

Mount Clemens Rotary Club

"the spokesperson"

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Minutes by Eric Pierson

PROGRAMS

MAY 21

LINDA HOSTETTER

WIDOW AND ORPHANS MINISTRIES

MAY 28

DREW FRASER

"PEOPLE HELPING ONE ANOTHER"

MAY ASSIGNMENTS

MEETING SET UP/TAKE DOWN

(CHAIR JOHN HART)

JOE PERUZZI

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

PAUL WOODRING

CLUB BULLETIN

(CHAIR SARAH LEE-ELLENA)

JULIE HUTTENLOCHER

MUSIC (CHAIR BOB SELWA)

MARY ANN HOSEY

RECOGNITION

(CHAIR NEIL DEMPSEY)

JOHN WALENDOWSKI

BIRTHDAY/FLOWERS

(CHAIR LYNN DAVIDSON)

LYNN DAVIDSON

PROGRAM CHAIR KRIS MIELE



PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

Shane R. Brown

Financial Advisor

Sponsor: Nancy Dedenbach



Lunch was cube steak and gravy topped with an onion ring with mashed potatoes.



BIRTHDAYS

5/8 ANNE-MARIE SMITH (TED DEVANTIER)

5/9 DAVE GERLACH

5/9 DEBBIE (STEVE) TERNULLO

5/11 GRETCHEN (RAY) GLIME

5/13 DON TORLINE

5/14 TED BOLAK

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

5/10 BOB & CHARLOTTE RANDOLPH (56)

Guests: Wally (Speaker) & Linda Hostetter - guests of the club; Mary Walendowski - guest of **John Walendowski**; Shane Brown - guest of club; m Fraser - guest of Rochester Club; Gretchen Glime - guest of **Ray Glime**

Songs: "Vive Le Rotary" was the only song that was sung today.

Flowers :

John Walendowski bought a flower for Linda Hostetter, wife of speaker Wally Hostetter ... **Bill Lee** bought a flower for his son **Bob Lee**, which he planned to personally deliver to the hospital ... **Nancy Dedenbach** purchased a flower for **Mary Spaulding** ... A flower was purchased for **Valerie Miller** for her hard work on the boat outing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jessica Cheshire announced a Rotary community service event on Monday, 5/18 at 6 p.m. sorting food for the Macomb Food Bank at 44900 Vic Wertz Drive in Clinton Township. We will be sorting food from the recent postal food drive. Contact Jessica at (586) 463-1151 or jessica.cheshire@liveunitedsem.org

Valerie Miller reminded everyone of the boat outing on 7/14 (Tuesday) and updated the club on the progress and that it was an all-day event starting at 10 a.m. This prompted a comment that it was clear that Valerie was a government employee as she felt a full day started at 10 a.m. Once again, the theme of the party is summer of love.

Michele Heaver announced that she and her husband will be moving to Kansas City this summer. We are going to miss Michele and hope that she will continue to visit us occasionally.

Recognition by John Walendowski

Our recognizer was decked out in his finest tropical resort wear in anticipation of taking it to the snowbirds returning from their annual migration, but was bummed to find very few of them here. **Penny Schulwitz** was fined for a plaque received from her stepson. She also provided a touching story and was proud to pay a fine for the plaque.



In what was probably one of the more hysterical recognitions that I have heard since my return to Rotary, **Tom Davies** was fined for getting caught attempting to take a picture of Tiger Woods at the Tournament Players Championship in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida then escaping his captors and alluding them through the crowds. Tom was not completely successful in the caper in that he never did get the photo of Tiger and was made to pay \$4.99. One can't help but think of the kind of shape the security at these events must be in when Tom is literally able to outrun them. It is clear they are not used such "tomfoolery." Ok, pun was intended.

Our table was picked on for the last fine of the day. Anyone who had brought a guest this year was asked to stand. Only **Rolf Schroeter** stood, everyone else at the table was asked to pay \$2. It is worth noting that although Rolf did not need to contribute, he did anyway.

Bob Baker gave a brief presentation before the speaker started today's presentation. Bob had attended the Rotary district conference in Frankenmuth this past weekend. Overall, he said that food was everywhere and that he ate a lot of it. The weekend was spent going to several different presentations. He brought the club up to date on what Rotary is doing in areas such as polio, hepatitis, literacy, Group Study Exchange and water filter projects. These are just a few of the many things that Bob updated us on. It was impossible for this scribe to get all of it down as I just can't write this quick. In addition, Bob had prepared a great slide show which was helpful in highlighting what he was talking about, but probably distracted the scribe from writing even more.

PRESENTATION

Our speaker today was Wally Hostetter. Wally is a Preaching and Teaching Minister who has been involved in several missionary projects throughout the world. Wally explained that he had not always done this and, in fact, he used to be an undercover agent in Florida. This prompted John to inquire if he already knew **Tom Davies**.

Wally had some humorous stories. One day, while following a suspect to the airport he noted the suspect purchasing an airline ticket. He checked with his superiors who insisted that he purchase tickets himself and follow said target to Houston. The flight was sold out, but after impressing upon the airline staff of the importance of the mission for security reasons and showing the proper credentials Wally was able to secure himself a seat on the flight. Once in the air, Wally scanned the passengers for his man, but was unable to locate him. When he asked the crew for the manifest and noticed him missing from there as well, he inquired as to the existence of this person on the flight. It was then relayed to him that in order to get him a ticket they had to bump the person he was supposed to be following.



Wally grew tired of this work and opted to follow God instead of criminals. He entered the seminary and then spent the next 18 years pasturing for various churches. Next he started going on missions to Africa. The next story he relayed involved a mission to Nigeria, in which Wally found himself and his wife literally in heart of a civil war as it was beginning. He was told by locals in the village where he was at that they were going to start killing everyone that was not eebo (OK, I don't think this is spelled right, but this is what it sounds like). Being the only white people in the village, this meant only one thing to Wally and his wife. To make a long story short they had narrowly escaped with their lives intact and witnessed several atrocities on their way out on the Nigerian Toll Road which had closed right behind them.

In addition to Nigeria, he has done missions in Mali, Ghana, Kenya, Siberia, Ireland, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua and Thailand. Wally's wife Linda will be our speaker next week. Be sure to come for more interesting stories such as this one.

I won the 50/50. woo hoo!

Nancy Dedenbach

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one year

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two years

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SERVICE

Community Service Chairs Jessica

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Baker

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