

# Mount Clemens Rotary Club



"the spokesperson"

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Minutes by E.J. Rozek

**B**ob Morris called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. **Bob Lee** led the Pledge of Allegiance, national anthem. **Bob Selwa** led us in prayer. Today's lunch was beef stew with mashed potatoes, a tomato-and-cucumber salad, bread, and cake for dessert. **Al Zuccaro** directed our songs today, Jennifer Gale accompanied on the piano. We started off well with a terrific version of "Do-Re-Mi" but reverted back to form with a rather terrible try at "Anytime."

Guests included: Sue Figurski – today's speaker, Chuck Muncatchy – guest of the club, Steve Van Conant – guest of **John Walendowski**, Cindy Donahue – guest of **Don Green**, Rachel Jones, Darlene Scheffler, Kathleen Bugagski, Shannon Donaldson, Judy Florian and Gayle Good guests from Macomb Community College.

Flowers were distributed by **Kristi Glavich** with all but one given out to members for their birthdays, club anniversaries and wedding anniversaries. The last remaining flower was purchased by Kristi for **Mary Ann Hosey**.

50/50 Winner:

John Walendowski was the winner of today's pot of \$56. If my eyes served me correctly it looked like John donated the money to the food program. Way to go John!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bob Morris introduced Gayle Good from Macomb Community College to discuss the scholarship program our club supports and introduce this year's recipient of the scholarships. Gayle also introduced Judy Florian, Director of Financial Aid at the college. The following students also joined us today: Shannon Donaldson and Rachel Jones, Nursing, Kathleen Bugagski, Art Education and Darleen Scheffler business all had a chance to speak and thank our club for providing them with the opportunity to continue their education.
- Bob then announced that the club was forming a Website ad hoc committee and asked **Jeff Furest** to add comments as Jeff has agreed to lead the committee. Jeff let everyone know that we are looking to redevelop the Website to make it more functional to help us with marketing and PR. The group will meet 5-7 times over a 3-4 month period. Anyone that would like to help can contact Jeff directly. Jeff also asked that our charitable organization members consider joining the committee as part of the redesign will focus on the good work that our club does in helping these local organizations. **E.J. Rozek** has already agreed to join the committee.
- Don Green then announced the new exhibit and events this fall at the Macomb Cultural Center at Macomb Community College. "Great Lakes, Great Stories: Michigan's Maritime Heritage" October 6 – December 2.
- **Patty McKay** then asked permission to give one last announcement and let everyone know that the monthly Rotary social events will now be officially called the "Rotary Socialites" and the group will meet the first Thursday of each month @ Orleans with next meeting held October 4 from 5-6:30 pm. Rotarians that attend will receive credit for a makeup that will count toward their monthly attendance records.

After our announcements **Neil Dempsey** started the “recognizing” – **Mary Ann Hosey** was asked to stand because her phone went off last week while **Bob Cannon** was talking. Mary Ann pleaded ignorance as she told

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everyone her phone is new and she didn't know how to turn it off. Although he would not have accepted that excuse anyway Neil also gave Mary Ann a picture from *The Macomb Daily*

taken of her and Debbie Staller promoting the upcoming art festival in Clinton Township. A \$3.99 fine was assessed. Neil then asked that all Rotarians that attended the YMCA golf outing last week stand and pay \$2 for golfing in the outing on such a nice day. E.J. paid the fines for those that attended thanking them for their support of the YMCA.

**Jessica Cheshire and Darlene LaBelle** were then asked to stand to be fined for their “Read” pins and after some arguing over if the pins were finable Neil asked all Literacy Partners board members to stand and pay \$2. **Frank McNelis** paid the fine for everyone involved. **Bill Furest** was then asked to stand but due to his absence **Jeff Furest** stood in his place. Mr. Dempsey asked Jeff if his Dad had won money in a recent raffle. Jeff confirmed and also told everyone that his Dad has recently purchased a new car and suggested a \$20 fine be assessed. Neil of course had no problem accepting Jeff's recommendation.

Neil then asked Dr. Charles Muncatchy, Superintendent of Mount Clemens Schools, to stand and asked that all club members that live in Mount Clemens or attended Mount Clemens schools pay \$1.

Trying to wrap things up Neil noticed some bickering between **Bob Selwa, John Walendowski** and a few other table mates. Neil asked both John and Bob to stand to let everyone know what was going on ... after some continued discussion John explained that Bob has a lycopene deficiency which seemed to be causing a great deal of problems at the table but John paid \$10 for the overall disruption anyway. Last but not least **Julie Huttenlocher** was recognized for being the most missed Rotarian; the best dressed Rotarian, for not wearing her Rotary pin and for not wearing her Paul Harris pin. A total of a \$4.99 fine. Welcome back Julie! Neil must have really missed seeing you.

## SPEAKER

**Don Torline** introduced Susan Figurski, Coordinator of the Macomb Food Program. Susan started off by thanking our club and specifically Don Torline for our support of the food program. The Macomb Food Program was started in 1975 due to the economic recession at the time. Currently there are 53 neighborhood food pantries that make up the Macomb Food Program helping to feed over 70,000 people last year and providing food to over 2,000 households per month. Some of the pantries will give out approximately 35,000 lbs. of food in three hours.

Susan let us know that the food program would not be able to serve the needs in our community if it was not for the 45,000 hours of volunteer service given to the program annually. The program is also supported throughout various fund-raisers such as their annual golf outing, sponsored by Baker College and the penny drive held by L'Anse Creuse school district. Susan specifically thanked Don Torline and Jack Hart for their involvement and support of the fund-raisers.

The food program pays approximately 14 cents per pound of food at Gleaners and the average person eats approximately one lb. of food at a meal. This means a donation of one dollar will provide seven meals for those in need in our community. Susan distributed flyers with additional information and once again thanked everyone for the support we give to the program.



### BIRTHDAYS

- 9/16 JOHNNA (KEITH) LESPERANCE
- 9/17 TONI (BILL) LEE

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/16 TED DeVANTIER & ANNE MARIE SMITH (7)
- 9/17 OWEN & DONNA PFAENDTNER DONNA (19)
- 9/18 DON & CANDICE MILLER (23)
- 9/18 BOB & JANE SELWA (37)
- 9/20 JEFF & BETH FUREST (22)
- 9/20 SUSAN MURPHY NEILL

### CLUB ANNIVERSARY

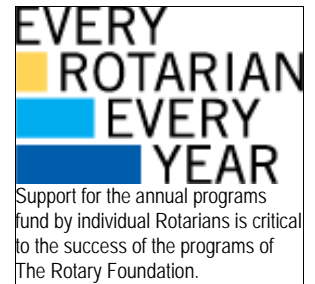
- PHIL GROH (38)

## PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

- 9/24 CLINTON TOWNSHIP SUNRISE CLUB GOLF OUTING, GOLDEN HAWK IN CASCO TOWNSHIP, \$135, CONTACT MARGO BAKER (586) 465-6988  
9/27 JON PETERSON: CHANGING WORLD OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS (SARAH LEE-ELLENA)
- 10/4 TENTATIVE: OPENING EVENTS AT THE MALL AT PARTRIDGE CREEK (BOB CANNON)  
10/4 ROTARY SOCIALITES GATHERING AT ORLEANS IN MOUNT CLEMENS, 5–6:30 P.M.  
10/11 MICHELE HEAVER: SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES (SARAH LEE-ELLENA)  
10/15 THE CHAIRMAN'S DINNER WITH DR. BOB SCOTT, CHAIR OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION TRUSTEES AND ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PAST VICE PRESIDENT, ONE OF ROTARY'S POLIO ERADICATION LEADERS - 7 P.M. AT THE ST. CLAIR CENTRE FOR THE ARTS, 201 RIVERSIDE DR. W., WINDSOR. ONTARIO. DINNER AND PRESENTATION, TRF RECOGNITION PRESENTATIONS TO FOLLOW. FOR TICKETS CONTACT PDG LARRY WRIGHT [LSWRIGHT1@MAC.COM](mailto:LSWRIGHT1@MAC.COM) \$40 (734) 942-1184
- 10/18 DON RITZENHEIN: OKTOBERFEST (SARAH LEE-ELLENA)  
BRING FOOD DONATIONS
- 10/25 OPEN: HALLOWEEN THEME? CLINTON GROVE MEMORIAL PARK?

## This week's Rotary Foundation Thought is about PolioPlus

By the time the world is certified polio-free, Rotary's contributions to the global polio eradication effort will exceed US\$600 million. This is the largest private sector donation to this initiative and second only to the US government in total contributions. PolioPlus has made the world take notice of Rotary and what we can achieve. We now have respected partnerships with such groups as UNICEF, the World Health Organization (WHO), and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). We have earned their respect and are seen as instrumental to this initiative. In the words of Carol Bellamy, former executive director of UNICEF: "Rotary's presence has been vital for the PolioPlus effort. Without Rotary, everything would have been different."



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