

# Mount Clemens Rotary Club



"the spokesperson"

October 22, 2009

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*Minutes by Joseph Peruzzi*



Presiding Officer  
Rotarian leading the Pledge  
Benediction  
Menu:

**Sarah Lee-Ellena**

**Valerie Miller**

**Scott Davis**

chicken, potatoes, corn, peaches and cottage cheese, and sherbet

Songs **Dana Casson:**

"When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" and

"Sing a Song to Rotary"

BRING DONATIONS FOR FOOD BANKS ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

## PROGRAMS

10/29 VISIT FROM OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR, JUDY GARVER

11/5 PHIL GROH AND THE ZION LADIES; MARKING 60 YEARS TOGETHER  
11/12 JULIE HUTTENLOCHER, CLUB MEETING ON OUR FINANCES, BUDGET  
11/19 DR. MICHAEL DEEB: CIVIL WAR OR WAR BETWEEN THE STATES  
11/26 NO MEETING - HAVE A THANKFUL THANKSGIVING

12/10 LINDA MAY POST-POLIO SYNDROME  
12/17 TENTATIVE FRASER SINGERS

DEC. 5 ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Guests announced by Tom Davies:** Scott Hedges, guest of **Glenn Burton**, Jamie Fitzpatrick, guest of **Don Carnaghi**, Theresa Randolph, guest of **Bob Randolph**, and Major Lori Wright and Joseph Sowerby, guests of the club.

**Flowers sold by Tom Davies to:** Bill Lee for speaker Joseph Sowerby; Valerie Miller for Sarah Lee-Ellena for hosting the first fundraising committee meeting; Penny Schulwitz for Don Torline; Don Torline for Glenn Burton; Phil Groh for Mary Ann Hosey and Helen Groh for Tom Hosey.

## Announcements and Good Will

- Sarah Lee-Ellena reminded members that next week's special guest speaker will be the district governor Judy Garver. If you plan to bring a guest, please notify the club to ensure an accurate lunch count.
- **Al Zuccaro** will introduce the club to Quinto Milito, a member of the Michigan Opera Company, who will perform next week's songs.
- Glenn Burton announced he would pay \$4.99 for winning last week's 50/50 raffle.
- **Rolf Schroeter** sold a number of additional End Polio Now stickers as club members once again came through with their donations.
- **Bob Baker** informed the club that one of its former exchange students from France is now a mother to a beautiful baby girl.
- Don Torline of Baker College donated \$100 to the club as he proudly announced that the school had earned major awards in the National Kitchen and Bath Association's annual Kitchen Design and Bath Design competitions.



PROPOSED MEMBER

JAMIE FITZPATRICK

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## Recognition by Glenn Burton

**Jessica Cheshire** paid \$4.99 to announce the upcoming Macomb Food Program pasta dinner. From 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday, November 2 you can donate canned food items at The Pantry Restaurant, 34220 Van Dyke between 14 Mile and 15 Mile roads and receive a free pasta dinner. The event is sponsored by County Commissioner David Flynn and State Rep. Jon Switalski. People can make monetary donations. Make checks payable to the Macomb Food Program and mail to November Food Drive, 21885 Dunham Road Suite 10, Clinton Township 48036. There are: 55 food pantries in the county, mostly in churches or service organizations; 48,460 households of 131,462 individuals -- children, seniors, the unemployed, and working poor who needed assistance from January to September 2009. The demand has increased more than 40 per cent since 2008. Volunteers sort, box, stock, maintain pantries, and distribute food packages. In 2009 volunteers have donated 74,916 hours of service.

**Tom Davies** paid \$4.99 for a recent Mediterranean trip; **Bill Patterson**, an avid ornamental chicken breeder, was fined \$2 because we enjoyed a chicken lunch. Bill's unfortunate news was that many of his birds now had fowl pox so he was unable to show any of his feathery breeds at this time. Better times are on the way.



**Ken Kish** was fined only \$1 because *The Macomb Daily* had resisted the urge to raise its newsstand prices as the *Free Press* and *News* continue to make decisions that reflect the fact that neither wants to remain in the newspaper business.

**Bill Lee** was fined \$4.99 for sitting at the front table even though his daughter had invited him. Tough crowd.

## Speaker

**Sarah Lee-Ellena** introduced speaker Joseph Sowerby of Anton, Zorn and Sowerby Real Estate Brokerage. Some of us were expecting a presentation about the country's current real estate woes, but were instead treated to a description of Joe's wonderful work in animal welfare. Joe founded the largest animal adoption events in the United States for homeless dogs and cats, Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo and Pet-A-Palooza now held at the Palace in Auburn Hills. Both events are nationally recognized for their good works and are gratefully supported by the Michigan Humane Society, animal shelters and rescue organizations across the state.



Every year more than three million healthy dogs and cats are euthanized because homes cannot be found. In Michigan alone some 118,000 were put down. Through events like Joe's, many more dogs and cats are now being saved. In addition, rescue organizations have also stepped up their efforts. We personally were lucky enough to find our dog Cinnamon at a rescue event, and she has been our best dog, ever.

Joe is also very active in the fight against euthanizing animals using poison gas. In Michigan 10 out of the 187 shelters continue to use gas as opposed to lethal injection. He and the Michigan Pet Fund Alliance are urging state lawmakers to adopt House Bill 4263, 4802 and 4803 advocating humane euthanasia. You can help by contacting your local legislator.

You can also make a donation to Joe's 501c3 non-profit established to help animal welfare causes. The mailing address is Hayes & Friends, Inc., 48264 Harbor Drive, Chesterfield, MI 48047. Hayes, by the way, was Joe's personal pet who he found as a malnourished kitten at the intersection of Hayes and Harper. His intention was to nurse the kitten back to health and give him away. But instead, 21 years later, the cat finally returned to its maker in Joe's care. "He was a great cat. I was lucky he found me," Joe said of the experience.

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### BIRTHDAY

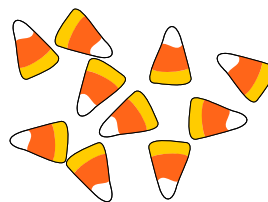
10/21 BETH (JEFF) FUREST

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

10/16 MARTY & BERTHA RUBIN (64)

### CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

BILL FUREST (31), PAUL WOODRING (21)



**The Harrison Township Public Library opened its doors on Oct. 24. The all-volunteer library is housed at the Harrison Township Offices Beaufait addition to Rosso Hall L'Anse Creuse and Townhall. [htplib.org](http://htplib.org) (from former member Marsha Devergilio)**

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*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
Kristine Miele & Rolf Schroeter (*one  
year*) Jessica Cheshire & John  
Walendowski (*two years*)

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**  
**Birthdays & Flowers**  
Lynn Davidson  
**Boat Outing** ~ Valerie Miller  
**Bulletin** ~ Eric Pierson  
**Community Projects**  
Eric Pierson  
**Fund-Raising** ~ Sarah Lee-Ellena  
**House** ~ Jessica Cheshire  
**House Committee Assistants**  
John Hart, Don Torline, Ray Hofner,  
Cecilia Moloney, Bob Randolph



**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

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