

Mount Clemens Rotary Club



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CALENDAR

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: WE WILL MEET AT CMPL 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

JANUARY

- 1/3 OPEN
- 1/10 THE CENTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE. THE REV. MIKHAIL CURRO (PHIL GROH)
- 1/17 STILL A DISASTER: KATRINA-RAVAGED AREAS TWO YEARS LATER. DOUG KAHERL (TOM DAVIES)
- 1/17 BRING FOOD DONATIONS
- 1/24 MOUNT CLEMENS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT: NEW BEGINNINGS SUPERINTENDENT CHUCK MUNCATCHY AND BOARD PRESIDENT GREG MURRAY (PHIL GROH)
- 1/31 OPEN

THE DEC. 6 ROTARY MEETING IS AT THE CLINTON-MACOMB PUBLIC LIBRARY, MAIN LIBRARY, 40900 ROMEO PLANK ROAD, CLINTON TOWNSHIP. THE PROGRAM INCLUDES THE PRESENTATION OF THE ROTARACT CLUB OF CLINTON TOWNSHIP AT BAKER COLLEGE WITH THEIR CHARTER. LARRY NEAL PRESENTS: "WHEELCHAIR COMMITTEE UPDATE" AND "WHAT'S UP @ THE LIBRARY?"

A clear, cold and windy morning met the Mount Clemens Rotarians as they headed to the Zion Church for the November 29 meeting. **President Bob Morris** rang the bell at 12:15 to start the fun. **John Murphy** lead the club with the national anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance. **John "Wallin" Walendowski** pummeled out the prayer and gave a special remembrance to **Patty McKay's** recently deceased sister. All of our prayers are with Patty in this time of sorrow. On our plates, were the Zion ladies, fabulous meatloaf, potatoes, glazed carrots, coleslaw. For dessert, vanilla ice cream with chocolate sauce and assorted cookies.

President Morris deviated from our normal routine and asked for announcements from our members.

- **Larry Neal** gave a pitch for our very successful wheelchair program, whereby a \$75 contribution to the Rotary Foundation, will buy a new wheelchair for someone in great need. Please get the form in by year's end.
- **Ray Glime** spoke of the upcoming Wassail Feast at the Crocker House 12/13. Tickets are \$20 per person and limited to 30 people, dinner and drinks will be provided. To sign up, call or email Ray . . . go Wassailing . . .
- **Bob Randolph**, the Red Cross bell-ringing chairman, circulated sign-up sheets for various times and places that the club members can ring bells for donations. Call Bob at (586) 463-9936. In addition an anonymous source is matching dollar for dollar all pledges raised.
- Newspaper reader, **Bob Selwa**, noted that *USA Today* ran an article about Rotary International and the Bill Gates Foundation giving \$200 million to help with the PolioPlus program. RI has been working on this disease since 1988. **Phil Groh** followed that up with the fact there were 1,000 new cases of polio, mainly in Nigeria and if a member wanted to contribute \$25 per month, to Paul Harris Fellowship, these monies would go directly to this program.
- President Morris brought up an issue of the "old" Rotary signs missing and wanted to know if any of the members had them??? Four-Way Test . . . no one admitted, so the club is in for new signage.



Music for the day was covered by **Valerie Miller** with Jennifer Gale on the piano. Due to the windy day, "Button Up Your Overcoat" was warmly sung followed by "The More We Get Together" for our membership theme of the day.

President Bob gave thanks to **Rolf Schroeter** who helped carry the Rotary banner in last week's cold Thanksgiving parade.

Larry Neal announced birthdays, with flowers going to **Jeff Furest, Paul Woodring, Sue Blanchard and Jack Hart's** partner's birthday. Club anniversaries: Nancy Dedenbach 18, **Chuck O'Grady** and **Marty Rubin** together 53 years and **Ken Kish** 21. The two remaining flowers were bought by **Bill Furest** for Jeff and Ken Kish for **Bill Pierson**.

recognition

A person that gives a HOOT about recognition, **Julie Huttenlocher** dispensed the fines. Thanksgiving travel fines for the turkeys who traveled were -- **Ray Glime** to Wisconsin to see his daughter.

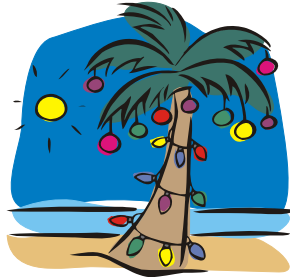
Bill Furest increased his fine from 50 cents to \$1 for going to the UP. **Judge Don Miller** went to Coco Beach \$4. Lynn Davidson escaped a fine, by only going to Lexington Beach.

Next up were the "Buck Less" hunters. Both **Bill Furest** and **Royal Russell** admitted to no deer, so everyone around the hurting hunters had to pay a \$1. It seems we have a media star in **Art Mullen**, for all the newspaper articles stating the good things Art and the DDA are doing for Mount Clemens, unfortunately it cost Art \$2.

Snowbird **Chuck O'Grady**, soon bound for Florida, was recognized for a new body part, a knee, was spared a fine, in sympathy.

Julie then went club trivia on the members. Best-dressed **Frank Bernabei** was asked for the longest standing senior member "**Marty Rubin**" wrrrrronng - it's **Don Green** (56 years), \$3 to Frank. **Lynn Davidson** was asked "Who has brought in the most members?" ... "Phil Groh" was Lynn's answer, wrrrrronng - it's Don Green (20+) \$3 to Lynn. Next I was asked "who has the longest perfect attendance" **Phil Groh**, of course, I was right, Don Green would have been too easy. **Sarah Lee-Ellena** was fined \$2 for blurting out the answer.

Valerie Miller then posed an ethical question to the Finemistress, can the Finemistress be bribed? **Dave Meldrum** believes Julie is "all things Rotary" -- for this bribe it cost him an undisclosed fine.



President Bob turned over the meeting for a roundtable discussion with **Val Miller, Julie Huttenlocher** and **Sarah Lee-Ellena** who are on the membership committee. Retaining members has become a problem with the club. Five years ago we had 115 members and now we are down to 84. Why is this happening when some clubs are stable or increasing? So a brainstorming session ensued.

Pres. Morris stated that the songbook should be updated and maybe three songs sang instead of two, possibly a Rotary rap. **Dick Pierson** mentioned a longer time for recognition. Getting newer members more involved club discussions and activities is an idea that **Don Green** had.

Jack Hart believes that investing two hours for a meeting is too long for some and there should not be a penalty for leaving early. **Bill Patterson** advanced the idea of a bulletin board at the entrance, announcing the club's upcoming activities. **Frank Bernabei** thought an exit letter to members that have left the club would be a good idea, so we find why they departed the club.

Sue Diener spoke having two speakers a month thereby shortening the meeting the other two weeks.

The next topic was why are we Rotarians? **Bill Patterson** said it was to give something back to the community. **John Walendowski's** idea was to help people and to promote a member's passion for a cause.

Art Mullen thought the club should celebrate our successes with more PR in the community. Other ideas were to have a brochure for perspective members and more activities outside of the club. We should also concentrate on our target market of 40-70 year business people. Valerie is going to take all these great ideas and come up with a game plan.

50/50 raffle was won by **Jack Hart** for \$55

Next week, the meeting will be at the Clinton-Macomb Library at Romeo Plank/Canal.

BIRTHDAYS

11/18 JEFF FUREST
11/22 PAUL WOODRING
11/25 BOB BAKER
11/25 ANN (JACK) HART
11/26 SUSAN BLANCHARD

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

NANCY DEDENBACH (18), CHUCK O'GRADY (53), MARTY RUBIN (53),
KEN KISH (21), GERRY INNES (6)



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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 what \$100 can help provide:

- Textbooks for one elementary school in Zambia
- Hearing aids for children in Pakistan
- De-worming tablets for more than 100 children in the Philippines
- Three cataract surgeries in India

A gift of \$100 or more changes and saves lives every minute of every day. As we strive to achieve a \$100 per capita goal, it is vitally important that **Every Rotarian**, make a gift to the Annual Programs Fund, **Every Year**. When every Rotarian participates, our Foundation will be able to sustain and grow the great work we do around the world and be prepared for future challenges in the years to come.

<p>Mount Clemens Rotary Club 2992 of Rotary District 6380 of Rotary International Meets 12:15 p.m. Thursday at Zion United Church of Christ Serving the community since 1920 (586)468-2000 schfam94@yahoo.com View your newsletter online at www.mountclemensrotary.org</p>	<p>Bob Morris <i>President</i> Nancy Dedenbach <i>First Vice President/President-Elect</i> Jeff Furest <i>Second Vice President</i> Christine LaTour <i>Treasurer</i> Penny Schulwitz <i>Secretary</i> Ron Reed <i>Immediate Past President</i></p>	<p>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</p>	<p>District 6380 newsletter is posted at www.rotary6380.org Announcements & bulletin submissions lindamay@ameritech.net (586) 791-8116 phone/fax</p>
		<p>Valerie Miller Steve Ternullo <i>one year</i> Darlene LaBelle Larry Neal <i>two years</i></p>	