

Mount Clemens Rotary Club



"the spokesperson"

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Minutes by Eric Pierson



BRING FOOD BANK DONATIONS ON THE
THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

JANUARY CALENDAR

1/28 (PHIL GROH) HOLSINGER /
OCELNİK ~ COSMETIC CHANGES AT
TURNING POINT

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

2/3 Strategic Planning
Membership meeting
6 to 9:30 p.m.
at Jeff Furest's home

2/4 FUNDRAISER REPORTS

SARAH LEE-ELLENA/JEFF FUREST
2/11 ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
MEMBERSHIP GUIDEBOOK JEFF
FUREST/JOHN WALENDOWSKI

2/18 (KRIS MIELE) BARBARA DAVID
IRLEN SYNDROME / SCOTOPIC
SENSITIVITY

2/25 (KRIS MIELE) DR. KARI HORTOS
STATUS OF MSU MEDICAL SCHOOL
MACOMB CAMPUS

5/16

SPRING ZING - AN AWESOME AND
ENGAGING EXPERIENCE FOR THE
SENSES TASTE-FEST AND AUCTION
ZUCCARO'S COUNTRY HOUSE

Our meeting started on a somber note as it was announced that **Marty Rubin's** wife, Bertha, had passed away. We ask that everyone please pray for Marty at this difficult time.



The prayer was given by **John Walendowski** in which he acknowledged the spaghetti lunch that was about to follow by asking for divine intervention in keeping every Rotarian's clothing free from spaghetti stains. To my knowledge it worked as no one was pointed out for having any stains. The Lord doth work in mysterious ways.

Although it was announced last week, as the Haitians are still in need of relief, I wanted to reiterate that Larry Powe, of the Detroit club and formerly of our club, was rounding up a relief effort for the people of Haiti. People interested should email to angelacj78@netscape.net

On the bright side of things, several of our fellow Rotarians pitched in to pay back our end of the bet with the Mount Clemens Kiwanis. At first it was claimed that we lost by a few thousand dollars, it turns out we only lost by about \$600. The wager meant that we needed to serve them lunch at one of their meetings. This was done yesterday and as a final satisfaction, our president Jeff Furest, had the pleasure of winning what was their highest 50/50 purse ever.

It was also announced that there will be a District 6380 Interact event on January 30 between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Anyone interested should both inquire and reserve on the district's Web site.

Guest ~ Jim Hopkinson - guest of **Phil Groh** and **Scott Davis**

Flowers ~ **Bob Lee** bought a flower for **Sarah Lee-Elleena** for taking him in after his surgery. **Kris Miele** bought one for **Terri Le Clair**. **Bill Furest** bought one for **Nancy Dedenbach** because she missed his birthday and Nancy likewise bought one for Bill for the same reason. **Bob Selwa** bought a flower for the granddaughter of President Roosevelt's budget director, **Dana Casson**. Although it was not stipulated which Roosevelt, the people with whom I was sitting decided it must be Franklin.



Songs ~ "Be Kind to Your Web-Footed Friend" and "R-O-T-A-R-Y."

Announcements

- **Eric Pierson** (not used to referring to myself in the third person) announced that we will be having the community meal at Zion on Sunday, January 31. We will be providing meals for homeless people. We will need about 12 people to help out and people interested should plan on being available from 11:30 a.m. until about 3 p.m. More details on this event will follow.
- **Ray Glime** announced that the MLK dinner was a success and that all Rotarians who attended had a great time.
- John Walendowski announced that Kingdom Train had donated a house in Detroit to a needy family.

Recognition by Ken Kish

Ken started out by fining everyone sitting at the head table because of **Jeff Furest's** 50/50 win at the Kiwanis meeting. **Bob Randolph, Don Miller, Frank Bernabei, Dave Gerlach, Mike O'Connor and Jack Hart** were all fined \$1 for showing up for last week's Rotary meeting at the wrong location. I guess I know six people who are not reading this bulletin each week.

Sarah Lee-Ellena was fined a \$3 finder's fee for her red blazer that mysteriously ended up hanging up in Zion when she apparently left it at **Dick and Lois Pierson's** house during the last fundraiser meeting.

Bob Selwa was fined \$5 for trying to sell books for his former boss. **Nancy Dedenbach** was fined \$3 for her haircut, but was abused all meeting over the same. **Steve Ternullo** was fined \$4.99 for two pictures of his wife. The one picture was of Debbie standing next to Steve, but the other one was of Debbie hugging **Don Carnaghi**.

Carl Becker was fined \$4.99 for a happening that took place at "Menopause, the Musical." As Ken relayed that he and Carl were the only guys at the performance, apparently one of the actresses took a liking to Carl and jumped onto his lap for a brief moment. As she left him, she made a motion that she wanted Carl to call her. What a stud!

Presentation

Today's presentation was both a tribute to Hugh VandeWalker and a remembrance to the Easter Seals and was put on by both **Phil Groh and Rolf Schroeter**.

Hugh VandeWalker was born in 1876 and arrived in Ypsilanti in 1900. Although he arrived to take advantage of the mineral baths then in existence, he continued to make it his home for the entirety of his life. Mr. VandeWalker became the president of the Ypsilanti Rotary club in 1917. He was deeply interested in helping crippled children and became friends with Dr. Carl Badgley of University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

As Rotary District Governor he acted on a request from the Ann Arbor club to do more to help educate crippled children in a joint program with the Ann Arbor club and the University Hospital. This eventually led to appeals to the state government which ultimately led to the establishment of the Michigan Crippled Children's Commission in 1927. Mr. VandeWalker left the commission in 1940 after then-governor, Lauren Dickinson cut the commission's budget by 30%.

Mr. VandeWalker then went on to be the chairman of the March of Dimes serving the educational and research needs of polio victims. As district governor, Mr. VandeWalker granted our club its charter on May 4, 1920 and stressed the importance of helping crippled children, a legacy that exists still today.

Concluding our presentation was Rolf Schroeter who talked about his memories of his father and both his and his father's involvement in Easter Seals when he was a child. Rolf's father Baron Schroeter became a member of the Roseville Rotary Club in 1968 and was instrumental in Easter Seals and helping crippled children.

BIRTHDAYS

1/27 ROBERT LEE
1/28 CAROL (DON) TORLINE

CLUB ANNIVERSARY

WILLIAM LEE (53)



See www.rotary6380.org

Events hosted by other clubs under the "Local Club Events" section (look for balloons)
District 6380 Conference April 30 - May 2, Dearborn Inn, Dearborn

Rotary International Convention June 20 - 23, Montreal, Quebec see www.rotary.org

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 Stone & 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 Stone

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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