

Monday, June 24, 2024



Events

June 28th
Plymouth Weekly Club Meeting

June 28th
Music In the Air

July 5th
Music In the Air

July 12th
Art in the Park Parking fundraiser

July 13th
Art in the Park Fundraiser

July 19th
Plymouth Weekly Club Meeting

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Music In the Air

Club Leaders



Chris Porman
President



James Gietzen
President-Elect



Candice Towers
Secretary



James Van Horn III
Treasurer



Charles J. Bares
Rotary Foundation Chair



June Kirchgatter
Membership Chair



Denise King
Youth Exchange Chair

Broadcaster June 21, 2024

By William Weber on Monday, June 24, 2024



Call to Order President, **Chris Porman**, called the meeting to order at precisely 12:10pm immediately following the 100 Year Anniversary Photo Shoot. Chris led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chuck Lang led the meditation and fittingly began with “the Gift of Rotary” is evident in the room. After recognizing the incoming and outgoing officers, Chuck implored all of us to continue to do the great work of Rotary.

Guests There were many guests today at this “Changing of the Guard” meeting. Among the guests were the following:

- Barb Jones**, wife of District Governor **Russ Jones**
- James Carney**, a long time Rotarian
- Robert Reizner**, Jackson Rotary Club
- Jacob Poteet**
- Ron Schram**, a long time Rotarian
- Tod Jaggi**, Livonia Rotary Club
- Natasha Gee**, wife of **Preston Gee**
- Steven Gietzen**, brother of **James Gietzen**
- Traci Sincock**, wife of **Paul Sincock** and Past District Governor
- Nancy Lang**, wife of **Chuck Lang**

June Birthdays- June was a banner month for Rotarian birthdays. You may access the birthdates on the video of the meeting held on the 21st.

UPCOMING DATES

July 4th Parade joint venture between Rotary and Kiwanis. Looking for help with planning and on the day of the parade. See Chris Porman for more

July 12, 13, & 14 Art in the Park parking. This is a major Rotary fund raiser and we need all hands on deck. Please sign up to help out at [Art in the Park 2024 Sign Up](#)

July 20th: 100th year Gala at the Mayflower Meeting House. There have already been close to a hundred people registered and a good number of sponsorships have been secured. If you haven’t already registered, please do so. For specific information please contact either **Diane Harrison** or **Nancy Baldwin**.

Paul Harris Fellowship- District Governor, **Russ Jones** presented **James VanHorn** with the Paul Harris Fellow pin.



Paul Harris Major Donor Status- District Governor, **Russ Jones** presented **Nancy and Chuck Lang** with Major Donor Status diamond pins



Penny Joy
iPast President



Marie A. Morrow
Club Executive
Secretary



Induction of incoming Board members- District Governor, **Russ Jones** administered the Oath of Office to new members, **Preston Gee** and **Bill Weber**. **Dan Amos** and **Dan Hordov** will be sworn in at a later date.

Induction of incoming President- District Governor, **Russ Jones** administered the Oath of Office to incoming president **James Gietzen**.



Comments from outgoing President- Chris Porman gave a very moving presentation regarding his year in office. He began by thanking the Board of Directors as well as the club members for all of their contributions throughout the year. Chris provided many highlights including the arrival of seventeen new members this year and a total of thirty two over the past two years, a record number of dollars raised by our efforts with regard to Art in the Park parking, getting closer to besting our foes in bell ringing, the continued success of our planting on Main Street, a visit to St. Leo's, providing a luncheon for veterans, a sellout golf outing, awarding of thousands of dollars of scholarships, Santa and Bingo events, public safety awards The Sun Never Sets on Rotary participation, the outstanding work of the program committee, the efforts at the Historical Museum regarding the History of Rotary, our contribution to 88.1 the PARC, the efforts of the Rotary Foundation to provide the funding for the numerous projects. Even with all of the above successes, Chris spoke very movingly about the camaraderie, fellowship, unity and mutual support which define all of us as Rotarians.

Chris also thanked outgoing board members, **Penny Joy, James VanHorn, Paul Opdyke** and **Carol Souchock** for their outstanding service to the club.

Changing of the Guard- Incoming president **Giessen** presented Outgoing President **Chris** with a past president's plaque, the highly coveted past president's pin as well as a single malt beverage. In return, with a sense of relief, **Chris** presented **James** with the president's pin.



Comments from incoming President- James Gietzen began his comments by stating that the theme for the next year will be "The Magic of Rotary." To that end he discussed how we need to be future oriented and that really is in the hands of the members. He reflected on the accomplishments of the past as well as many of the international successes, including the near eradication of polio. The examples James provided are clear testimony that when we make promises we follow through. James

implored all of us to be kind and welcoming to each other and to new members, to share our talents with each other and the club, cultivate new members and encourage new ideas, dare to dream big and actually being engaged. By incorporating these ideas we can make a difference in our community and beyond. In closing, James reflected on his thoughts about the Rotary logo and the hole in the middle. James likened the hole to a slot for a key to make the gears turn and when all of the gears are turning together that is when we see “The True Magic of Rotary.”

Foundation Officers- The Foundations officers for the upcoming year are:

John Buzuvis, President

Bruce Baxter, Vice President/Secretary

Tim Joy, Treasurer

Video- To see the meeting in its entirety go to Plymouthrotary.org and click on the Facebook tab.

50/50- Today’s raffle was a whopping \$91 and was won by **Barry Simescu**.

2nd Chance- **Eric Joy**, who was in attendance, took home the **2nd chance winnings**.

Four Way Test- **President James** led us in the recitation of the 4 Way Test.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Broadcaster June 14, 2024

By Timothy E. Joy on Monday, June 17, 2024

OPENING

PE **James Gietzen** opened the meeting. He explained that President Chris was up north with his family at wrestling camp. PE James led the Club in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEDITATION MINUTES

Liz Orbits provided an appropriate meditation considering our speakers topic- the opioid crisis occurring in our country and all those with the burden of addiction. Liz used Google Gemini AI to assist in drafting her meditation. Liz blessed those that provide support, guidance and healing to those on the road to sobriety.



Broadcaster Rep- yours truly **Tim Joy**

Please remember to sign up for lunch weekly!

The results of the election for the Club Board of Directors was announced. The new Club Directors are: **Bill Weber, Dan Amos, Preston Gee, and Dan Hordov**.

The 2024-2025 Board of Directors are: **James Gietzen-President, Candice Towers- President Elect, Chris Porman- Past President, Bill Weber, Dan Amos, Preston Gee, Dan Hordov, Diane Harrison, Don Soenen, June Kirchgatter**.

The Club was invited to enjoy their lunch!

A card was received from a past scholarship recipient Reese Burgress from 2003. PE James read the card. Reese attended U of M Nursing school and had a 4.0 his freshman year!

Paul Sincock was invited to share information about next years District 6400 conference. The conference will be in Windsor at the St Clair College Center for the Arts on May 30- June 1,2025. District Governor Nick wants a very affordable conference, so the cost is an inexpensive \$275.00 if you register prior to June 25, 2024. Because of the location and the easy commute home- hotel accommodations are optional. You can register online

at District6400.org.

Birthdays

A list of June Birthdays were on screen. Several of our birthday folks were in attendance. We celebrated the event by NOT singing!

Changing of the Guard

The commissioning of **James Gietzen** as club President will occur Friday June 21, 2024 at our regular meeting. This is a week earlier than usual and was moved forward as the Gietzens are expecting their newest family member to arrive! Happy! Happy!

Group Photo on June 21st

Our clubs 100th Anniversary Photo will be taken. Dress appropriately, please!

July 4th Parade

In a joint effort with the Kiwanis, our club will assist and participate in the parade. A Sign up Genius has been sent. Please show up and help! We don't want more Kiwanians there than Rotarians! Bring family and friends!

Art in the Park Parking- July 12 -14

This is the largest fundraiser for the Club. Your help is needed- just take a shift by signing up on the Sign up Genius. It is easy, and with a little effort on your part it can be quite fun!

100th Year Gala- July 20

We will celebrate together at the Mayflower Grand Ballroom! Tickets are available online or by contacting **Diane Harrison**.

Meet the Governor- **Nick Krayacich**

Meet the Governor is hosted by the Harrow Rotary Club. The event takes place at Coachwood Golf and Country Club, 7525 Howard Ave, Amherstburg, Ontario. Social time begins at 5:30. Dinner at 7:00. Cost is \$45 US. Sign up is required.

Dave Willett introduced **Steve Ahles**, a member of the Southgate Rotary. Steve's topic is the Opiod Epidemic.

Steve is a member of the Rotary Action Group for Addiction Prevention. He talked about project SMART an integrated program that our Club can participate in to prevent overdose. There is also a clean water aspect to the program by ridding water contamination created by improper drug disposal. This project was featured in the January 2024 Rotary Magazine which is available online.

At no cost to our Club we can supply our community with drug disposal containers, naloxone (Narcan) like nasal injectors, and an educational aspect in the addiction crisis.

Steve provided a tremendous amount of information which is available to be viewed on our Facebook page. Please take the time to educate yourself about this drug crisis and how fentanyl is laced in may street drugs.

50/50

Warren Musson won the 50/50. Second chance would have been **Candice Towers**.

The meeting concluded with the Four Way Test.

Lunch ordering- Advance sign up is IMPORTANT!

Respond to the weekly email or Email Marie.morrow@pcuw.org or Call Marie - 734- 453-6879 X 4

Salad options available:

Maurice Salad

Cesar with or without chicken

Greek with or without chicken

Spinach with or without chicken

Mediterranean