

Rotary



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Rotary Club of Mount Clemens ~ The Spokesperson ~ January 11, 2024

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

2023-2024
President

Sam Wireman
Secretary

Stephanie Mirabile
Treasurer

Jessica Johnson
President Elect

Kathleen Best
President Nominee

Julie Miller

Director at Large
Kim Jarvis

Director at Large
Tom Welsh

Director at Large
Ted DeVantier

Director at Large
Ken Steele

Past President
Scott Chabot

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Recognition - Eric Pierson

Bulletin - Scott Chabot

Music - Larry Neal

Guests & Visitors -

Nancy Dedenbach

Invocation - Sarah Lee

Anniversaries/Birthdays -

Ryan Murphy

Speaker Chair -

Valerie Miller

Meeting Photos/Social

Media - Kathleen Best

Club Administration -

Julie Miller

Service Projects -

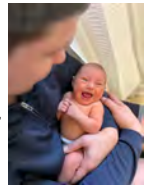
Scott Chabot

Membership - Kim Jarvis

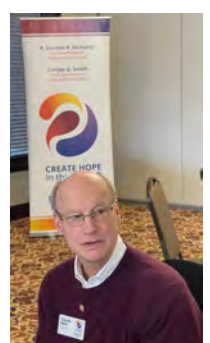
Minutes by Julie Miller ~ Photos by Valerie Miller



Scott Chabot filled in for **Kathleen Best** (who is filling in for **Sam Wireman** while he is on maternity leave.) We hope Kathleen is feeling better soon. Scott kicked off today's meeting a little after 12:15 p.m.



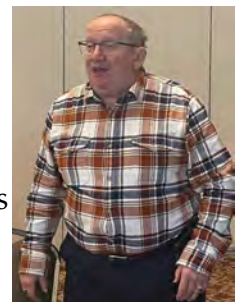
Tom Welsh led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the national anthem. **Tim Morabito** led us in "The Four-Way Test", and **Tom Davies** provided the prayer. Today's lunch included breaded chicken cutlets, penne pasta, green beans, bread, and a tossed salad. Cake was available for dessert.



Julie Miller introduced our guests and visitors: Collier Smith, Rotary District President, and Wendy Downing, Rotary Assistant District President.

Flowers and the list of birthdays and anniversaries were no-shows at the meeting, so we deferred this activity until next week.

Julie Miller shared **Ryan Murphy's** song selections and led us in the singing of "The Victors" (much to the chagrin of **Gary Felts**) and "Roll Rotary."



Tom Davies called for announcements and sunshine reports.

Club members spent a few minutes remembering former club president Robert Leslie, who passed away on December 30. Visitation will occur on Thursday, January 11 from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Harold W. Vick Funeral Home, 140 South Main, Mount Clemens. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Friday, January 12 at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

We also send our prayers to the family of **Eric Pierson**, whose son is in the hospital.

Tom Davies next jumped into the business of recognition, doling out the following fines:

- \$4.97 to **Tom Welsh** for his out-of-country travel.
- \$3 to **Doug Norris** for his out-of-town travel and another \$1 for sharing his fiancé Susan's "miss you Mount Clemens Rotary Club" message.
- \$3 to **Scott** just because he could.
- \$3 to **Bob Lee**, although the minute taker did not hear the reason.
- \$4 to **Gary** for playing his piano better with one eye than two.
- \$3 to **Larry Neal**, who wasn't singing the correct words to "The Victors." Tom didn't buy Larry's explanation for his struggles, and the two provided an entertaining couple of minutes on the meaning of the "Is It The Truth" statement in "The Four-Way Test."
- \$2 to **Ken Steele** for his Christmas vacation to Mackinac Island. Tom let **Julie Miller** off the hook for the same, since she volunteered to take one of the meeting responsibilities off his plate.



SPEAKER/PROGRAM

Scott turned the meeting over to Collier Smith, who started his talk with a rundown of the Rotary International Assembly held in Orlando. Collier mentioned how motivated he was to hear about the positive impact Rotary has had worldwide. The work that Afghanistan women were doing to ensure their neighbor's children received their polio vaccines.

Collier outlined the priorities that are being adopted across Rotary – youth exchange, RYLA, and Interact. These are all programs that change the lives of young people and motivate them to continue their involvement with Rotary. Collier spoke briefly about mental health as the third priority. This topic will be covered at the District Conference on May 17–19 in Ann Arbor.



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RYLA
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards 

Interact 
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**Collier selected
Scott Chabot's 50/50 ticket!
He pocketed \$35.**