

# Mount Clemens Rotary Club

"the spokesperson"  
February 5, 2009

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*Minutes by Don Miller ~ Photos by Mike Robinson*

## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR FEBRUARY MEETING SET UP/TAKE DOWN

(CHAIR JOHN HART)

**JOHN WALENDOWSKI**

GREETING AND 50/50 (CHAIRS RAY HOFNER/CECILIA MOLONEY)

**ANTHONY RANDAZZO**

CLUB BULLETIN

(CHAIR SARAH LEE-ELLENA)

**DON MILLER**

RECOGNITION (CHAIR NEIL DEMPSEY)

**BOB LESLIE**

MUSIC (CHAIR BOB SELWA)

**BOB RANDOLPH**

BIRTHDAY/FLOWERS

(CHAIR LYNN DAVIDSON)

**KEN KISH**

PROGRAMS

**KRIS MIELE**

**Ray Glime**, our jokester, told the one about the short guy and the really short guy. How did the really short guy get that way? He dissed the wrong witch doctor.

Ray reminded us the dinner/show outing in Novi at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 25. Two dinners, two tickets, only \$49.95. The show is *Kwame a River*. Call the box office at (248) 348-4448 and request the Mount Clemens Rotary party.

President pro tem **Jeff Furest** called the meeting to order at 12:15, and, to set the tone for a somewhat jollier-than-usual gathering, whispered the call for the Pledge of Allegiance/national anthem into the mike. **Val Miller**, the chosen leader of the day (engaged in pleasant conversation with your scribe) missed the faint call and was made aware only by the sudden silence and the expectant stare of a roomful of Rotarians, guests, and Ladies of Zion focused on her. Val, unruffled by giggles and smirks (your scribe included) quickly recovered and performed her duties (albeit with a crimson complexion of roughly 2,000 candlepower.) ●●● **Michele Heaver** gave thanks, and we settled into a lunch composed of tossed salad, The Greatest Spaghetti On The Planet, fruit Jell-O, and cookies provided by the Ladies of Zion. ●●● **Ray Hofner** introduced our guests; **Bob Selwa's** wife Jane and our speaker, Bob Hoefner. ●●● **Ken Kish** presented flowers to birthday boys **Mike Robinson** and **Pete Ruggirello**; club anniversary celebrants Jeff Furest, **Carl Becker**, and **E. J. Rozek**. **Don Green** bought a flower for **Art Mullen** in recognition for the highly successful ice sculpture show, and Jeff Furest bought one for **Larry Neal's** work on the club's Website. ●●● Bob Selwa led us in song; "Side By Side" and "Helping Hand;" but for the firm and steady hands of Jennifer Gale, we never would have made it through "Side By Side."



- Jeff Furest announced that the fundraiser attendance figures are looking better, but items for the auction are badly needed.
- The board meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, Feb. 16.
- **Bob Baker** reminded us of the Rotary district meeting; room for 14 participants; \$100 fee.
- **Rolf Schroeter** pitched membership; the committee is working hard, but, as always, recruitment is everyone's job.



We all sat a little lower in our chairs as Recognizer **Bob Leslie** scanned the room in search of his victims. An easy target was **Val Miller**, who gamely forfeited two bucks for delaying the meeting two seconds (see paragraph

## Recognition by Bob Leslie

1). **Larry Neal** missed a board meeting (\$2) and **Pete Ruggirello**, the *President* of the library board missed a meeting (\$2) Pete's glow surpassed Val's by a zillion candlepower, much to our amusement. **Glenn Burton** was recognized for his sartorial splendor (\$2), and **Frank McNelis** almost escaped a fine by naming four of the newly elected Rotary officers – **Julie Huttenlocher, Eric Pierson, Frank Walendowski, and Jessica Cheshire** – but Bob observed Frank's buddies offering a little help so we all got the \$2 hammer. Bob wrapped it up by collecting \$1 for missing badges/pins.



**Bob Cannon** introduced our speaker, **Bob Hoefner**, Macomb County Road Commission's chief engineer. He gave us a comprehensive overview of the current and projected road and bridge improvement projects. The projects are limited by funding; most of it comes from state and federal sources. Some of the big projects are 19 Mile and Hall Road, the Bridgeview bridge, and the Cass and Groesbeck intersection. Improvements include a radio tower to transmit signals to stop lights, adjusting timing in response to traffic flow; cameras installed at intersections for the same purpose; and roundabouts, a proven configuration which eases congestion. A lively q & a session followed, with many more hands in the air as time ran out. Bob's presentation was of great interest and I predict he'll be invited back soon.

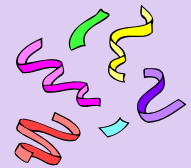


Look good, feel good; **Glenn Burton** felt real good, hitting the 50/50 for \$47.

**Jeff Furest** rang the closing bell at 1:30.

### BIRTHDAYS

- 2/1 MARTY RUBIN
- 2/4 PETER RUGGIRELLO
- 2/4 GRETCHEN (MIKE) ROBINSON

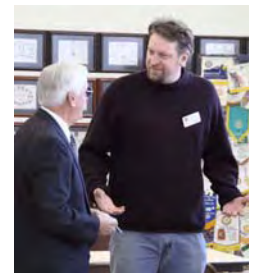


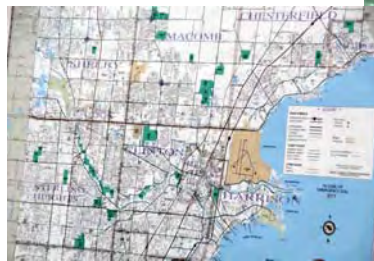
### Wedding Anniversary

- 1/31 Kolby & Brenda Miller (13)

### Club Anniversaries

- E. J. Rozek, 6, Lynn Davidson, 7, Jeff Furest, 14, Carl Becker, 4





Nancy Dedenbach  
*President*

Jeffrey Furest  
*First Vice President/President-Elect*  
Sarah Lee-Ellena  
*Second Vice President/*  
*President Nominee*  
Christine LaTour  
*Treasurer*  
Penny Schulwitz  
*Secretary*  
Bob Morris  
*Immediate Past President*



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Darlene LaBelle & Larry Neal  
*one year*  
E.J. Rozek & Rolf Schroeter  
*two years*

Program Chair ~ Kris Miele  
Social Committee ~ Ray Glime  
Boat Outing ~ Steve Ternullo  
Presidents Ball ~ Mary Spaulding  
Club Directory ~ Ken Kish  
Membership, Public Relations/Strategic  
Planning ~ Jeff Furest, Sarah Lee-  
Ellena, Nancy Dedenbach  
Historian ~ Phil Groh

**SERVICE**

Community Service Chairs Jessica  
Cheshire, Bill Patterson, Eric Pierson  
● Salvation Army Bell Ringing Bob  
Randolph ● Bath City Festival Ray  
Glime, Penny Schulwitz ● Macomb  
Literacy Ted Bolak ● Community  
Service Fundraising Team  
Julie Huttenlocher, E.J. Rozek, Jessica  
Cheshire, Bill Patterson, Eric Pierson ●  
International Service Chair Larry Neal  
Youth Exchange ● District and Int'l  
Conferences Bob Baker ● Group Study  
Exchange ● PolioPlus ● Water Projects  
John Walendowski ● Wheelchair  
Project Larry Neal ● RI Foundation  
Chair Bob Baker

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