

Mount Clemens Rotary Club



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CALENDAR

NOVEMBER
IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

- 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

DECEMBER

- 12/4 ROTARY SOCIALITES HAPPY
HOUR AT ORLEANS BILLIARDS
CAFÉ IN MOUNT CLEMENS, 5-
6:30 P.M.
- 12/6 UPDATE ON THE WHEELCHAIR
PROJECT. LARRY NEAL NOTE:
MEET AT CLINTON MACOMBE
PUBLIC LIBRARY CONFERENCE
ROOM
- 12/13 THE CHICKEN SHOW: BILL
PATTERSON BRINGS HIS SHOW
CHICKENS. (MARY ANN HOSEY)
- 12/20 FRASER SINGERS CHRISTMAS
CONCERT (MARY ANN HOSEY)
- 12/20 BRING FOOD DONATIONS
- 12/27 NO MEETING. CHRISTMAS/NEW
YEAR

The bell sounded and a hush fell over the hall as **President Bob Morris** called the meeting to order. President Bob requested his Rotarian mentor, **Ron Reed** to lead the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Jennifer Gale was pianist, presenting our national anthem and **Tom Davies** provided a spiritual communion on behalf of the club. Our luncheon menu was a treat as our hostesses served pasta with their special spaghetti sauce accompanied by coleslaw, rolls, fruit Jell-O and cookies. Leading the list of meeting guests was our featured speaker Sheila A. Miller, District Judge, guest of **Bob Cannon**, followed by a resident of Munich Germany area Michael Lenke, attending with **Ralph Burton** and two well-known visitors joining their Rotarian husbands Gretchen Glime and Del Becker. Flowers were provided to members with current birthdays, however two remained and flower lady **Cecilia Moloney** sold them to Ralph Burton for his guest Michael Lenke and to Bob Cannon and his guest Sheila Miller.

MEMBERSHIP

Last week President Bob spoke of the recent reduction in our membership and expressed concern over this trend. To investigate this happening and identify a course of remedial action he named a committee and requested they provide a weekly report to the membership. This week **Sarah Lee-Ellena** announced the group will first study retention within the organization. They will look at why members remain with Rotary. What are the factors that determine or influence this long-term relationship. To provide this information Sarah asked the membership to be thinking about these factors and to identify them for the committee. She stressed that we must be frank in our responses.

President Bob called upon Tom Davies for announcements and recognition.

FOOD DONATIONS

Jack Hart reminded us that next Thursday is Rotary Food Day requesting members to bring food or to make a cash donation.

Tom reminded the club that all announcements were to be cleared through the president before presentation. He then asked Jack if he had followed the new procedure? There didn't appear to be an exact answer but there was apparent double-talk. Tom reported that he would fine Jack and wanted to experiment on how the amount would be determined. Tom had a deck of playing cards and explained that he would ask Jack to draw a card. If the card was a Joker then the fine was zero. With any other card drawn the fine would be the number of dollars as indicated on the card with a maximum of \$5. Face cards would represent the maximum. Jack selected a 5 and was thus fined \$5.

Bob reminded Rotarians of the Youth Exchange Program student interviews to be conducted Saturday a.m. at Zion. Persons planning to attend should notify Bob.



Former members of the U.S. military service were asked to stand by **Julie Huttenlocher**, song leader and the club sang two verses of "America the Beautiful" in recognition of upcoming Veterans Day. Rotary was also recognized with the singing of "Vive Le Rotary."

For recognition Tom called upon **Nancy D.** to discuss her future plans. Nancy explained that she was about to depart for the Lake Huntington area in Florida and would return in March. Her fine for this trip would be determined by drawing a card from the deck. She drew a joker thus being home free.

Mark Zuccaro was asked about his attendance at a Clinton Township Kiwanis Club breakfast meeting. Mark confirmed this happening and was asked to draw a card. This resulted in a \$5 fine.

Don Carnaghi's admission of a Florida vacation resulted in only a \$2 fine.

Bill Lee missed the maximum, paying only \$4 for a picture of his wife Toni. The source of the picture was never fully explained.

Christine LaTour was picked on because of a definite limp and the use of a cane. She reported having undergone partial knee replacement. A \$5 fine developed however, because Habitat for Humanity, an organization with which she is associated, received a \$600,000 grant.

Ray Glime was asked about polar bears and fur coats which apparently referenced a trip by Ray and Gretchen to Churchill, Labrador, Canada. After some discussion a \$3 card was drawn for a fine.

A Huntington Bank pin was found on the floor and Tom asked Huntington representatives, **Sue Diener** and **Sue Blanchard**, to stand. Ms. Diener admitted losing the pin and agreed to a \$5 fine, however Ms. Blanchard insisted on sharing the payment (a very generous offer).

President Bob was asked about his negligence in quickly identifying himself as last week's 50/50 winner. After some stalling Tom placed a \$5 fine in escrow for Bob until he is no longer immune from payment. President Bob vowed to re-read the bylaws.

Bob Cannon, who has had regular fines of late, received some unexpected news. **Tom Davies** presented Bob with a "get out of a fine" card which can be used to negate a future recognition charges. Some Rotarians questioned the sincerity of this action.

Bob Cannon introduced our featured speaker Sheila A. Miller, the charming and articulate 41B District Judge.

Being relatively new to the bench, appointed in May of 2006, Ms. Miller discussed her previous 14-year service as Assistant Macomb County Prosecuting Attorney and her views of the role of a district judge.

The 41B District Court serves Clinton and Harrison Townships, and the City of Mount Clemens. She seemed particularly sensitive to the protection of children when they become victims within the judicial system. This concern led her to become active with Care House and its involvement in helping children. Judge Miller is a resident of Clinton Township and has a nine-year-old son attending a Mount Clemens school.



The 50/50 drawing was announced and Judge Sheila Miller selected a ticket, the match of which was owned by **Dick Pierson** who pocketed a fifty-seven dollar payout.

Meeting adjourned.



BIRTHDAYS

11/2 TED DEVANTIER
11/3 CAREY (BILL) FUREST

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

11/4 KEITH & JOHNNA LESPERANCE (30)
11/5 JOE & JOANNE PERUZZI (33)

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

SUSAN BLANCHARD (2), LARRY NEAL (2), SUE DIENER (11)

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 literacy projects. The Rotary Foundation has provided a great number of grants to support literacy projects around the world. A Matching Grant was awarded to provide 1,400 textbooks for a secondary school in Amawbia, Nigeria. Students who were unable to afford the high cost of textbooks are now able to borrow these books for the entire school year. As a result, the academic performance of the students has improved significantly. In Nepal, Rotary clubs received a Matching Grant to help provide scholarships for students at the Manasarovar Academy in Kathmandu, Nepal. This grant helped facilitate the education of approximately 150 students, mostly Tibetan refugees. In a country where young men and women have limited access to education, this project represented an invaluable opportunity for students wishing to further their education.

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