

Monday, May 20, 2024



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By William Weber on Monday, May 20, 2024

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[James Gietzen](#)
President-Elect



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Call to Order

President, **Chris Porman**, called the meeting to order at precisely 12:07pm. Chris led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Elizabeth Orbits** led the meditation by quoting from several Rotarians from across the country with the overall theme of "service Above Self."

Guests

Kasey Kohn introduced her husband, **Steve Pranger** as her guest.

May Birthdays

Dave Willett, Al Blixit, Dianne Harrison, Art Gulick, James Van Horn, Ken Jenkins, Drake Filippis, Mike Howell, Matt Wilson, Russ Jones and Melanie Bell.

UPCOMING DATES

- May 18th - Rotary Flower Planting - Main St. Islands and Rotary Park (8:30am)
- May 20th Rotary Golf Outing is a sellout however the committee could always use an extra hand on the 20th.
- May 24th - First night for Music in the Air at Kellogg Park. Chris announced that a new tent is on the way! **Dave Batts** will be sending out a sign up sheet for attendance at the Friday concerts.
- 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 20th: 100th year gala at the Mayflower Meeting House. Dinner and



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program being planned. I here have already been several people registered and some sponsorships have been secured.

NO MEETING NEXT WEEK 5/24/2024 Enjoy Memorial Day! Thank a Veteran!

Program -Presentation of Rotary Memorial Scholarships

Bill Weber presented the recipients of the Memorial Scholarships. These scholarships take into account several factors including academic achievement, leadership, character, school activities, community service as well as financial need. The many service projects that these recipients have been involved in are truly remarkable as are their academic achievements. Aside from all of their achievements, they are just really nice people who do very much for other people.

All of these students exhibited leadership traits by participating in Student Government, National Honor Society, Service clubs including Interact and Key Club. In some capacity, they served as mentors to other students including participating in Link Crew where upperclassmen adopt incoming freshman to help them acclimate themselves to school... All of them have participated in athletics and activities ranging from basketball, swimming, cross country track and field wrestling, Science Olympiad, National Honor Society, Aeronautics club, and Scouting to name just a few. Not only did they participate in these activities, they were selected to be captains and/or leaders of their teams.

Much of this scholarship is also based on community service. When we look at this aspect we are looking to the experiences that students have that are not related to mandatory service often associated with clubs such as NHS or Interact. I guess the best way to describe it- what do these students do when no one is looking and the services they participate in are outside of any requirements. Rest assured their contributions are impressive.

The recipients are as follows:

Maya Joiner - Maya will receive a scholarship totaling \$6,000 and will be attending Hiram University in the fall and plans to study Biology and Psychology and perhaps find time to play a little basketball.

Emily Lin - Emily will receive a scholarship totaling \$4,000 and will be attending The University of Michigan in the fall and plans to study engineering.

Gage Ellis - Gage will receive a scholarship totaling \$12,000 and will be attending Western Michigan University in the fall and plans to study Aviation Science.

Anirudh (Ani) Krushman - Ani will receive a scholarship totaling \$12,000 and will be attending Johns Hopkins University in the fall and plans to study Applied Mathematics and Statistics.

Students and Parents/Guardians

Maya Joiner â€™ Karen Braxton

Emily Lin â€™ Anthony Lin and Mary Cheng

Gage Ellis â€™ Patrick Driscoll, Jimmie Driscoll

Ani Krishnan â€™ Venky Krishnan, Vidya Krishnan

50/50 Todayâ€™s raffle was won by **Tim Joy for \$51. Hush, don't tell Penny!!!**
2nd Chance â€™ **Linda Jones** was not in attendance and missed out on the 2nd chance dollars.

Four Way Test â€™ **President Chris** led us in the recitation of the 4 Way Test.
Meeting adjourned at 1:05

Broadcaster May 10, 2024

By Paul J. Sincok





CALL TO ORDER: This past Friday the club met at Salem High School's Presentation Room for a special meeting of the club. President Chris Porman called the meeting to order at the appointed hour and he asked Bill Keith, the Station Manager of 88.1, the Park, WSDP to welcome us to Salem High School and to the Radio Station located in the high school complex.

President Chris invited member Chuck Lang forward to provide our meditation moment for the day. Chuck's thoughts were of the 100th Anniversary of service provided by our club. He also gave thanks for our financial successes of our club, which allows us to continue to support education projects in our community. We are truly grateful!

NEWEST ROTARIAN: President Chris had the club welcome our newest member Mark Waller to the club.

BIRTHDAY: We celebrated James Van Horn's birthday as it occurred at today's meeting. No cake, but we had cookies. ??

LOOKING FOR A LITTLE HELP: Watch for an email from Chris Porman about the annual mail carriers Salvation Army food drive this weekend. The Salvation Army will need some help to sort all of the food and place in their pantry on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

THANKS: The annual seedling delivery has all of the drivers/delivery people signed up to deliver seedlings to all of the elementary schools in the District. The delivery will take place on Friday, May 17th. Thanks for all of your help and early sign ups.

FLOWER PLANTING: Coming up on Saturday, May 18th is the annual flower planting on the Main Street Island and at Rotary Park. Start time is 8:30 a.m. and coffee and donuts will be on hand to help get everyone going. Remember many hands help make quick work. Everyone who is available should plan on attending and bring your family members and neighbors to help out.

GOLF OUTING: The annual Plymouth Rotary Golf Outing is all sold out and is set to go on Monday, May 20th. Chuck Lang is still looking for about six or seven volunteers to help out on the day of. Contact Chuck if you can help out.

THERE'S A PARADE: Plymouth is always known for hosting a wonderful 4th of July parade and this year it will be co-hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth AND the Rotary Club of Plymouth. We need lots of volunteers for this event to help out with pre-parade line up and parade marshalling along the route. We have to make sure that participants "mind the gap" between parade units and to keep the parade tight. Please let James Gietzen know if you can help on the parade morning.

ALSO COMING UP: We have Art in the Park parking detail. This is a major fund raiser for the club, and this will need to be an "all hands-on deck" for the weekend of July 12, 13 & 14. More news on this program soon.

CELEBRATE: It is time to celebrate our 100th Anniversary of Service to the Community. On Saturday, July 20th our club will celebrate at a Gala Event at the Mayflower Grand Ballroom. A lot of plans are being put into place. Members should

have received a postcard with details on the event and ticket information. If you have not received the informational post card, please let President Chris or President Elect James know and they will get you set with the information.

PROGRAM REPORT: The Rotary Club of Plymouth has made a legacy commitment to fund \$200,000 of nearly a half million-dollar project to create new interview studios at WSDP, the high school radio station. The station has been named Michigan Association of Broadcasters Station of the Year several years in a row. In addition, they have been nominated for the National Association of Broadcasters College and High School Station of the Year for several years as well. Station Manager Bill Keith indicated that the impact would allow them to more than double the student capacity and double their news reporting, plus add a video component to future story building. We also heard from some of the student leaders, who thanked the club members for their commitment to future generations of students.

Assistant Station Manager John Krueger talked about how Rotary first impacted his life many years ago when he first was a student at the high school complex. Rotary provided him an electric scooter to accommodate his handicap to allow him to travel between the multiple school buildings on campus. He also told us how the Rotary Four Way Test is used at WSDP to "test" news stories. John assured the club that today's contribution will ensure that the commitment to excellence will continue at the station for many more years.

School Superintendent Dr. Monica Merrit thanked the club for taking the time to meet the incredible students of PCCS and the radio station. She talked about how a small think tank of Rotarians from two years ago, grew this idea into the plans that we see before us today. She indicated that the school system is committed to this project and is looking forward to bringing this project to completion and having us all back in the future to celebrate the commitment of Rotary to our students.

The meeting ended with a live on-air interview with President Chris Porman, President Elect James Gietzen, Plymouth Rotary Foundation President Warren Mussen, and WSDP Alumni Paul Sincock. The group got to talk about service activities of Rotary and Rotary's commitment to the community and service above self.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: This seems appropriate based on today's program and the ability of radio to tell a story. Walt Disney once said; "Since the beginning of mankind, the story tellers have not only given us entertainment, but a kind of wisdom, humor, and understanding of the world around us."

WITH THAT HAVE A SUPER POSITIVE WEEK AND BE SURE TO CHECK OUT WSDP 88.1 the Park.

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

Ceasar with or without chicken

Greek with or without chicken

Spinach with or without chicken

Mediterranean