

Mount Clemens Rotary Club



"the spokesperson" for June 14, 2007

Minutes by Jessica Cheshire

President **Ron Reed** called the meeting to order at 12:16 pm. **Jessica Cheshire** led us in The Pledge of Allegiance and national anthem while Jennifer Gale accompanied on the piano. **Tom Davies** led the prayer. Following the prayer was a nice lunch starting with a tossed salad, chicken with mozzarella cheese, mini potatoes, steamed mixed vegetables and vanilla ice cream with chocolate syrup. Our club was honored to have three guests present: Del Becker guest and wife of Dr. **Carl Becker**, Lauren Walendowski, guest and daughter of **John**

Walendowski and Cindy Sue Donahue speaker and guest of **Don Green**. **Bob Selwa** was our song leader and invited a whole entourage of Rotarians to join him at the podium. In honor of Father's Day we sang "Oh My Papa" originally sung by Eddie Fisher and in honor of Flag Day we sang "America the Beautiful", these two songs very appropriate and we are grateful for all the thoughts and preparation Bob put into selecting them.



Lynn Davidson only had a few flowers to give away today. **Keith Beasley** bought one for **Bob Morris** for attending the Rotary social and being there a half an hour before everyone else. **Ray Glime** bought a flower for our speaker, Cindy. **John Walendowski** gave a flower to his daughter, Lauren. **Marco Lavinio** bought the last flower for Mayor Barb Dempsey given to Neil on her behalf.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Ron Reed** updated the club on a few items. Our attendance for April and May is between 63 - 64 percent, so please encourage your fellow Rotarians to attend the meetings. The District 6380 May newsletter is available online. (www.rotary6380.org) There is still a need for host families for three inbound exchange students; contact Gerry Jackson if you are interested. We also have a new American flag for our club, courtesy of Judge **Don Miller**.
- **Bob Cannon** let us know that a new bike path is being made with a longer route than expected from additional funding to the project. He also wanted to speak on behalf of his Rotarians about the Gratiot Cruise. Mount Clemens was not included in the route this year, but hopefully the Clinton Township cruise can run through the Harley-Davidson parking lot, Concorde Inn and then ride into Mount Clemens.

RECOGNITION

Tom Davies was in a lawful mood today and enjoys watching Law and Order so recognition was turned into a courtroom setting and Tom was the prosecutor. Judge **Don Miller** was asked to preside over the cases.

Rolf Schroeter was asked to the stand. Rolf raised his right hand to be sworn in to tell the truth. Recently Rolf attending two meetings in Mount Pleasant at the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort, even though Rolf swears to not have gambled and only attending the meetings with a description of the lunch, he was fined \$4 for driving home at night and not staying over since he had meetings the next day and \$1 for court fees. **Marco Lavinio** was next to being sworn in to tell the truth. He requested representation and **Patty McKay** stood up on his behalf. Tom began examining Marco on the Gratiot Cruise and questioning his loyalty to Mount Clemens and this club and how could they not be included in the cruise? Marco responded that there was nothing he could do. Patty gave a motion to withdraw because her client was not taking her advice of not talking. Marco was fined \$4.99 for not using the influences of the club such as **Bob Cannon** and **Joe Peruzzi** to allow for Mount Clemens to be a part of the Gratiot Cruise. Court was dismissed.

Tom Davies kept going after that. He fined **Jerry Innes** \$4 for being the most missed Rotarian, \$4 fine was given to **Bob Morris** for his "James Bond" outfit and picture at the President's Ball and \$1 for missing his gavel. **Larry Neal** was fined \$3 for writing an article about the issue of allowing patrons to use all libraries it would be tax invasion. Rotarians **Fred Duemling**, **Neil Dempsey** and **Chuck O'Grady** were fined \$3 since they will be traveling to Lake Tahoe to golf, water ski and celebrate the wedding of another Rotarian, who will be fined when he returns.

All Rotarians who were not wearing their rotary pins were fined \$1. \$2 fine was given to Don Miller for claiming his flag pin instead of rotary pin in honor of Flag Day. Joe Peruzzi was fined \$4.99 because he was a witness to the "no hitter" game of Justin Verlander pitcher for the Detroit Tigers and finally \$1 fine to **Bob Selwa** for not smooching up to Joe to be with him at the Tigers game for this historic moment.

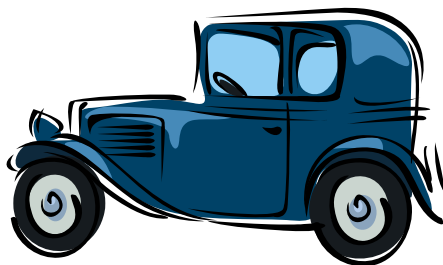


program

Macomb County has a strong base of historians and a stronger belief of preserving the history that tells us how we got to where we are today. **Don Green** introduced our speaker

Cindy Sue Donahue. Cindy is the staff historian for Macomb County. Don has been working with Cindy for many years, when Don is in need of information Cindy is always able to find it. Don brings the idea to Cindy who then researches the ideas and **Joe Peruzzi** is the media link to bringing everything into focus. The project that will be the focus of the presentation is on the history of the automobile dealerships in Macomb County. Don expressed that he is not an automotive historian, but a local historian who took a look at dealerships in Mount Clemens and Macomb County.

Our club was shown a documentary entitled "World on Wheels" this documentary is much longer in length and will be shown at the Mount Clemens and Clinton-Macomb Libraries, but was edited by Joe to fit the needs of our club. The video showed and interviewed many of the top auto dealers in Macomb County. Bell Fork Lift/Stewart Sales and Services was built in 1910 and was one of the first auto



dealers in Mount Clemens and Macomb County. At this time the automotive industry was booming and demand was growing rapidly. More than 3,000 different automobiles were sold in the U.S., and Mount Clemens had a good share of auto shops.

The dealerships were different back then because there were no lots to store the cars and additional floors were built in order to store unsold cars. This was a big role in the economic stability of Mount Clemens. Stewart Motor Sales was the first to have an indoor showroom. The selling of automobiles was never an easy task with the growing taste of consumers constantly changing. As Ford dealer Russ Milne said, "In the end, they all get sold. You don't see me with a 1953 Ford still waiting to be sold." All dealers needed to be good businessmen and community-minded to established longevity for their dealerships. The history of the automotive business is very large, so this documentary was a great way to capture the ideas and pictures and put them all together. The auto dealers have transformed throughout the years, in order to serve the forever-changing demands and needs of the consumers.

Cindy concluded the presentation with a story of the crime that was committed at the Bell-Fork Lift/Stewart Sales & Service in 1937. Lilian Woodworth was 25 years old living with and helping to support her parents. One day she was leaving work and was shot by the porter seven times. The porter fled the scene but the cops caught up with him by the river where he then shot himself twice with a letter in his pocket saying sorry to his wife. Rotarians were encouraged to see the entire documentary which includes stories from more dealers and historical insight of how it was back then. This was a great presentation to learn about the history of the auto dealers of Mount Clemens and Macomb County.

Bill Lee was winner of the 50/50 raffle taking home \$38.

BIRTHDAYS

- 6/9 BOB RANDOLPH
- 6/12 AVA DANNER
- 6/14 PENNY SCHULWITZ



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/8 GERRY & NANCY INNES (21)
- 6/9 DON & MIRA GREEN (58)
- 6/11 ANDY & PAMELA HARPER (13)

CLUB ANNIVERSARY

- DON OLDHAM (10)

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

FROM: SARAH LEE-ELLENA PROGRAM CHAIR

- JUNE 21 OFFICER SUSAN PAYNE, ROSEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT "THE RAPID SEARCH NETWORK"
- JUNE 28 PRESIDENT RON REED'S OUTGOING SPEECH. LAST MEETING AT RIVER HOUSE
- JULY 5 NO MEETING
- JULY 12 VICE ADMIRAL TERRANCE ENTYRE, COMMANDER OF THE U.S. NAVY'S SURFACE FLEET - DETROIT NAVY WEEK. FIRST MEETING AT ZION CHURCH
- JULY 19 PRESIDENT BOB MORRIS' INCOMING SPEECH
- JULY 26 BOAT OUTING -- MEETING FOR LUNCH ONLY

OTHER:

- 6/17-20 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - SALT LAKE CITY

ROTARY ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR APRIL 2007 CLUB ATTENDANCE - 64% MEMBERSHIP - 89 PERFECT ATTENDANCE - 41

BOB BAKER, DON GREEN, SARAH LEE-ELLENA, RON REED, KEITH BEASLEY, PHIL GROH, BOB LESLIE, E.J. ROZEK, CARL BECKER, MICHELE HEAVER, DAVE MELDRUM, ROLF SCHROETER, DON CARNAGHI, RAY HOFNER, VALERIE MILLER, PENNY SCHULWITZ, JESSICA CHESHIRE, MARYANN HOSEY, CECILIA MOLONEY, BOB SELWA, LYNN DAVIDSON, KEN KISH, BOB MORRIS, STEVE TERNULLO, NANCY DEDENBACH, DARLENE LABELLE, LARRY NEAL, DON TORLINE, NEIL DEMPSEY, CHRISTINE LATOUR, DON OLDHAM, JOHN WALENDOWSKI, TED DEVANTIER, BOB LEE, JOE PERUZZI, PAUL WOODRING, FRED DUEMLING, BILL LEE, BOB RANDOLPH, RICHARD ZIELINSKI, AL ZUCCARO

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