

# Mount Clemens Rotary Club



**"the spokesperson"**

**July 30, 2009**

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*Minutes by Ted Bolak*



**PROGRAM CHAIR KRIS MIELE**

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NEW PROCEDURES AND RECOVERY  
FROM TOTAL JOINT REPLACEMENT

**DISTRICT 6380 GOVERNOR  
JUDY GARVER  
VISIT OCTOBER 29, OUR  
HALLOWEEN MEETING**



Joke of the Day:

**Ray Glime** recited a story of Mujibar, who is allegedly in a job training program for a phone service company. According to Ray, Mujibar was asked to make a sentence using the words yellow, pink and green. So, Mujibar said "the telephone goes 'green green' so I 'pink' it up and say 'yellow'."

Reviews are not yet in from international Rotary clubs.

**O**n Thursday, July 30, 2009, one man faced seemingly insurmountable setbacks at every turn. But he did not give up. Though his family turned on him, and his service club doubted his intelligence, he rose triumphantly to tell his story -- a story that inspired the masses, or, at least, kept a group of people awake after a big lunch. His name is **Tom Davies**. And his journey is retold here.

Time Meeting Began: 12:15 p.m.

Presiding Officer: **Sarah Lee-Ellena**

Rotarian Leading the Pledge: **Bob Morris**

Rotarian Giving the Benediction: **Scott Davis**

Menu: Legendary Mount Clemens Rotary spaghetti with meat sauce and salad

Guests announced by **Julie Huttenlocher**: Salvation Army Major Lori Wright guest of **Bob Randolph**; Drew Fraser guest of **Bill Lee**; **Mike O'Connor** guest of the Mount Clemens Rotary Club

### *Flowers sold by Lynn Davidson*

Bob Randolph bought a flower for his guest, Lori Wright. Bill Lee purchased a flower for Sarah Lee-Ellena for leading the meeting. **Neil Dempsey** honored **Phil Groh** with a flower. **Nancy Dedenbach** bought a flower for **Cecilia Moloney**. **Keith Lesperance** got a flower for Julie Huttenlocher because he liked her T-shirt.

We were without Jennifer Gale, but **Bob Selwa** and Bob Randolph led the musical portion of the meeting. Bob Selwa sat in as a guest accompanist for "Battle Hymn of the Republic," verses one, two and four.

### *Announcements/Goodwill:*

- Mike O'Connor reported that he biked 270 miles from Boston to New York and raised \$48,000 for ALS.
- Nancy began an announcement about Kwame II, but was rudely interrupted by a ring from Julie Huttenlocher's phone. Julie, naturally, blamed her father for disarming her phone and enabling the ring feature. This was first in a line of disappointments for Tom Davies. Nancy continued by saying that a trip Kwame II will be planned for August 29 or September 2 in the evening. It will cost \$25 per person and dinner is included. Interested Rotarians should make their preferred date known to Nancy.
- **Arthur Mullen** reminded everyone of the summer car cruise in Mount Clemens. It is Saturday, August 1 from 3 to 10 p.m.
- Nancy asked available Rotarians to be present at Washington School from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on July 31 for installation of some flooring.



### Recognition lead by Nancy Dedenbach

**B**ob Morris was singled out and fined for a "bad memory" relative to his Rotary anniversary. Next, Nancy arranged an elaborate game of Rotary trivia. She asked **Bob Selwa, Bob Baker, Don Green, and Tom Davies** to stand. She then requested each table to pick one representative. Tom Davies suffered another setback when he was not picked and had to sit down. Down, but not completely out, Tom would come back victorious in the end. But, victory was not in store for team Baker, which answered their trivia question incorrectly. They thought London was the location of the first Rotary International meeting. However, the correct answer is Edinburgh, Scotland. Team Selwa was asked to identify the first non-English speaking Rotary club. They correctly chose Havana. Finally, Team Green needed to choose which day is the most popular for Rotary meetings in District 6380. They responded correctly with Tuesday, and avoided a fine.

Nancy concluded with asking Rotarians the following: If Mount Clemens Rotary were limited to 20 members, would you be in or out? (Of course, we were then required to identify ourselves as sitting at the "cool" or "nerd" table.)

Nancy continued by asking if we could respond "yes" to these questions:

- Do you -
- sit at a different table each week?
  - regularly attend club and committee meetings?
  - have you given a "who am I" talk?
  - attend a district conference? District assembly?
  - have you visited at least two other clubs this year?
  - search about to see if you know a potential member?
  - adequately inform a new member about Rotary?
  - introduce yourself to the visitors?
  - invite the visiting students to sit at your table?

Because, then, and only then, are you a Rotarian who cares.

### Speaker introduced by Sarah Lee-Ellena

**T**his week's speakers were three Rotarians from Mount Clemens Rotary, who carried on the theme "Why Am I a Rotarian?"

- **Jim Haselwood**, newer club member, spoke first. Jim recalled that he was a Junior Rotarian in high school and enjoyed the experience. His father was also a Rotarian. Jim had some discussions with **Dick Pierson** about Rotary and decided to sign up. Jim is a Rotarian because he enjoys fellowship and service activities.
- **Ron Reed** spoke next. Ron recounted his first experience with Rotary, which began in Troy thirty-five years ago. He initially joined to get more business experience. He then moved to Petoskey and joined the club there. When he moved back to this area he re-joined Troy and eventually Mount Clemens. Ron appreciates the camaraderie, friendship and service. He also pointed out the importance of maintaining a strong membership base, which he hopes Mount Clemens will continue to develop.
- Finally, getting the last word, **Tom Davies** made his case. Tom explained that his first experience with Rotary was when he was eight to ten years old and saw Milky the Clown. During his youth, he would watch the travel series and experienced Rotary with his father. Tom served as district governor for a while, and held other board positions for the Mount Clemens club. Tom is a Rotarian because he enjoys the escape Rotary offers from an everyday routine. He also tries to have his share of fun. Tom specifically called attention to the history of the Mount Clemens club and how blessed the club is to have members with such a great deal of experience.



Song sparrow in George George Park

50/50: GUEST LORI WRIGHT DREW THE TICKET AND NEIL DEMPSEY WON.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1:20 P.M.

#### BIRTHDAY

7/30 MIRA (DON) GREEN

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

7/26 AL & LILLIAN ZUCCARO (57)

7/27 PENNY & MIKE SCHULWITZ (15)

Jeffrey Furest  
*President*  
Sarah Lee-Ellena  
*First Vice President/President-Elect*  
Eric Pierson  
*Second Vice President/  
President Nominee*  
Julie Huttenlocher  
*Treasurer*  
Penny Schulwitz  
*Secretary*  
Nancy Dedenbach  
*Immediate Past President*



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Jessica Cheshire & Kristine Miele  
*two years*

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