

Rotary



IMAGINE ROTARY

Rotary Club of Mount Clemens ~ The Spokesperson ~ April 13, 2023

Minutes by Louise Rallis ~ Photos by Valerie 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

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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

Social Media -

Kathleen Best

Club Administration -

Sam Wireman

Service Projects -

Christine LaTour

Membership - Kim Jarvis

President **Scott Chabot** called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m.



Kim Jarvis asked her fellow Rotarians to join her in "The Four-Way Test."



Mary Bednar led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance but passed on leading the national anthem due to a self-aware lack of singing prowess. So, **Gary Felts**, luncheon music director, rolled right into the music with everyone joining in.



Sarah Lee provided a heartfelt invocation despite her brother's subtle vocal ruckus during her delivery.



The facility provided a tasty meal consisting of bread rolls, bowtie pasta with vegetables, lemon chicken, a delightful broccoli/cauliflower mix, green salad and cake for dessert.

Club Business

Scott noted that there was a member-at-large position available on the Foundation Board and three Rotarians threw their names in the mix for consideration. At the Wednesday, April 12 meeting the Rotary Board selected **Tom Davies** to fill that slot.



Scott and **Sam Wireman** met with the Mount Clemens DPW to discuss the route for the upcoming 5K fundraiser and a few other details. The agreed upon starting point will be the Rec Bowl bowling alley. The event plan will go to the Mount Clemens City Commission for discussion and approval at their next meeting.

Guests and Visitors

There were no new guests, however, the group welcomed **Doug's** fiancée, Susan, who is often present, as our luncheon guest for this week.



Birthday wishes went to Susan and also to **Mary's** partner Jeff.

Flowers/Songs

Thomas Welsh did an outstanding job selling the remaining flowers. They went to:

Gary purchased one for Tina, **Sam** for **Scott**, **Val** to **Karan** for "showing up," **Ken Steele** to **Louise** and **Kim** for being brave enough to sit at his table, **Ed Mastry** purchased the last one for **Ken** for being the "most missed partner" from last week's luncheon.



Kathleen Best selected the John Denver favorite "Take Me Home Country Road" and the always popular "Roll Rotary."

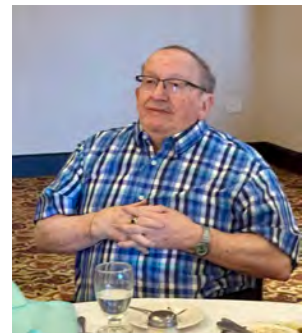
Sunshine Reports/Announcements/Recognition

Eric Pierson led this portion of the luncheon.

- **Karan** was the first to inform the group that her son was doing quite well following his serious accident last year.
- **Sam** reviewed some of the details of the upcoming 5K fundraiser and asked his fellow Rotarians to spread the word and encourage participation.
- **Eric** told the group that the Pierson Golf Outing would be September 14 this year at Gowanie Golf Club as usual.



Ed was dinged \$2 for losing his crown in a bowl of cereal and swallowing it – no word if it has reappeared yet. **Kim Jarvis** wondered if the incident would bite him in the a** and was fined \$2 for that remark. . . . Both **Sarah** and her brother **Bob** were fined \$1 for Bob's unsolicited "outburst" aka ruckus during the meeting. . . . **Stephanie Mirabile** was fined \$2 for not sharing her cellular rejuvenation beverage with others. **Bob** was fined another \$1 for pushing his lunch plate in front of **Eric** as he was still eating. **Doug** (and Susan) was fined a whopping \$5 for taking a BIG trip: Washington, D.C. and the outer banks of North Carolina. . . . **Tom** was fined \$1 for his trip and **Karan** had to fork over \$1 for being the most missed Rotarian. . . . The sponsors of the 5K were each fined \$1: **Bob, Thomas, Ed and Kathleen**. . . . For "might be going to Mexico," **Kathleen and Stephanie** each had to come up with \$36.11 pesos - or \$2 in American money. . . . This odd and embarrassing incident cost **Gary** \$4. He knew **Kathleen** was choosing the songs this week, however, he was not too sure who Kathleen was so he decided to ask the usually present brunette, Kathleen, who Kathleen was. Can't make that one up! Then everyone has a nice chuckle. . . . **Val** had to pay \$3 for being confused about fruits and vegetables. And **Doug** was hit for another \$1 for putting in his 2 cents on that topic.



Featured Presentation

The group welcomed via internet Chris Stein, park ranger of the National Park Service and a Minnesota Rotarian. He told the group about the Rotary's Operation Pollination initiative which works to highlight and find solutions to protect the world's pollinators.

According to Stein, the crisis is the population of pollinators have been declining over a long period. In the last 50 years, pollinators have declined by 40%. Additionally, they are responsible for the reproductive success of more than 85% of the world's plants.



Operation Pollination is an inclusive "framework" designed to help Rotary and other interested organizations recruit a diverse array of partners who want to engage in pollinator habitat restoration and education activities.

He directed everyone to sign the Pollinator Pledge which is a commitment to the habitat restoration goal. The form can be found at <https://esrag.org/pollinators>. He also suggested that those interested in planting Michigan native plants should visit NWF.org/natureplantfinder.

Val won \$40 in the 50/50.

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Join Mount Clemens Rotary Club

5K FUNDRAISER

to provide clean water in Guatemala

SATURDAY, MAY 20TH, 2023

Walk/Run starts at **10AM**

Check in and day-of-registration begins at 9AM

\$35 REGISTRATION

\$35 Includes Tshirt (S,M,L,XL) - register before 5/1/2023 to guarantee size

THE REC BOWL

40 Crocker Blvd.
Mt Clemens, MI 48043

Register by **QR Code**



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5K FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, MAY 20TH

SPONSORSHIP: \$400.00

ALL SPONSORS' WILL HAVE THEIR LOGO ON THE BACK OF THE T-SHIRT EACH RUNNER WILL RECEIVE (20 SPOTS AVAILABLE)

** ALL PROCEEDS GO TO PROVIDE CLEAN WATER IN GUATEMALA **

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IMAGINE COLLABORATION DISTRICT CONFERENCE MAY 5-7, 2023

Rotary
Districts 6380 & 6400



SPEAKERS SO MANY REASONS TO ATTEND!



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RI President



Mitch Albom
Author, Philanthropist



Alberto Cecchini
President's Rep

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Rotary Districts celebrating
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