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Events

December 13th
**Plymouth Weekly
Club Meeting**

December 20th
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Club Leaders



James Gietzen
President



Candice Towers
President-Elect



Daniel Amos
Treasurer



Nancy Ann Baldwin
Rotary Foundation Chair



Preston Gee
Membership Chair



Denise King
Youth Exchange Chair



Chris Porman
iPast President



The room at the Cultural Center was filled to capacity With Rotarians and their guests to honor our Public Servants and First Responders! Many brought their significant others and many kids were there also.

The lunch consisted of turkey and dressing and all the fixings. Lunch began prior to the meetings start, otherwise the program would have taken too long.

President James called the meeting to order and asked everyone to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. PDG Paul Sincock led us in this weeks meditation. He asked blessings on all those that provide health, safety and welfare to our community and all in this world that also have this purpose.

Announcements

Bell Ringing Dec 13 & 14- please sign up to help!

Community Service committee will host the annual Christmas Party for residents of Opportunity House on Dec 11th at the Cultural Center.



Marie A.
Morrow
Club
Executive
Secretary

Support the Goodfellows and our own Cam Miller with a donation to No Kiddie Without a Christmas.

Parking Deck parking detail to manage the parking structure on Dec 12 & 13th from 4-6 and 6-8pm. Sign up Genius has been sent out!

PCEP choir and orchestra will present their annual Christmas concert on Friday Dec 13TH. Be sure to sign up for your lunch!

President James turned over the podium to PDG Paul to present today's program. Paul explained that First Responders are there to protect and preserve life, property, evidence and the environment. They serve 24/7 in all weather conditions or hazardous circumstances.

Public works employees are considered First Responders. They work with police and fire as a team to provide safe access to incidents in our community.

Paul gave an informative presentation about Rotary. I'm sure the group learned about our service in the community!

Municipal Services award was presented by Chris Porman, Director of Municipal Services, to Aaron Messick. The dedicated staff of municipal services is exemplified by Aaron. He is a water technician. He is a member of the fire department here in Plymouth.

Huron Valley Ambulance Vice President Karl Rock came to the podium to present the Paramedic of the Year award to Senior Paramedic James Brown. He provides compassionate care with a high level of dedication and ability.

Fire and EMS services are provided by a unique partnership with City of Northville fire department. Northville/Plymouth Chief Matt Samhat was present and presented the award for the City of Plymouth Firefighter of the Year to Adam Wright. He has tremendous credentials and is willing to share his knowledge with his team mates.

Chief Al Cox was called to the podium to present the award of Police Officer of the year to Greg Demiao. He is a road patrol officer working night shifts of 12 hours. He is well liked by his peers and command staff.

Plymouth Township Fire and EMS department was represented by Chief Pat Conely. He presented the awards for Officer of the Year to Andrew "Drew" Loudon and Joseph Tacoma. They are dedicated firefighters with years of experience and are highly skilled.

Plymouth Township Police were recognized with this annual award by the Chief of Police James Knittel. The Township recognized 4 officers for their service. They are: Sgt Mike Hinkle, Raymond Naamou, Tyler Cannon, and Jon Stempin. They were recognized for their teamwork while rescuing an elderly couple trapped in a house fire.

Thanks to Rotarian Dan Amos and his committee for their efforts in organizing this 25th annual ceremony!

President James returned to the podium and the Four Way Test was recited. The 50/50 was for \$56 which someone won. The second chance winner was not present.

Thanks to all the First Responders for making Plymouth! - Plymouth!

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President **James Gietzen** began our meeting by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then called upon **Mary Ann Woods** to lead us in a prayer, where she asked us to reflect upon the upcoming holiday season and to be grateful for our daily blessings.

GUESTS

Marie Morrow introduced **Isabella Morrow** (who was helping with the 50/50), and **Chuck Lang** introduced his wonderful wife **Nancy**. We then completely bungled the 'hello, hello' song..yikes.

We then queued up to have lunch of meatloaf (I hope that what it was).

Birthdays

Bill Weber, Jeff Stella, Mike Richardson, Frank Agostini, Kasey Kohn, and Dave Batts all will celebrate their big days this month. Happy Birthday kids!

Upcoming Events

BELL RINGING FOR SALVATION ARMY- This is a biggie, we are ringing December 13th and 14th please sign up! If you can't be there (like yours truly-I'm off to Florida for December and early January) make sure you drop a check in the kettle at the next meeting on December 6th or give them to Chuck Lang.

December 6-Public Service Awards.

December 11-Big Christmas bash for the residents of Plymouth Opportunity House at the Cultural Center-this is a FUN event, and President Jimbo asked for 6 or more volunteers to help out.

December 13-Annual Holiday Concert.

December 20-State of the Club delivered by Dr. (Honorary Title) **James Gietzen**.

January 31st -Schoolcraft College another fun field trip organized by **June Kirchgatter** and her Program Committee. Our host will be **Matt Wilson** (Chief Community Liaison Officer at the College and Plymouth Rotarian)- the itinerary is:

- Arrival to room Vista Tech 705.
- Lunch and a really short meeting (hopefully no singing) then a tour of :
 1. Vista Tech/Culinary Arts Program
 2. Health Sciences Program
 3. Sports Dome / ESC / Fitness Center

Depending on your time availability (we will have a hard stop at 1:30 PM) and your inclination for a brisk walk around the campus for the final two elements you can stay for all or part of the program. The first part will be all indoors, and will end around 1PM. This will be a fun and educational program-please consider inviting spouses, friends, and prospective members-the more the better! Let us all circle the date and have a BIG turnout!

Announcements

June Kirchgatter asked us to consider helping out the Rotary Club of Asheville, North Carolina in replacing their local Middle Schools library books that were among the many things destroyed during Hurricane Helene. To do so:

1. On your smart phone turn on the camera and focus on the QCR code below this will take you to the library's wish list of books.



1. Go to any book that has the red 'add to cart button' below it.
2. When you go through the 'check out item process'-you can check out as a guest (you do not have to create an account), you just enter your credit card info and that is it. Most books are under \$20.
3. **If you do not have a smart phone please ask your grand kids to help you with this.**

SPEAKER

Peter Arp a newer member of the club gave an excellent presentation on his employer Webasto North America. **Peter** currently serves as COO/EVP/VP of Automotive operations in North America. Webasto is a German privately held

company with a significant presence in North America (7 production facilities including the beautiful facility on Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township).

Peter is the proud father of five children ranging in ages from 18-30 years. He is a long time Rotarian and has held positions of responsibilities with Webasto in Germany, France, and here in the U.S.

Webasto has an interesting product mix mostly concentrated in roofing systems and electrification of vehicles. Its roots are in thermal heating systems (I had one of their wonderful diesel heaters on my sailboat).

Peter discussed a wide variety of topics from product mix and development to manufacturing, and use of data analytics in problem solving on the factory floor. He walked us through computer modeling that allows the engineers and production teams to do 'what if' scenarios of the implication of changes to production methods and machine settings in a dynamic fashion. **Peter** then showed a video on how Webasto envisions the future of production, as we move from the staffed assembly lines to AI and robotics. He wrapped it up with a simple statement that you cannot build things without people, but we can make the jobs more interesting and challenging with technology. **Thanks for this Peter!**

FIFTY-FIFTY

Joyce Johnson won the big prize, she grabbed the money and bolted out the door, muttering something about going to the Motor City Casino and playing red 22, whatever that means. **Rachel Ross** won the second chance drawing.

FOUR-WAY TEST

We closed our meeting by reciting the ethical guide that Rotary adopted in the 1940s: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

FINAL THOUGHTS

Contact **Denise King** if you would like to plan an activity or outing with our new exchange student Martin-it is extremely helpful to the host family and fun! Martin is a fine young and I'm sure he would enjoy doing whatever you enjoy.

Remember to respond to **John Buzuvis's** weekly emails regarding reservations for lunch, this really helps the club financially manage the meals budget. If that is too technical for you (ha ha) you can call **Marie Morrow**, at PCUW 734-453-6879 ext 4.

Report on the Ebenezer/Movie Event

We had a really nice turnout at this event! Super fun cocktail hour and met new friends and reacquainted with long time members! It was great to see **Bob Bake** again, who was also featured in the movie, being a fifth generation Plymouth resident. Thanks to the "Big Board" (club board) and to **Nancy Baldwin** for organizing it!

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