

Mount Clemens Rotary Club



"the spokesperson"

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Minutes by Paul Woodring

CALENDAR NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

- 11/8 CONSOLIDATING COURTS
- JUDGE SHEILA MILLER
(BOB CANNON)
- 11/8 ROTARY FOUNDATION
GALA, CLUB VENETIAN
BANQUET CENTER, SIGN
UP AT:
WWW.ROTARY6380.ORG
- 11/15 PAT DANIELS, PRESIDENT
VIETNAM VETERANS OF
AMERICA - COMING
HOME FROM WAR (DON
MILLER)
- 11/15 BRING FOOD
DONATIONS
- 11/22 NO MEETING -
THANKSGIVING
- 11/29 ROTARY
ROUNDTABLE -
PRESIDENT BOB MORRIS



Bright sunshine permeated the landscape as Rotarians gathered for their November 1, 2007 meeting at Zion church. **President Bob Morris** called the club to attention at 12:15 and asked **Glenn Burton** to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pianist Jennifer Gale accompanied singing of our national anthem and **Marty Rubin** provided a thoughtful prayer on behalf of the club. The luncheon served by ladies of Zion consisted of meatloaf, cooked carrots, baked potatoes and applesauce. Dessert was ice cream dipped in a tasty crisp. A short guest list was presented which consisted of Julie Schultz, a scholarship recipient, accompanied by Gayle Good of the Macomb Community College Foundation, both guests of the club. Following announcement of birthdays and anniversaries a host of flowers remained and **E.J. Rozek** actively found interested buyers. **Bob Baker** gave one to our speaker Jeff Lichty, **Don Torline** presented one to guest Julie Schultz, **Darlene LaBelle** sent one to **Don Torline** in thanks for a Baker College donation to the county library, and **Bob Leslie** welcomed old friend, **Fred Duemling** back to a meeting, presenting him with a flower.

Song-master was the effervescent **Val Miller** who chose the upcoming Michigan State vs University of Michigan football game as background for song selection. MSU alumni first rose and led in singing their fight song. U of M supporters were then provided an opportunity to lead our club in singing their favorite school song.



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We cannot live only for ourselves.
A thousand fibers connect us with
our fellow man; and along those
fibers, as sympathetic threads, our
actions run as causes, and they
come back to us as effects.
~~ Herman Melville

■
Above all we must realize that each
of us makes a difference with our
life. Each of us impacts the world
around us every single day. We
have a choice to use the gift of our
life to make the world a better
place - or not to bother.
~~ Jane Goodall

- President Bob announced the formation of a new subset of the club to be responsible for membership development activities. Each week a report titled "Membership Minute" will be presented and involve the current challenge in membership count. The group will seek feedback on why we are losing members, how we can improve weekly meetings, and what new activities should be considered. Members of the committee are: **Val Miller**, chairperson, **Bob Leslie**, **Sarah Lee-Ellena**, **Don Carnaghi**, **Henry Dotson**, **Rolf Schroeter**, **Patty McKay** and **Bob Lee**.
- **Patty McKay** announced that the Rotary "happy hour" will be tonight from 5 to 6:30 at Orlean's on Macomb Street. Her group has decided to change the meeting schedule to the first Tuesday (instead of Thursday) of each month and this begins on December 4.
- President Bob asked for a slight change in procedure for meeting announcements. He requests that persons wanting to make announcements to see him prior to the meeting and provide a brief description of the proposed announcement. He stated that this will allow for more accurate timing of the meeting agenda.

recognition

Recognition chairperson **Tom Davies** toyed with a new approach to determine the amount of a fine to be levied during recognition. He asked **John “the voice” Walendowski**, a reported auctioneer, to assist him. After identifying a victim and describing the offense, John begins an auctioneer’s chant consisting of numbers. The victim then tells John when to halt the chant. Whatever number John spoke last would be the amount of the fine.



While experimenting with this new approach **Val Miller** tried to stop the fast talking auctioneer at one but according to John, his last utterance was four. Thus, a four-dollar fine. **Bob Leslie’s** experience ended with a five-dollar fine.

Ken Kish was asked about certain changes occurring at *The Macomb Daily* to which he implied ignorance. Ken, fortunately, halted the auctioneer at one-fifty which became his fine amount.

Bob Cannon stated he paid a fine last week for the cast on his broken wrist and Tom quickly changed the subject. He then produced a secret photo which resulted in the need for a fine. John Walendowski’s chant was halted at four.

The recognition chair asked **Julie Huttenlocher** about a report that her husband Jim was involved in bringing a new baseball team to Oakland County. She answered in the affirmative and paid a three-fifty fine.

Cecilia Moloney was asked about her favorite Saint and some missing jewelry. She stated that while traveling she lost some favored jewelry. After several prayers to Saint Anthony (She called him Saint Tony) requesting the return of the missing jewelry, it was suddenly found in the lower bottom of her car’s glove box. She was overjoyed but fined three-fifty.

Mary Ann Hosey ended up paying four dollars for requesting a special dessert but then failed to eat it. Bill Lee paid five dollars for a wrong answer about MSU.

Sarah Lee-Ellena had the only zero find of the afternoon for failing to sing during the MSU fight song. **Patty McKay** paid five dollars for the same offense. Then in his final action Tom arranged an even-up bet on Saturday’s game between supports of the respective teams. There were some boos, however when he failed to provide needed points.

program

Bob Baker introduced his friend and past District Governor Jeffrey W, Lichty as our speaker. Jeff’s topic was the Rotary Foundation. He reported that November is Rotary Foundation (RF) month and that a gala event honoring this program is scheduled for November 8 at the Venetian Club. Rotarians are invited to attend. His opening remarks were about how foundation funds are disbursed and about some favored programs. There are three types of grants: those expended during the current year of collection, those collected and held for three years so as to provide earned income, and foundations whose gifts are held in perpetuity and only some earned income is disbursed. Our speaker reminded Rotarians of the need to support RF. He spoke of the every Rotarian – every year concept, reminding us of the importance of donating one hundred dollars every year to RF. Further, he suggested that Rotarians consider including RF in their wills.

50/50

Our President Bob appeared irritated when no one had the correct 50/50 number as drawn by our speaker, only to discover that one of HIS TICKETS WAS THE WINNER of the \$51 prize. ~~ Meeting adjourned.

BIRTHDAY

10/27 MATT MARSIGLIO

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

10/28 BILL & CAREY FUREST (46)

10/28 MICHELE & BILL HEAVER (18)

10/29 KEN & DIANE KISH (29)

EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

Support for the annual programs fund by individual Rotarians is critical to the success of the programs of The Rotary Foundation.

This week’s Rotary Foundation Thought is about **Ambassadorial Scholarships**. The Rotary Foundation began in 1917, but didn’t become a major component of Rotary until founder Paul Harris’s death in 1947. Upon Paul’s death, more than \$1 million was

contributed in memorial gifts. Shortly thereafter, the first program of the Foundation was established: Fellowship for Advanced Study -- the forerunner to the now-popular Ambassadorial Scholarships program. The Rotary Foundation’s Ambassadorial Scholarships program is one of the world’s largest privately funded international scholarship programs for university studies. Since 1947, approximately 37,000 students from some 110 countries have studied abroad. Did you know that film critic Roger Ebert; journalist Bill Moyers; and Sadako Ogata, the former UN High Commissioner on Refugees were Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars?

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