

# Mount Clemens Rotary Club



"the spokesperson" for March 22, 2007

## Minutes by Glenn Burton

At approximately 12:14 **President Ron Reed** sounded the Rotary bell, summoning the meeting to order. The hirsute **Rolf Schroeter** announced the Pledge of Allegiance and national anthem. Jennifer Gale, our musician-in-residence, played beautifully on the rolling piano for the day. **John Walendowski** belted out a thankful prayer to our use. The

River House staff served Caesar salad, spaghetti & meatballs (ed. note I miss the Zion ladies spaghetti) green beans, garlic bread and for dessert vanilla ice cream and a brownie.



Mr. **Robert Morris** had the honor of serenading our guests in "Glad to See You at Rotary." They were our speaker Bill Crouchman and Royal Russell, guest of the club and John Walendowski. Looks like Royal's bucking for a royal membership with all these free lunches. **Bob Randolph** was our song selector. We started out fine with "Smile, Sing a Song" but quickly degenerated into a brutal "Stolda Pumpa". Hey Bob, try the KISS method next week...

My dining neighbor, **Larry Neal** put on the birthday/flower show. Different colored flowers went to **Mary Ann Hosey** for being 54 years old, the absent **Fred (really old) Duemling**, 75, and the very spry **Bob Leslie**, 56 for the fifth time. Club anniversaries: one year to **Andy Harper**, **Fred Duemling, 26**, and **Ralph Burton, 31**.

**Jeff Furest** noticed we had a flaw in our program and announced WE FORGOT TO SING HAPPY BIRTHDAY. Jeff loves to sing, so the club complied.

On went the flower sales. **Mary Ann Hosey** got one, **Don Green** gave one back to Larry, **Ray Glime** sent one to our speaker. Big spender **Bill Lee** spent a \$1 for a flower to another big spender **Bill Furest** who promptly doubled it to \$2. **Bob Randolph** gave one Jennifer Gale for the "Stolda Pumpa" rendition.

We had a Lions club member in our midst. Fred Kopson spoke of a \$10,000, 200-ticket elimination raffle, similar to ours from last fall. It will be held 3/24 \$120 per ticket, VFW Hall, New Baltimore starting at 6 p.m. Call Fred at 586-873-9160.

Pres. Reed recognized **Jessica Cheshire** for one-year perfect attendance and presented her with a pin.

**Susan Murphy** was called on to discuss a foreclosure seminar that is being held 3/28 8:30 a.m. at MCCC. See her for the details.



**Nancy Dedenbach** spoke of the Kentucky Derby-themed fundraiser 5/11. Nancy summoned **Don Miller, Don Carnaghi, Bob Leslie, Patty McKay, Mary Ann Hosey and Steve Ternullo** along with their fine looking steeds to the front. For a mere \$250 you too can have a horse for the race. Betting will be done with Rotary Bucks with winner's paying 4-1 odds. The first race will consist of community leaders at the reins and the last race \$500 per horse, so pony up all you would-be jockeys.

Pres. Reed is in possession of the latest district bulletin so see him for the good news.

**B**ob Leslie asked for any more announcements or good will but having none, he commenced to the money grab. It seems we have a very vociferous quartet in **Paul Woodring, Bob Randolph, Marty Rubin and Bill Lee**, so much so that the rest of their table could not hear the Pres. and for it each paid \$1. Note to members that sit next to The Recognizer "it may cost you." This was the case with **Steve Ternullo** and **Don Miller**. Don needs a part fabricated for his plane and with Steve's help, the job could be done, at a \$4 expense to Don. Next, it was time to play "Know Your Rotarian." New member **Susan Murphy** was asked to guess long-time member Marty Rubin's occupation (Stroh's distributor) prior to his 30-year retirement. Before Susan could answer **Darlene LaBelle** butted in to help. This caused a \$2 fine to Darlene for being a buttinski and the unknowing Susan was hit for \$4. One-year-old member **Andy Harper** was asked about **Ray Hofner's** occupation prior to retirement, Ray could barely remember what he did until it was squeezed out of him. Ray worked for Welch's Grape Juice and Andy had to pay \$3.

PROPOSED NEW MEMBER  
 ROYAL E. RUSSELL III  
 DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE  
 CLINTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT  
 SPONSOR JOHN WALENDOWSKI

**ROTARY GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE**

ROTARIANS ARE NEEDED TO HOST THE MEMBERS – ROOM AND BREAKFAST, SHUTTLE DRIVING, TAKING MEMBERS TO AND FROM ACTIVITIES, HOST HOMES. PICK UP TEAM, OFFER IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS WHERE TO TAKE OUR TEAM MEMBERS. ATTEND THE APRIL 19 MEETING. ARRIVING APRIL 15, ACTIVITIES APRIL 16 - 18, DEPART TO WALLED LAKE CLUB APRIL 20. LET US KNOW! GSE COMMITTEE: BOB LEE, JOHN WALENDOWSKI, SARAH LEE-ELLENA, BOB BAKER.

MARCH PROGRAM  
 3/29 ROTARY ROUNDTABLE

OTHER ROTARY PLANS  
 APR. 27-29 DISTRICT 6380 CONFERENCE KELLOGG HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER, EAST LANSING REGISTRATION PRICE GOES UP FEB. 15. SEE WWW.ROTARY6380.ORG  
 JUNE 17-20 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - SALT LAKE CITY

50/50 of \$60  
 was claimed by **Neil Dempsey**.

**M**arch speaker formulator, **Ted DeVantier** introduced Macomb County Commissioners chairperson Hon. William Crouchman. Mr. Crouchman is a graduate of Western Michigan, past District Court Judge and lifelong St. Clair Shores resident.

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners serves as the legislative, administrative and policy-making body for Macomb County. The powers, duties and responsibilities of the board are established by Michigan State Law. The board is composed of 26 commissioners who are elected every other year for a two-year term from 26 districts of nearly equal population.

The board is currently deciding on an executive position to streamline the decision-making process. With the fastest growing and rapidly changing, third most populated county in the state, bureaucracy has to be kept to a minimum. According to Mr. Crouchman the committee wants to "get it right the first time."

He spoke of some positive growth areas -- \$165 million retail expansion along Hall Road and \$200 million in industrial growth. The big three auto companies have committed \$1.2 billion to the area over the past couple of years. The county's infrastructure is poised for this growth. Macomb County has a AAA Municipal Bond rating, only one of a few in the country to have that status.

The county has also seen a reduction in its Rainy Day fund from \$60 mil to \$40 mil due to budget cuts and increasing health care and retirement costs. The commission has started a new initiative whereby businesses can propose new ideas to the county in a proactive way.

*Dominating the emblem of Macomb County is the county outline flanked by a sailboat and three gears which represent recreation and industry, two of the county's greatest assets. The banner traversing the county's outline contains three triskelions, an age-old symbol, representing progress. The date, 1818, is the year Macomb*



*County was established. Circumscribing the emblem are the words Macomb County and Michigan, separated by five-pointed stars -- symbols of quality.*

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*one year*  
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*two years*  
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