

Mount Clemens Rotary Club

"the spokesperson"

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CALENDAR

7/17 FOOD DRIVE
7/24 BOAT OUTING



MOUNT CLEMENS ROTARY CLUB BOAT OUTING

WELCOMES YOU TO A THREE-HOUR TOUR
JULY 24

\$30 PER PERSON.

BOATS DEPART AT 1:30

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE

ROTARY MEETING. THE

SKIPPERS WILL HAVE

EVERYONE BACK

AROUND

8 P.M.

ZUCCARO CATERING

RECEIVED AN SOS

MESSAGE FROM THE

SKIPPER & GILLIGAN TO

DELIVER EATS!

ENTERTAINMENT,

SWIMMING, HORSESHOES &

CHEER. PRIZES FOR BEST-

DRESSED CREW MEMBER.

GUESTS WELCOME.

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Our new president, **Nancy Dedenbach**, called her first meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. on a beautiful afternoon in Mount Clemens, Michigan. **Jeff Furest** led our club in the Pledge of Allegiance and "The Star-Spangled Banner." **Jeff** also led us in prayer. The ladies of the Zion Church served us their classic spaghetti with meat sauce for lunch. The main dish was accompanied by salad and bread, with a wonderful Jell-O fruit salad and brownies and cookies for dessert.

We had many interesting guests for today's meeting. They were introduced by **Darlene LaBelle**. Four attractive young students from the Middle East sat at our president's table. They included **Areej** from Yemen, **Nadia** from Tunisia, **Ahmad Anboucheh** of Syria and **Aysha Hamad** of Bahrain. **Debbie Lemanski**, a guest of **Nancy Dedenbach**, and **Glenn McCandliss**, a Warren Rotarian who was a guest of **Don Miller**, were also introduced. Finally, **Mitchell Schulwitz**, the handsome young son of **Penny Schulwitz**, was introduced.

The musically gifted **Jessica Cheshire**, then led the club in song. She chose "America the Beautiful" and one of our favorite club songs, "R-O-T-A-R-Y".



We were fortunate enough to have two new members join our club today. **Darlene LaBelle** introduced our first new member, **Ted Bolak**, who happens to be the new director of the Macomb Literacy Project. **Ted** introduced himself to the club and told us that he has been married for two years and loves fishing and the great outdoor sports available to us here in Michigan. **Terri LeClair** was introduced by outgoing president **Bob Morris**. **Terri** is the executive director of the Mount Clemens Regional Health Care Foundation. **Terri** told us that she was celebrating her 26th year wedding anniversary and that she lives in Clinton Township. We look forward to getting to know these new members of our club.

Flowers were vigorously hawked by **Lynn Davidson**. **Nancy Dedenbach** purchased a flower for herself. **Fred Duemling** purchased one for his wife **Jackie**, whose birthday was on July 9. **Bill Furest** graciously purchased four flowers, one for each of our guests from the Middle East. Finally, **Don Green** purchased a flower for **Ken Kish**, the well-regarded editor of *The Macomb Daily*, for his brilliant July 4 editorial. **Bob Randolph** purchased the eighth flower for new member, **Terri LeClair**.

SPEAKER

Our enthusiastic incoming president, **Nancy Dedenbach**, outlined some of the goals that she has set for the club in her year at the helm as our president.

She began by showing us a three and one-half minute video about the community service project she has chosen for our club for this year. Our club is looking to raise \$100,000 to \$150,000 to complete a project to provide a park for handicapped/special needs children to play at Washington Elementary School. This is a playground that will be specifically designed for these children. The project is entitled "POHI Project." The money will be raised through corporate grants and individual donations and will benefit children from approximately 13 school districts in the area, including Mount Clemens, Chippewa Valley, L'Anse Creuse and many others. Please contact President **Nancy Dedenbach** to donate to this worthwhile project.



Nancy announced that she has set up a new community project committee. **Eric Pierson, Bill Patterson** and **Jessica Cheshire** have been appointed to this committee and they will come up with various projects that the club will support throughout the year. Also, a new fundraising squad, led by **Julie Huttenlocher**, will raise money for new community service projects that the club will sponsor throughout the year.

Nancy mentioned several other goals, including the following:

1. She would like to boost our club's attendance at various Rotary conferences;
2. She would like to buy more Rotary insignias and banners to use in local parades that our club supports and attends;
3. She would like to get our club involved in an online Web site called "Club Runner" which is used by Rotary clubs worldwide to link these clubs via the Internet;
4. **Nancy** wants to begin a three-year project on club membership. She, **Jeff Furest** and **Sarah Lee-Ellena** will be working on this; and
5. **Nancy** thanked all of the members for continuing to support Rotary and our board of directors.

Nancy emphasized that both our financial and physical support now and throughout the coming year is essential for our club to thrive. Overall, **Nancy** set a very positive tone for her year as president with her ever-present positive attitude and enthusiasm.

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one year

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two years

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