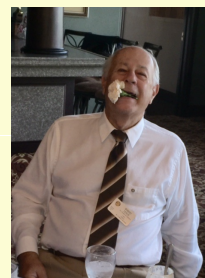
With no **Mark Smith** in the house, Pres. Kris announced guests and visitors. Sheriff Anthony Wickersham our speaker, Gloria Murray, Coach Don Riddle, Lillian Zuccaro and Mark Zuccaro Jr.

Mike O'Connor absent. We were spared a minute of his thoughts.

Karan Bates-Gasior took over for the missing **Keith Lesperance** with the duties of flowers and birthdays. **Ray Hernandez** achieved another year, as did Karen's B-G husband, along with **Bob Morris's** wife. Club anniversaries: **Bob Leslie** (38 years) and **Don Carnaghi** (15 years). Karan had easy marks for flower buyers with **Sal D.** passing one to Gloria Murray, **Bob Leslie** to Mrs. Z., Mark Z. passed two to his son and Bob L., **Cecilia Moloney** doubled down as well to **Don Oldham** and Ken Kish.

For the music portion of the program Elsa S. led us a patriotic "I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy" and "Roll Rotary." Jennifer Gale was outstanding on the organ.

The club was not in a goodwill mood but we did have some sunshine on Ken Kish's wife. It seems she took a tumble causing some facial abrasions but other than that she is fine, according to Dr. Ken.



- **Tom Davies** announced the President's Ball June 9 at Penna's, RSVP to Julie H. call or email for a spot. There will be no meeting that day.
- **Bob Lee** needs bulletin scribes so if you are interested contact him. It's easy – you just make it up.
- Our meeting on June 16 is "cash giveaway day" when we award to our beneficiaries the proceeds from the auction. We will also be inducting our Paul Harris Fellows. Rumor has it that **Margo and Bob Baker** are going to be in attendance, come and say hello.
- **Bob "Soggy" Sogge** is putting the finishing touches on the boat outing for July 21. We are still trying to determine the venue – either North Channel Yacht Club or our standard Clinton River Yacht Club. Soggy will keep us apprised.
- **Val M.** stated that all club activities through August are on ClubRunner, so check it out if you need to know. We are planning an Octoberfest party in ... October ... TBD ...

With venom music in the air **Bob Lee** started the cash grab. His first victim was the most-missed, the gentleman from South Carolina, **Don Oldham**. **Tom "cheap" Davies** thought to sit with Don should be 50 cents but the table wound up with \$1.50 more per person. **Bob L.** worked the same fine at **Al Zuccaro's** table assessing \$2 for the privilege to sit with Al. Seems like **Mark Z., Kevin Kelly, and Nancy D.** had some success at the Richmond Rotary golf outing at \$2 under par ... **Bob Selwa** has been around the club since the '70s as a freeloader with **Ken K.** This association fined him for \$4 and \$1 just to sit down. Having no pin was \$1 and slim-suspended **Sam D.** was nicked for \$2.



The day was special in that it was "Awards Day" for perfect attendance. **Ken Kish (3)**, **Val Miller (7)**, **Sam D'Angelo (2)**, **Mark Zuccaro (4)**, **Elsa Silverman (1)**, **Pres. Kris (3)**, **Julie Huttenlocher (absent)**, **Bob Selwa (16)**, and the big winner **Al Zuccaro (20)** years perfect ... these members are committed.

Pres. Kris introduced Sheriff Anthony Wickersham who is no stranger to the club. The Sheriff was in town to give us an update as to the success and challenges the force is facing today. The sheriff's department is staffed by 518 employees along Law and Marine enforcement, Jail Correction and Court Service. The county is always recruiting for good and qualified individuals on many levels. The county has recently installed a 401K plan has a benefit to hire, in a very competitive marketplace. Currently the jail is holding 1,238 "friends of the county" and has been at capacity since 2009. Once the threshold has been met the Sheriff and the court system must decide on which nonviolent offenders are to be released back into society. There has been an upswing in violent crimes being committed with guns due to the drug problem in the county. Opiates of prescription drugs and heroin have been the main cause, resulting in a large number of overdoses and crime. Currently it's a three-minute response time for a 911 call anywhere in the county. The prison chaplain has started "Gateway to Glory" a house used for paroled addicts to transition into society. Sheriff Tony can tell if he is going to have repeat offenders based on a lack of support of a parolee. If family or support group is not present upon discharge there is a high rate that the individual will return to the custody of the county. Since May of 2005 the deputies have saved 31 people from ODs with an inhaled NARLAN substance reviving a person within seconds of use.



50/50 winner **Don C.** for \$32.



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5/21 RAY HERNANDEZ

5/22 RON (KARAN BATES-GASIOR)

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

5/26 BOB & LINDA MORRIS (26)

CELEBRATING CLUB ANNIVERSARIES!

DON CARNAGHI (15); BOB LESLIE (38)





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On the second of June 2016, fellow Rotarians met on a beautiful day at the Italian American Cultural Center. **Kris Howell** promptly opened the meeting. **Jessie Johnson** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. We sang the national anthem and recited "The Four-Way Test." Major **Lori Wright** led a prayer over the meal and the meeting. We dined on green salad, steamed broccoli, mostaccioli, lemon caper chicken, and layered devil's food cake for dessert.

Attendance Awards

At the 5/26/16 meeting perfect attendance was acknowledged by Kris Howell to the following Rotary members: **Valerie Miller** for seven years of attendance, **Ken Kish** for three years, **Sam D'Angelo** for two years, **Mark Zuccaro** for four years, **Elsa Silverman** for one year, Kris Howell for three years, **Julie Huttenlocher**, **Bob Selwa** for 16 years, and **Al Zuccaro** for 20 years.

Guests and Visitors

Al Zuccaro announced Dusty Welsh as the speaker of the day. Mary Kay Sogge was a guest of **Rob Sogge**. Gloria Murray was **Sam D'Angelo's** guest. Herb Tucker was a guest of Kris Howell. Mark Zuccaro Jr. was the guest of both **Al** and **Mark Zuccaro**. Tom Sokol and Joe Casasanta were guests of Mark Zuccaro.



Rotary Minute

Don Carnaghi spoke of the transition in leadership within the club. He strongly encouraged members to contact the committee chairpersons and to GET INVOLVED! The chairpersons will have sign-up sheets to sign up for tasks in 2017.

Flowers



Ray Hernandez announced **Larry Neal** and **Margo Baker's** birthdays. He also noted that it was Angel Niederkohr's birthday. Jessica Johnson was acknowledged for one year of membership. **Ken Kish** gave a flower to Dianne Gall. **Bob Selwa** gave flowers to **Glenn Burton**, **Don Carnaghi** and **Valerie Miller** for their contributions to the newsletter. Don Carnaghi gave a flower to **Neil Dempsey** for gracing us with his presence. Elsa Silverman purchased a flower for Dusty Welsh, the speaker of the day.

Music

Cecilia led the music with "Happy Days are Here Again" and closed with "R-O-T-A-R-Y."

Good Will & Sunshine Report

Julie Huttenlocher spoke of her fond recollections of her son, who recently turned 17, being a young boy when she was president of Rotary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Presidents Dinner is June 9. There will not be a meeting this day.
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- At the June 16 Rotary meeting will be at the regularly scheduled time and location. The beneficiaries will receive their beneficiary checks.
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- A Paul Harris Award will be given and new members, Tom Sokol and Gloria Murray, will be welcomed.
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- July 21 is the date scheduled for the boat outing. **Rob Sogge** is the organizer of this event and will appraise of event details as the date is nearing. Arrangements are being sought for a destination that accessible by both land and water.
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- **Mary Ann Hosey** gave a reminder that there is a Foundation Committee meeting immediately after this day's meeting.
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- **Bob Cannon** announced that Clinton Township government has reserved seats at the Eastside Diamond Hoppers vs. Utica Unicorn's game. The United Shore Professional Baseball League will play at Jimmy Johns Field on 6/16 and game starts at 7:15. The cost is \$14.50 and includes seating, a hotdog, and a drink.
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- **Sarah Lee** is passing around an RSVP list for the Meet the Governor event on June 29. The cost is \$65 for dinner, an evening of dancing, and a Coldstone creamery ice cream bar.
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- **Sam D'Angelo** is organizing an Oktoberfest event and he will be apprising us of details in the future.
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- **Kris Howell** announced that the Greater Macomb Salvation Army is hosting a golf outing at Greystone Golf Course on August 27.

RECOGNITION

Jeff Furest immediately asked **Tom Davies, Bill Patterson and Bob Selwa** to stand. They were fined \$8, \$5, and \$6 respectively for their untimely and unsynchronized spoon clanging, while all sang "R-O-T-A-R-Y."

Bob Cannon was fined \$2 and acknowledged for *The Macomb Daily's* report about official reports on road repairs. Memorial Day travelers: **Sarah Lee** was fined \$3 for a stay on Mackinac Island at the Grand Hotel and **Kevin and Jennifer Kelly** were fined \$2 for their stay in Chicago, Illinois. Jeff then inquired to those that have had their air conditioning fail in the last 10 days to stand. Both **Neil Dempsey** and Jeff, himself were fined.

Elsa Silverman was recognized as becoming a council member of the Base Community Council and all those at her table were fined \$1.

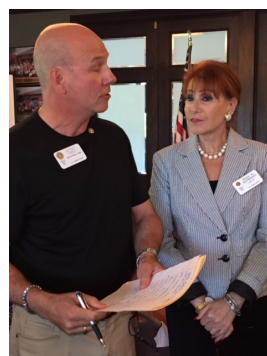
The snow birds, **Al Zuccaro, Don Oldham, and Nancy Dedenbach** were fined \$2 for their return and Nancy noted that they had not seen any snow.

Three generations of Zuccaros were acknowledged with a fine of \$3 to **Al Zuccaro**.

Jeff then asked all those that know how to read and write to raise their hands. He then pointed out that **Glenn Burton** did not spell **Karan Bates-Gasior's** name correctly in the last newsletter and Glenn was fined.

Eric Pierson was asked to stand and was asked how old he was, and Eric responded that he was 46. Jeff stated that the average age of a kick ball player was far less than his age and he was fined \$3 for fracturing a rib while playing the game the previous weekend.

He then asked all those that had not been fined to stand and they were fined \$2.



SPEAKER

Sam D'Angelo introduced Dusty Walsh who spoke of Action Activators. Action Activators is a grant funded nonprofit that developed a customized profiling system which matches businesses that are seeking philanthropic endeavors with an aligned nonprofit organization. It gives nonprofits a cost free opportunity to create a profile which includes their list of needs and requests. Its unique offerings, for a subscription fee, will assist businesses by potentially increasing brand awareness, targeting their demographics, meeting their outreach goals within the community, and to utilize provided templates for press releases and other sources of earned media. Action Activators will be launched locally in September. It will then roll out the services on a national level in December.



50/50 Raffle

Glenn Burton is this week's winner.



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