



MINUTES – August 2026

1. Welcome Interact Leadership!

Mateo Vargas (President): mateovargas@ndpma.org
Paula Ceular (Treasurer): paulaceular@ndpma.org
Sofia Monahan (Vice President): sofiamonahan@ndpma.org
Josie Simon (Secretary) : josiesimon@ndpma.org

It was great to meet Mateo, Paula and Sofia at our board meeting! Pontiac Rotary emphasized that we wish to support their efforts, and that we have finances available for that purpose. Reminder that we will add their events / updates to our website.

2. Organizational review – 2026-27

President – Sam ~ ~~President Elect – Nia~~ ~ Vice President – Rick
Treasurer – Kathy ~ Secretary – Susan ~ Administrator – Gale
Members at large: John, Tim, David, Kenya

Kenya verified that she will continue her involvement. Sam advised that Nia is moving and no longer able to be President Elect. Board has until Dec to name a new President Elect. Sam to followup with new member Mary Broadus on her interest in Rotary leadership/PELS.

3. Financials: Kathy

- a. Financials have been updated thru July 2026; Financials posted on Club Documents.
- b. Club Operations – Change in dues and movement of speaker lunches have helped the club operating finances. Kathy noted that the movement of funds between Charities and Club Operations is onerous due to the use of the credit card, etc.

Kathy will verify who has signature authority on our checking and investment accounts as well as the credit card access.

- c. Receivables- two Rotarians unpaid.
- d. Charities: Review balance – see Charities actions below

4. Calendar

a. Meetings

- i. First Thursday of the month at UWM
- ii. Third meeting of the month as a field trip
- iii. Board meetings scheduled for 10:45am at UWM on first Thursday
- iv. Need new provider for box lunches. BYO for Sept 17th field trip. Rick to arrange for lunches for DG visit on Oct 1st.

b. Events

- i. Oct 1st – DG Lee Halstead joins us – will also induct new members
 - 1. Susan to request that DG Lee join the Board at 11:30am
- ii. Oct 10th – Groveland Oaks Camping Trip -Kathy & Tim are coordinating
 - 1. Volunteers needed?
 - 2. Food purchasing / prep / etc
- iii. Oct 22nd – Elf Magic – table of 8 available
- iv. Dec 5th – Holiday Extravaganza Parade-
 - 1. multi-club float being planned by DG Renee Roberts
 - 2. Kathy to purchase hats
 - 3. Gale to purchase candy
 - 4. David requested that Interact Club join us in parade

5. Outreach

- a. Camping at Groveland oaks – confirmed for Oct 10th
- b. All Saints – committed to continuing breakfasts – note that we can invite others to participate!
- c. Holiday Extravaganza –
- d. RYLA 2026 was a hit with our two students. Kathy to follow up with students for feedback and possible visit to club,
- e. Rotary Youth Exchange: Ahmir Russell
 - i. Interview tentatively planned for Sept 17
 - ii. Sponsorship- full cost is around \$3500, but student should shoulder some of the burden. How can we better connect with students to offer this opportunity?
- f. Engaging with NDP Interact

6. Membership follow-ups

- a. Inducting Mary Broadus on Oct 1st. Susan to follow up with Mary and prepare induction packet
- b. Rick to follow up with Julia Ruffin on membership.

7. **Rotary Club of Pontiac Charities, Inc.**

- a. Unanimous approval of incoming Board of Rotary of Pontiac Charities, Inc.:
(the most recent four past presidents of the Pontiac Rotary Club)

Kenyada Bowman, Chair

David Darbyshire

Rick David

Tim Travis

Non-voting members are:

Kathy Jenkins, Treasurer and Susan Ebeling, Administrator.

- b. Kathy challenged the club to be more intentional about actually spending our annual budget of around \$25,000.
- c. Reminder that our spending policy is to spend up to the dividends and earnings of the brokerage account over the previous 12 months.
- d. The following expenditures were approved and will be forwarded to the Charities Board for final approval:
 - i. Community Breakfast at All Saints Church - \$2000.
 - ii. The Holiday Extravaganza Parade - \$1000
 - iii. Gloves / candy for the parade – 1200 / 350 respectively
 - iv. Food for the Groveland Camping outreach - \$750
- e. Susan noted that the financial statements for Charities are included in the online documents that can be accessed only by members with access levels which allow.

8. Additional meeting scheduled for **Tuesday Sept 22 at 5pm at Sam's office** to address a strategy for long term sustainability of the club and create a realistic action plan.

Next Board meeting: Thursday Oct 1st at 10:45am
(DG Lee at 11:30am)