

# Rotary



# IMAGINE ROTARY

## *Rotary Club of Mount Clemens ~ The Spokesperson ~ January 26, 2023*

Minutes by Eric Pierson ~ Photos by Julie Miller

Rotary Club 2992 of District  
6380 of Rotary International  
Meetings: 12:15 p.m.  
Thursdays  
Italian American Cultural  
Society & Banquet Center  
43843 Romeo Plank Road,  
Clinton Township MI 48038

2022-2023

President

**Scott Chabot**

Secretary

**Stephanie Mirabile**

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**Jessica Johnson**

President Elect

**Sam Wireman**

President Nominee

**Kathleen Best**

Director at Large

**Kim Jarvis**

Director at Large

**Tom Welsh**

Director at Large

**Doug Norris**

Director at Large

**Christine LaTour**

Past President - **Jeff Furest**

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Recognition - Ryan Murphy

Bulletin - Larry Neal

Music - Amanda Oparka

Guests & Visitors -

Kathleen Best

Invocation - Sarah Lee

Anniversaries/Birthdays -

Louise Rallis

Meeting Photos -

Valerie Miller

Website - Jeff Furest

Social Media -

Kathleen Best

Club Administration -

Sam Wireman

Service Projects -

Christine LaTour

Membership - Kim Jarvis

The meeting began at 12:15 p.m. and was led by President **Scott Chabot**. Our guest and speaker, District Governor Nominee Wendy Jones, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by the national anthem. **Tom Davies** led us through "The Four-Way Test" and **Sarah Lee** said the prayer.



Lunch today was chicken cacciatore, seasoned rice, broccoli and cauliflower. It was good enough to get me up for seconds. There was also a large basket full of thin slices of Italian bread that were both seasoned and toasted. Caesar salad and cake completed our meal.

The meeting started by **Sam Wireman** passing out ballots to all who had not yet received one.

This was followed by Sam introducing our only guest; that being the aforementioned Wendy Jones.



**Tom Welsh** was once more on flower duty.

We sang to our sole birthday boy **Ken Steele**.

The remaining flowers were then peddled off as follows: President Scott bought one for Wendy Jones; Sam Wireman bought one for **Tom Davies, Sarah Lee** bought one for **Bob Lee; Ed Mastry** bought one for **Ken Steele** and finally, **Larry Neal** bought the last flower for **Sam Wireman**.



**Ted DeVantier** led us in songs choosing “In The Good Old Summertime” and “On the Sunny Side of the Street,” on this cold, damp, and gray day. I think he must have felt it would help lift everyone from the winter blahs. The performance was cursed from the beginning as **Gary** started playing the wrong song bewildering all present. When our pianist finally got on the same page, the singing that followed did little to improve things.

- After songs, **Sam Wireman** announced that he is looking at 5/20/2023 as the date for the 5K fundraiser he is planning.
- I incorrectly posted in my last report that the Clinton Township State of the Township presentation would be last weekend at the Clinton Macomb Public Library, it is actually this weekend, but I still failed to get actual day or time.



# RECOGNITION

Recognition today was handled by **Tom Davies** in **Ryan Murphy's** absence. Tom immediately worked to quell an insurrection calling **Gary** and **Ted** to task to discover whose idea it was to not include a Rotary song with today's music. There was finger-pointing by both men who next pointed to the front right table where **Louise Rallis** and **Kim Jarvis** had the same confused and perplexed look as their accusers; neither of the latter two admitted or denied any culpability. Ultimately Ted was slapped the maximum fine to discourage any future outbreaks of this dangerous, rebellious behavior.

Although Ted was fined, Gary was not off the hook as Tom had in his hand a valentine card that Gary had brought in to show **Bill Patterson** because it was chicken-themed. It was one of those musical cards that should sound off upon being opened; however, the music never played in this card, so Gary was fined \$4 for this. Next Tom went to **Ed Mastry** and **Ken Steele** and quizzed them on the red wines that they were drinking, and more particularly, what type of wine it was. Neither of them correctly identified the same as a pinot noir and were thus fined \$2 each.

Next Tom sets his sites on **Larry Neal** looking for payback from all the advertising given Larry by **Bob Cannon's** presentation last week. Larry, being wise, quickly misdirected Tom by stating that the library was hosting the event for free. Tom took the bait and fined Bob Cannon. Well played, Larry. **Joe Casasanta** was then recognized by Tom Davies as the most-missed Rotarian even though he was at last week's meeting. Next **Doug Norris** and **Sue** who were back after spending a lot of time in Canada and were fined \$2 each.



Tom then asked all Clinton Township residents to rise and pay \$2 for having the best supervisor in Bob Cannon. **Sarah Lee** was fined \$5 for bringing what appeared to be a specimen container to our lunch table. I was fined \$3 because Tom supposedly saved me from doing something I had no intention of ever doing.

# PROGRAM

Our speaker, as was mentioned earlier, was Wendy Jones who was here to discuss Rotary Peace initiatives, the history of the same, and in particular, Rotary Pillars of Peace (familarly known as Peace Poles.)



Peace missions for Rotary started in 1921 by Rotary declaring that they were to be ambassadors of peace and goodwill. The Peace Poles are tall slender white rods with four sides on them. Written on each side is a message of peace in a different language on each side. As Wendy represents the Anchor Bay Rotary Club, she shared with us the details about the one that her club placed outside Anchor Bay High School. She had recommended that we put one in the Rotary Park in Mount Clemens. A great idea if I say so myself.

As Wendy's last act before we adjourned, she pulled President Scott's ticket landing him a princely sum of \$45.



Click on the link to register: <https://registrations.dacdb.com/Register/index.cfm>. and select the "Guest Tab." Rotary President Jennifer Jones will be attending. Look for more information the registration website and pre-conference activities. If anyone is interested in helping out at the conference, please contact Jane McManus at ([jmcmamus@rd6380.org](mailto:jmcmamus@rd6380.org))

