

THE FOUR WAY TEST THAT ROTARIANS USE IN MAKING ETHICAL DECISIONS: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Next Meeting (7/14/22) — NAACP

This is it: the absolute edge of no return: to turn back now and make home or sail irrevocably on and either find land or plunge over the world's roaring rim" - William Faulkner

## MEETER - GREETER

Jane Clingman-Scott

### **NEXT WEEK'S MENU**

Caprese Chicken

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### **NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS**

Jason Bertoia	July 15
Ken Johnson	July 15
Karen Hayslip	July 17
Kathy Betts	July 18
Bill Marietti	July 19
Richard Houtteman	July 20
Morton Kantor	July 20
Courtney Porrett	July 20

### **Caring Connections Fund**

#### **PROGRAMS / EVENTS**

7/7 Diatribe 7/14 NAACP 7/21 Disability Network

No video available from July 7 meeting.

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# **VISITORS & GUESTS**



Tracy Straight and Drew Maus, guests of **Tom Palmer** 



Today's speakers: Rachel Gleason, Gregory Foster & Marcel Fable

## DO IT NOW!

Now's the time to update your profile in the Rotary Directory. By Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, add photos, new home and work info. etc.



Landon Fortenberry, guest of **John Noling.** Rotary changed his life big time and he came to thank us and tell us how: Youth Exchange, Law Day Speech, Life Leadership Conference, mentoring, and Rotaract. Landon is entering the Foreign Service and completing Graduate studies at Harvard. You go Landon!

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# THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM: •

# The Diatribe

## Uniting the Youth and Raising Awareness Through Art

#### RIM Reporter: Jackie Farrar

**Speakers:** Rachel Gleason, Gregory Foster & Marcel Fable

The Diatribe mission: The Diatribe uses performing arts to empower young people to share their stories, raise awareness of social issues, and create change within their communities. The Diatribe completed programming with over 30 schools and organizations in 2021, working with over 5,000 young people. The Diatribe is led by a group on nontraditional artists, offering after-school programs, assemblies, and creative writing workshops rooted in poetry.

The Diatribe has partnerships with schools and prominent organizations in West Michigan. They empower students to tackle large societal issues such as fair housing practices, toxic masculinity, racism, and providing space to have conversations surrounding mental health awareness, identity, grief, and loss.

The Diatribe uses assemblies to lift students up, showing youth that they can be transparent, and they can use their story to empower other people. Workshops are a time for students to dissect the different social issues that they and their peers face. Students learn to harness the power of radical vulnerability as they share their stories in a rhetorically compelling way. The Diatribe Presents two free/online Poetry Empowered Programing

## **Mental Health and Wellness**

- Ten easy-to-teach online lessons
- Discussions of renowned poets and poetry
- Creating projects and writing prompts

- Inspires students to engage in dialogue on topics of mental health
- Meeting standards for E.L.A. learning for social justice and social emotional learning standards
- Free downloadable lessons at <u>https://thediatribe.org/program-</u> <u>downloads/#</u>

The Diatribe believes students can create change by the power of sharing their voice and story. Students can also have a better future when they are unafraid to dream it, speak it, and create it. For more information on The Diatribe visit <u>www.thediatribe.org</u> or email <u>Gleason@thediatribe.org</u>

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# Life Leadership Conference Attendees



Abby Silvis, President, Mona Shores High School Rotary Interact

"The Rotary Life Leadership Conference was the best experience I have ever had. I would say it is so worth it. The staff is so friendly and welcoming! The people and speakers can truly change your life.

Molly Kennedy's presentation was one of the best messages of LLC. Her main talk was "Creating the Champion Within." It really made me think through my daily life and what I can do to make it better. Molly's message changed how I think of things as a leader and how I can create a better place for anyone, including friends, family, and others.

I am going to use all of what I learned to create a more positive environment and make everyone I can feel welcome and wanted. I will be sure to create positivity and communicate thoroughly and fluently. Being a leader is a position where people depend on you. I will make sure that I can create a less stressful and more creative environment while serving as President of Rotary Interact this year at Mona Shores High School."



Christian Whipple, Fruitport High School Junior

"All in all, I really enjoyed the Life Leadership Conference. Although I was a bit skeptical in the beginning about what it was and how it was going to turn out, I was very happy that I went. All of the speakers and the games we played were just amazing and, although I really didn't know anyone there, by the end we were like a little family.

I think Molly Kennedy's speech impacted me the most. Her message of Creating the Champion Within and the way she interacted with the audience really moved me. Howard Oesterling's talk was also really amazing to hear. It made me think about people in my life that may be affected in the way that he was talking about with the boy in his story of Cliff Evans and the Cipher in the Snow.

I can see Rotary being a big part of my future, I really think Rotary is a genuine group that wants to spread good in the world. This is why, after talking to Doug Mealey on staff, I would like to start a Rotary Interact club at my school. I think it would be incredibly beneficial to the Fruitport community and the school as a whole being able to spread the message and actions of Rotary and Interact.

I absolutely loved participating in LLC, and now, thanks to Rotary, I have over 100 new friends that I can talk to and make new memories with in the future."