

# Mount Clemens Rotary Club

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## PROGRAMS ~ KRIS MIELE

- 8/14 JOINT SERVICE CLUB MEETING  
AT ZUCCARO'S
- 8/21 JEFF WHITE, RICHMOND EMS AND MACOMB FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL ~ EMERGENCY PET CARE IN HOUSE FIRES
- 8/28 OPEN
- 9/4 UPDATES ON MOUNT CLEMENS ROTARY FOUNDATION (BOB MORRIS) AND MACOMB ROTARY FOUNDATION (TED DEVANTIER)
- 9/11 OPEN
- 9/18 DISTRICT GOVERNOR STAN SHERMAN
- 9/25 OPEN

Filling in for **Nancy Dedenbach**, **Sarah Lee-Ellena** called the meeting to order at precisely 12:15 p.m. **Dick Pierson** lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and national anthem accompanied by Jennifer Gale on piano and **John Walendowski** belted out a meaningful prayer prior to lunch. Today's lunch was a simple but delicious chicken salad and fresh fruit plate accompanied by ice cream covered with corn flakes for dessert.

John Walendowski introduced our guests; they included Nick Mirabile, guest of Sarah Lee-Ellena, Cynthia Pepper, our speaker for the day, and guest of **Jessica Cheshire**.

**Al Zuccaro** led our songs this week he selected "Smile, Sing a Song" and "Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah." As usual, Al did a great job. Jessica Cheshire then stepped up to announce birthdays and anniversaries and sell flowers. There were no birthdays or wedding anniversaries but **Bob Morris** was awarded a flower for his five years with our Rotary club. Jessica then asked all the guys (most of the women in our club were attending the Daughters of Macomb Event) to step up and buy the seven flowers she had left. Bill Lee purchased a flower for Sarah Lee-Ellena for the great job she was doing standing in as president for the day; **Dave Meldrum for Penny Schulwitz** being home from the hospital; Sarah Lee-Ellena for her guest Nick Mirabile; **Neil Dempsey for Mary Ann Hosey** because he felt all of the guys sitting at her table were too cheap to do so; **Don Green** purchased one for his wife Mira for their wedding anniversary; Dick Pierson for **Gerry Hanson** for sitting with him at lunch and **Ray Glime** for Jessica Cheshire for doing a great job selling all of the flowers.



# Recognition

Sarah then called on **Tom Davies** to begin “The Recognizing” but prior to doing so Tom asked for any announcements.

**Arthur Mullen** announced ...

- ... tonight’s Girls Night Out event in Downtown Mount Clemens.
- **The joint service club meeting is next week at Zuccaro Banquets and Catering in place of our regular meeting. Just a friendly reminder so no one shows up at Zion Church next Thursday with fines heavily assessed for those who do go to wrong place.**
- Arthur concluded his announcements with a reminder about the Bath City Run next week.

**Bill Lee** gave an update on the Habitat House and invited everyone to come out and help on Saturdays until the house is finished.

Asking for any goodwill but having no takers, Tom decided to get started and he did not waste any time fining **Bob Cannon** \$2 for his decision to run for county commissioner and also fining **Ray Glime** and **Carl Becker** for dropping out of the county executive race. Ray was also to be fined an additional \$2 for an announcement regarding his decision but his joke about Adlai Stevenson made Tom laugh so he was only fined an additional \$1. Everyone in the room was fined \$1 for the Letter to the Editor Bill Lee sent to *The Macomb Daily* in which he mentioned our Rotary club. Six gentlemen at table number one were fined an additional \$1 for talking while Bill Lee was being recognized.

**Jack Hart** received a \$1 fine for receiving a \$.07 check from Social Security which he did not cash but in the end paid for because Tom found out about it. Speaking of keeping your mouth shut, your scribe for the day received multiple fines for best-dressed YMCA staff member, best-dressed Rotarian, Rotarian wearing a work name badge and promoting his workplace. Total fine \$5 and a lesson not to sit near Tom when he is recognizing.

Last but not least, **John Walendowski** was fined \$4 for not returning an email to our newest member **Ted Bolak**. Long story short, John says he never received the email but Ted is going to prove he sent it by bringing a copy to Tom at the next meeting. Tired from all the recognizing, we will give Tom the day off next week but be prepared for multiple fines on August 21 to make up for lost time.

# Speaker

**Sarah Lee-Ellena** introduced our speakers, Cynthia Pepper, Senior Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving for the United Way of Southeastern Michigan and our own **Jessica Cheshire**, Director of the Macomb Division of the United Way for Southeastern Michigan.

Ms. Pepper started the presentation by letting everyone know a little about the restructuring taking place at the United Way and three priority items that United Way for Southeastern Michigan will be focused on for the foreseeable future. Financial Stability, Educational Preparedness and Basic Needs. The United Way is focused on building through its collaborative partners a one-stop shop for all Health and Human Services. The vision of the United Way is to solve all social problems in our region in order for southeast Michigan to become a top five destination point in the United States by 2030. Cynthia also discussed the 211 call center program focused on meeting basic needs. The program has become very successful in helping many people in need receiving more than 325,000 calls in the past year.

Jessica Cheshire then elaborated on her role with the United Way and some of the partnerships she is working on in Macomb County. Jessica’s main goal is to develop resources within the community to help focus on the three priority items Cynthia discussed in her presentation along with partnering with many agencies in Macomb County. A Leadership Committee has been established to help identify resources and partnerships across the county and United Way is working with the Department of Human Services on a number of projects focused on the three core objectives. Jessica distributed a packet of information to everyone further outlining what was discussed in the presentation. For additional information please contact Jessica directly.

The 50/50 was worth \$35 and the lucky winner was **Bob Baker**.

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