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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!



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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!

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By Paul J. Sincock on Sunday, November 17, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: **President James** called the group to order at the appointed hour and he asked **Chuck Lang** to provide this week's meditation.

Chuck's thoughts were for the families of the two members who recently passed away. Chuck also called upon the thoughts of Father Solanus Casey who said, "*Do not pray for easy lives; pray to be stronger people. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers; pray for powers equal to your tasks.*" He also said that "*Life is to live and live to give.*" Powerful words in this holiday season as we are asked to give to help others and to ring the Salvation Army Bells in December.



GUESTS: This past week we had guests including the President elect of the Canton Rotary as well as a Past President of the club. We also had on hand Barb Jones who was visiting with PDG Russ Jones.

MESSAGE: President James thanked the club members for supporting the families of Dan and Alex the two members who recently passed away. He told us that the families of each of these people are very appreciative of the support that the Rotary Club is providing for them during this very difficult time.

PROGRAM REPORT: The scheduled program from our Interact Students was disrupted due to the students having tests at the school today. We were very pleased to have our own Major Mary Ann Wood from the Plymouth Salvation Army post step in on short notice to talk about all of the things that the Plymouth Salvation Army does and the importance of bell ringing.

The ringing of The Salvation Army bell is not just a sound of a bell...it's the sound of curing hunger, the sound of Christmas to a child in need, the sound of a safe place for our neighbors to sleep. It is the sound of help, hope, and comfort to our neighbors when they need it most during the holidays and beyond.

As our club gets ready to take on the Kiwanians in our annual bell ringing battle for who can raise the most money, we should remember that bell ringing means Doing Good in our Community! Every penny, nickel, dime, quarter, and dollar collected in your community stays local and supports local Salvation Army programs. By helping raise funds through a Red Kettle, you're a neighbor helping your neighbors. The impact of our efforts on bell ringing shows up in the work of the Salvation Army.

Did you know that donating 2 hours of your priceless time generates \$100 or much more per hour. That means 80+ meals or a safe warm home to a family for a month or providing 3 underprivileged children the opportunity to attend summer camp! It was great hearing from our members on the history of the Salvation Army and the work of the Plymouth Corp.

HONORING THE VETERANS: This past week we had a video honoring the many Veterans in our club. It is amazing how many Veterans we have or had in this club over the years. There were even a few in the room who knew the current and past members in the video.

WINNER OF THE WEEK: Taking home the 50/50 pot was member **Al Blixt** and missing out on the 2nd Chance Pot was **Dale Yagiela**.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Walt Disney once said; "The greatest moments in life are not concerned with selfish achievements but rather with the things we do for the people we love and those we respect."

WITH THAT HAVE A SUPER POSITIVE WEEK!

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