

Mount Clemens Rotary Club



"the spokesperson"

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Minutes by Ted DeVantier ~ Photos submitted by Jeff Furest

President **Jeff Furest** rang the opening bell and then new member **Jamie Fitzpatrick** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor **Scott Davis** offered the invocation. On a cold and windy December day we were warmed by a home-cooked meal; meatloaf, potatoes, corn, apple sauce with cookies and ice cream for dessert. There was one guest today, Amy Jo Hofner, who was introduced by her father **Ray**. **Bob Randolph** led the singing. "Button Up Your Overcoat" and "Rotary Bonds." Jennifer Gale provided the much-needed accompaniment. **Ray Glime** was back in form with a weekly joke. This one concerned a man trying to buy a hamburger at the library. (quietly!~)

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
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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 announced the election results for club officers
for terms beginning July 2010:**

Sarah Lee-Ellena, President

Eric Pierson, President Elect

Bill Patterson, President Nominee

Valerie Miller, Secretary

Julie Huttenlocher Treasurer

one year directors: Jessica Stone and John Walendowski

two year directors: Penny Schulwitz and Keith Lesperance

It was a very close election and Jeff thanked those who ran.



The next club board meeting will be on
Monday, December 14.

President Jeff summarized the Christmas
party as a great success and offered the
club's thanks to the hosts **Chuck and Carol
O'Grady**.



Bob Randolph made a pitch for the Salvation Army bell-ringing efforts. The first weekend went well but we are trailing the Kiwanis club by a few hundred dollars. There is time yet to volunteer to ring the bell next weekend or to make a donation. Club pride is at stake. The winning club will have lunch served to them by the losers! See Bob for more info or to make a donation.



Phil and Helen Groh were the recipients of new Paul Harris Fellow awards. Phil accepted for both as Helen was unable to be with us and he implored all Rotarians to consider a regular pledge to Rotary International.

Neil Dempsey handled the flowers ~ After the birthdays and anniversaries **Keith Lesperance** bought one for **Julie Huttenlocher** (for a missed appointment), **Lynn Davidson** for Neil Dempsey, and then **Ray Hofner** for his daughter, Amy Jo. Jamie Fitzpatrick was the recipient of a flower paid for by those at her table, and **Bill Lee** bought one for Carol O'Grady.



Announcements and Good Will:

- **Ken Kish** announced that the Goodfellows' annual Christmas "Razberry" news was available at the door. Donations would be appreciated.
- **Rolf Schroeter** has stickers for sale in support of the polio program.
- **Bob Baker** said the interviews with exchange student candidates last weekend went very well and 13 outbound students were selected.



Bill Patterson then commenced with recognition:



Don Green and Ray Glime were called on for their part in a recent wine tasting event. Rays' wife Gretchen was the winner of a "cheese head" hat in a drawing where Don's wife Myra pulled the ticket. Ray paid \$2 and Don was fined \$1 for being a snitch. **Chuck O'Grady** was given high praise and recognition for hosting the Christmas party. Credit also went to the bartenders, **Ray, Ken, and President Jeff's** son. Due to there being no money in the tip jar at the end of the evening, all attending the party were fined \$1.



Got holiday spirit? Anyone not wearing red or green paid \$1.

Regarding the Razberry newspaper, **Neil Dempsey** paid \$3 for his wife Barbara's picture with Burt Reynolds and **Don Miller** got off with \$1 for Candice's photo. Bill Lee paid \$5 for President Jeff's photo and thereby spared the others at the head table.



Steve Ternullo and **Don Carnaghi** paid \$4.99 for a trip to St. Martin and **Paul Woodring** paid \$3 for visiting New Orleans. Chuck O'Grady and **Bill Lee** were fined the maximum as they are about to head south for the winter.



The 50/50 winner was **Keith Lesperance**.

BIRTHDAY

12/4 LAURA (DON) CARNAGHI

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

12/6 BOB & GAIL LEE (23)

12/8 GERRY & VALERIE HANSON (42)

Program



Sarah Lee-Ellena introduced today's speaker, John Forlini.

John currently operates the Che Cosa Coffee House in Mount Clemens. He has a life-long interest in theater going back to his student performances at the old Macomb Theater. He is a talented actor and singer. He is a graduate of Michigan State and has studied singing with our pianist, Jennifer Gale.

John is the founding force behind the new theater company in Mount Clemens called "What's That Smell Productions." The name is a reference to our Bath City history. Past performances occurred at the Art Center and they have now established a theater on the second level of the former Art-O-Craft building.



To date, performances have been well received. Tickets have sold well and the local restaurants and retail stores have seen a positive effect from the activity. The theater company has also assisted two Mount Clemens High School students by providing a venue for their talents. John was very enthusiastic about the theater's benefit to the community.




The current holiday show is called "A Christmas Carol, More or Less." It runs through December 20 and features one actress playing all parts except Scrooge.

Future events will include a children's production of "House at Pooh Corner," and then "Glengarry, Glenn Ross" beginning in January. A play called "Sealed for Freshness" is scheduled for next spring. John described it as "five ladies, a 1960s Tupperware party, too many cocktails, very funny."

Ticket information is available at (586) 954-2111, at the box office on Macomb Street or stop in at the coffee house.

John provided a spontaneous sample of his singing talent. He sang "Oh Holy Night" accompanied by Jennifer Gale. Thanks for the great program and the wonderful addition to our downtown area.



<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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