

Mount Clemens Rotary Club



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Minutes by Ted DeVantier



BRING FOOD BANK DONATIONS ON THE
THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

DECEMBER ASSIGNMENTS
BULLETIN: TED DEVANTIER
FLOWERS & BIRTHDAYS:

NEIL DEMPSEY

GUESTS & VISITORS: DAVID GERLACH

MUSIC: BOB RANDOLPH

RECOGNITION: BILL PATTERSON

CALENDAR

12/5

ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY
AT CHUCK O'GRADY'S

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12/10

JOHN FORLINI

WHAT'S THAT SMELL PRODUCTIONS
MOUNT CLEMENS THEATER

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12/17 FRASER SINGERS
BRING FOOD BANK DONATIONS

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5/16/10

SPRING ZING - AN AWESOME AND
ENGAGING EXPERIENCE FOR THE
SENSES TASTE-FEST AND AUCTION
ZUCCARO'S COUNTRY HOUSE

President **Jeff** rang the welcome bell at 12:15 p.m. and then **Valerie Miller** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was offered by **Don Torline**. Our menu today included a fine meal of Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas and carrots, with a choice of puddings for dessert.

Chuck O'Grady gave an update on the plans for the Christmas party. It's this Saturday evening at the O'Grady home. Maps were available from Chuck. About 60 people have registered to attend and he was very appreciative of the good turnout. Car-pooling was encouraged.

Bob Randolph took over as song-master for the month of December. His choices for today were "Smiles" and "That Rotary Wheel." Jennifer Gale kept things moving with her talents on the piano.



Guests were introduced by Eric Pierson

Larry Powe - guest of the club, Jane Selwa, guest of Bob, Carrie Furest (Bill), Amy Whipple, guest of Jeff Furest (and **Mike O'Connor's** niece), and Tiffany Tilly, guest of **Dick Pierson**.

Flowers were sold by **Neil Dempsey**. **Bill Furest** bought one for his wife, Carrie, **Mike O'Connor** for his visiting niece Amy, **Don Green** bought one for our speaker, Larry Powe, and **Keith Lesperance** for **Terri LeClair**.

Announcements and Good Will

- Bob Baker** had two announcements; interviews for the youth exchange program will be held this weekend. Assistance is needed with the room setup. See Bob if you are able to assist. Also, Bob gave word that the Clinton Township Sunrise Rotary Club will be holding a fundraiser, a spaghetti dinner, this Sunday at Theo's Family Restaurant in Clinton Township. The event commences at 3 p.m.





- **Sarah Lee-Elena** reminded those involved that the fundraiser committee was meeting today at Zuccaro's, 5:30 p.m. and . . . (drum roll) . . . Valerie Miller let it be known that today was her last day of work after 35 years with the U.S. Postal Service. Way to go Valerie! In honor of this occasion Valerie pledged a dollar a year to the Belize fund. **Bill Patterson**, our recognition chair, then had all other members of the "retirement club" rise and pay one dollar.
- **John Walendowski** gave an update on the water projects in Mali, Africa. But, first he was fined \$4.99 for his snappy attire. He also mentioned that he was looking for a lift to Africa, if anyone had a private jet or special connections with the military.
- **Kristine Miele** let us know she would be absent for a while. She will be visiting her daughter in Thailand and so contributed \$4.99 to the treasury.

President Jeff Furest announcements:

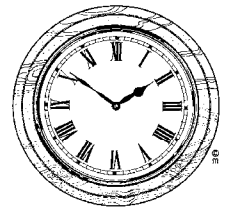
Larry Powe presented a certificate to the club verifying the authenticity of the heritage between the Detroit club and the Mount Clemens club in which a Detroit club member founded the Mount Clemens club. The certificate will be framed and displayed.



■ **Jack Hart** was hospitalized with a severe kidney ailment requiring surgery to remove a kidney. He was hospitalized at Mount Clemens Regional Center, successfully operated on and now home resting comfortably. Please give Jack a call with your well wishes.

■ The membership strategic planning committee has dates scheduled for 12/9/09 and 1/6/2010 and 1/13/2010, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at my home in Macomb Township. There were originally 20 volunteers that had committed to serve on this important committee to complete the second element of the club's strategic planning initiative. I was disappointed that only four of the 20 volunteers made the first meeting on 12/2, with four other members being courteous enough to notify me that they could not make it. To these volunteers -- please make every effort to fulfill your commitment and participate in this initiative, your participation is needed!

■ An important element for our club is maintaining an orderly Thursday meeting and keeping the meeting on time. With a few members commenting on the time our recent meetings have run over, the primary reason is when club members do not review their requests for announcements or meeting agenda changes with the president or a respective board member. The member takes too much time that causes the meeting to run over. Our responsibility is to maintain an effective meeting, but effectively accommodate our membership for special announcements and requests. So please review ahead of time your special request or announcement with the president or the meeting chair to determine the best way to communicate it to the club.



■ The club board of directors meeting is Monday, December 9. Meeting place to be announced between Friday 12/4 and Monday morning 12/9. Board members, please keep an eye on your email for the place.

■ **Chuck O'Grady** announced the Christmas party at his home will be a full packed house with 60 Rotarians and guests. Come one come all! Starts at 6 p.m.

■ Warren Rotary Club's Belize project: The Warren Rotary is trying to raise funds to pay for shipping \$400,000 in medical equipment. Please read my letter and the Belize project information. We hope to have our membership donate \$25 to \$50 per member. There will be an attempt by our club foundation to match contributions up to \$1,000.

RECOGNITION:

Bill Patterson started out with a joke for the golfers: Tiger will be changing his name to "Cheetah." All golfers were fined \$1. **Paul Woodring** was recognized for his years as a math teacher. Turns out that one of his "honors" students was club member **Don Torline!** Each paid \$1 for the others' fine. **Bob Randolph** was recognized for a news article on The Salvation Army and **Jessica Cheshire - now Jessica Stone** was recognized for her new marital status. All at her table paid \$1. **Bob Morris** was fined \$4.99 for being "testy." Seems he wasn't mentioned in a news article about the club signage in town. And last, **Bill Furest** paid \$2 for a news article.



Photo by Nancy Dedenbach

PROGRAM:

Bob Selwa introduced today's speaker Larry Powe. Larry was a member of the Mount Clemens club for 25 years. He served as president here in '93-'94 and is now president of the Detroit Rotary Club. He has a 36-year career practicing law and resides in Clinton Township.

Larry spoke about his experiences in Rotary and its importance to him over the years. He made some interesting comparisons between the two clubs. The diversity in the Detroit club makes it unique. Singing is universal to Rotary clubs; joking around and fines are more of a Mount Clemens tradition. The Detroit club raises funds through annual pledge drives. Larry recalled the many fund-raisers and community service projects he experienced in Mount Clemens.

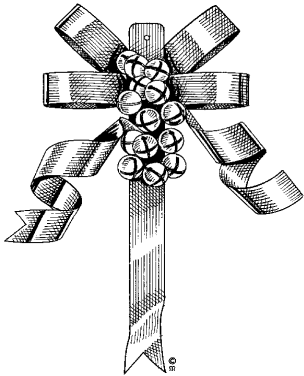
The Detroit club has a special interest in scholarships and projects for local youth. The challenges they face are overwhelming. The Detroit club has also been a strong supporter of the polio eradication project and World Medical Relief.



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This year is the 100th anniversary of the Detroit Rotary Club. In honor of this, they have pledged \$100,000 to the polio program. The anniversary celebration will include a black tie event at Motor City Casino Hotel, July 24. Larry encouraged all to attend.



He then presented our club with a certificate recognizing the historical connection and common service interests of our two clubs. Very nice! (President Jeff stated that this would be framed and proudly displayed.)

Thanks Larry for an interesting program. It was good to have you back with us and we wish you great success with your year as president.

The 50/50 winner was **Bob Baker**.

<p>Jeffrey Furest <i>President</i> Sarah Lee-Ellena <i>First Vice President/President-Elect</i> Eric Pierson <i>Second Vice President/ President Nominee</i></p> <p>Julie Huttenlocher <i>Treasurer</i> Penny Schulwitz <i>Secretary</i> Nancy Dedenbach <i>Immediate Past President</i></p>	<p>BOARD OF DIRECTORS Kristine Miele & Rolf Schroeter (<i>one year</i>) Jessica Stone & John Walendowski (<i>two years</i>)</p> <p>COMMITTEE CHAIRS Birthdays & Flowers Lynn Davidson Boat Outing ~ Valerie Miller Bulletin ~ Eric Pierson Community Projects Eric Pierson Fund-Raising ~ Sarah Lee-Ellena House ~ Jessica Stone House Committee Assistants John Hart, Don Torline, Ray Hofner, Cecilia Moloney, Bob Randolph</p>	 <p>COMMITTEE CHAIRS Music ~ Bob Selwa Membership ~ John Walendowski Public Relations Nancy Dedenbach Recognition ~ Julie Huttenlocher RI Foundation Development Jeff Furest & Bob Baker RI Liaison ~ Rolf Schroeter Speakers Program Kristine Miele & Sarah Lee-Ellena Wheelchair Project ~ Larry Neal</p>	<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 District 6380 newsletter is posted at www.rotary6380.org Announcements & bulletin submissions lindamay@ameritech.net (586) 791-8116 phone/fax</p>
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