

Rotary



IMAGINE ROTARY

Rotary Club of Mount Clemens ~ The Spokesperson ~ March 16, 2023

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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

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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 12:19 p.m. (tsk, tsk) and was led by President **Scott Chabot**. Bob Lee led us in the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by the national anthem. **Bob Cannon** followed this with "The Four-Way Test" and **Sarah Lee** said the prayer. Lunch today was pork loin with mushroom gravy, rice with ample mushrooms (this is the best rice I've had at IACC to date, my "seconds" consisted solely of an additional plateful of rice), Green Beans and the normal salad. There likely was rolls and there definitely was chocolate chip cookies.

A little foreshadowing here as I was not supposed to be the bulletin writer today; rather, I took sympathy on one **Kathleen Best** who was burdened by three separate responsibilities. Being the awesome, helpful and considerate human being that I am (oh, and let's not forget humble, very humble), I took on the deed. I may very well be burdened with this again next week, so I apologize in advance for the excessive boredom you may experience in the next few weeks from this otherwise fine newsletter.



As best I can recollect, there were no presidential announcements, so we went right into the guest and visitors segment which was quite quick as we only had one guest and a very important one at that; it was Wendy Downing, our Assistant District Governor. She was introduced by **Sam Wireman**, who did a fine job with the same.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

It was **Sarah Lee's** birthday two days ago on March 14; this is kind of a big birthday date for the Mount Clemens Rotary Club as it was shared by three Rotarians, whom **Julie Huttenlocher** referred to as the triplets. One, obviously is Sarah, **Neil Dempsey** was the second with Julie being the third. Neil, of course, is no longer with us and I miss him greatly. Julie is still with us, but was not at the meeting. It is no secret that Julie is the youngest of this trio. Thanks to her father, **Tom Davies**, everyone in attendance today knows exactly how old she is; Tom, being the nurturing father he is, was kind enough to deliver her a flower; of course, this was on condition said flower was billed to Julie's account. Thus, with the other two triplets absent, Sarah was the sole recipient of the happy birthday song for the 2023 March 14 birthdays.



There were some other anniversaries and such, but none were present, in fact, I think we only had 13 people at the meeting. **Kathleen Best** was in attendance and was given a flower for her club anniversary.

FLOWERS

The remaining flowers went like hotcakes, I was amazed that I was able to keep pace with the rapidity that **Glenn Burton** displayed in disbursing them about the room. Ed bought one for **Sam** for helping with set up in the absence of **Ken**, Sam bought one for **Ed** for having most of the work done before Sam got there, **Tom** bought one for **Gary**, Gary bought one for (do I need to say?), and finally **Val** bought one for Wendy Downing.

MUSIC

Ed Mastry led us in songs choosing “When Irish Eyes Are Smiling” and “R-O-T-A-R-Y.” I would say it didn’t sound good, but that is like our average

performance; so being the “glass is half full” guy I am, I would say it was slightly below average.

GOODWILL

We had two goodwill announcements. First **Gary** announced that his god/grand/great(?) son won athlete of the month. **Valerie Miller** then shared that her granddaughter was also an athlete of the month.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT

Only one member announcement and that was **Sam Wireman** reminding us of the walk/run 5k taking place on May 20. Please come out and/or donate as the proceeds from this event will benefit our water project in Guatemala.

RECOGNITION

Recognition today was handled by **Tom Davies** who had little choice but to fine everyone as there were only 13 people in attendance. Well, everyone except the most pure and chaste amongst us. The type of people you could never fathom committing a “fineable” offense. Those two people were **Louise Rallis** and me. I know what you are thinking; Louise should have been fined. I am pretty sure that she picked up some of the purity and chastity that was overflowing in me, since she was sitting to my right.

Those less fortunate included everyone who wore green. All people in green who had any Irish ancestry were fined \$3, the rest, or Irish wannabes as **Tom** termed them, were fined \$2. **Kathleen** had unique boots on that had little zip-up satchels on each boot. This got her fined, an additional \$3 which maxed her out as she is also one of those Irish wannabes. **Ed Mastry** was fined for poor song leadership. **Bob Lee** was fined for his crooked bow tie.



PROGRAM

Our speakers today, were our ADG Wendy Downing, our President Elect **Sam Wireman** and our President **Scott Chabot**. They were here to report about PETS — President-Elect Training Seminar —and the District Governor equivalent training program of which the three of them recently completed.



Scott started speaking of his year as President and the chapter he will soon begin as an ADG. He started by stressing the importance of social events on fellowship and praised **Kathleen Best's** efforts and

setting up the same. Since his duties as ADG will be servicing the Rochester, Clawson, Sterling Heights and Troy clubs, he hopes to include them in some future events.

Sam was up next and was excited for his coming presidency of the club. In addition to the ambitious task of setting up two fundraisers this year, Sam would like to bring back interest in RYLA, Interact and Rotaract. He had stated that a friend of his had gone through one of these programs and that it was Sam's first exposure to Rotary; furthermore, it ignited interest within him that resulted in his joining our club.

Wendy wrapped things up affirming the importance of RYLA, Interact and Rotaract in bringing young people into Rotary, but mostly she let us know about the District Conference taking place in Windsor this year on May 5-7.

50/50 was won by **Ed Mastry**.



REMINDERS FROM SCOTT, SAM AND VALERIE

We have a new member — **Rachel Armstrong-Brattain**.

We need everyone to help promote the Rotary 5K fundraiser on May 20; 10 a.m. race time and 9 a.m. registration; \$35 registration fee for participants who get a T-shirt. We are seeking race sponsors for \$400 each. Every sponsor will have their logo featured on the back of the T-shirt. This helps raise money for an International Clean Water Project in Guatemala. A grant seminar on April 1 is where we will also look at opportunities to apply for an International Grant.

- Social Hour/Bowling at Rec Bowl in April
- Evening Meeting Event at a Mount Clemens venue (April/May)
- Peace Pole Dedication at Rotary Park (May/June)
- Community Tree Planting Service Project(s) (Spring/Fall)
- Volunteer Assistance With Neil Reid Challenger Field for Clinton Valley Little League (Spring/Summer)
- Some possible joint-sponsored events with nearby Rotary clubs.
- Your suggestions for more are welcome.

FROM VALERIE MILLER: There will be two positions to fill on the Foundation board starting in July. Apply to Valerie by March 31.

CONDOLENCES to Julie Huttenlocher on the passing of her mother-in-law, Judith Huttenlocher. The obituary is at:
<https://www.wintfuneralhome.com/obituary/judith-huttenlocher>

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Join Mount Clemens Rotary Club

5K FUNDRAISER

in support of International Water

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

SHADYSIDE PARK

155 Shadyside Drive
Mt Clemens, MI 48043

Register by **QR Code**



Registration, Questions, or Sponsorship Information, please email drsam@apexchiromi.com or call Sam at 215-681-2829

MAY 20, 2023 ROTARY WALK/RUN FUNDRAISER ROUTE

