

Rotary



IMAGINE ROTARY

Rotary Club of Mount Clemens ~ The Spokesperson ~ March 30, 2023

Minutes by Julie Miller ~ Photos by Sam Wireman

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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Jessica Johnson

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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

Scott Chabot began today's meeting promptly at 12:15 p.m. **Melissa Morabito** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the national anthem. **Tom Welsh** led us in "The Four-Way Test," and **Sarah Lee** provided the benediction, with a specific request for the sun to reign down on us with more regularity than we have been seeing.

Rotarians were treated to a tasty meal of chicken marsala, green beans, au gratin potatoes and a mixed salad. A very tasty piece of chocolate cake topped off the meal.

Larry Neal introduced our guests: speaker Joseph Aragona, Kerry Jantz, and James Burcham. In true Rotary form, we sang a rousing rendition of "We Are Glad To See You Here At Rotary" to welcome them to the meeting.



Kathleen Best handled birthdays and anniversaries this week, of which there were none, so Kathleen moved quickly to flower sales:

Scott Chabot for **Rachel Brattain**, **Julie Miller** for **Tom Davies** (a poorly executed attempt to avoid the fine she knew was coming), **Dave G.** for our speaker Joseph, **Larry Neal** for guest Kerry, **Sam Wireman** for Kathleen, **Ken Steele** also for Kathleen, and **Glenn Burton** for Julie (to help soften the blow she was about to receive from the esteemed **Tom Davies**.)



Next, **Sarah** picked back up on the sunshine theme by leading us in a brutal performance of “On the Sunny Side of the Street.” We did salvage our collective pride with a strong performance of “All Hail to Rotary.” We asked speaker James not to judge us too harshly for our singing performance.

Tom Davies took to the floor, requesting Goodwill & Sunshine reports, of which there were none.

An announcement regarding the 5k was made by **Sam**, and then the real brutality began with **Tom** licking his lips as he roamed the floor looking for victims (I mean Rotarians) on whom he could levy a fine.

First, **Sam** was hit for \$2 for being late (almost), which made **Gary** so nervous that he solicited **Sarah’s** help in music selection. **Sarah** was levied a \$2 fine for her selection of music. **Ken** and **Julie** were fined \$2 each for having missed two meetings while in Florida. **Julie** was nicked another \$1 for falsely accusing **Tom** of absconding with her cell phone (she later found it in her purse). **Tom** accused **Ed** of being a wino and hit him with a \$3 fine, and tried to fine **Glenn** for missing his birthday, but was told it would be on next week’s report. **Tom Welsh** was fined \$3 for his extended stay in Australia. **Larry** was fined \$3 for going on a Caribbean cruise, and **Kathleen** was hit up for posting a photo in Facebook that **Tom** didn’t like. As **Tom** took his seat **Glenn** muttered “that was brutal!”



Next up was speaker Joseph Aragona, State Representative of the 60th District of Michigan. Joseph introduced himself, outlining his background and let us know he has been involved in many civic organizations, including Kiwanis, Clinton Township Goodfellows, and is a current board member of the Humane Society of Macomb. Joseph pointed out that he has attended many, many club meetings and had never observed such a “savage” round of member fining. As many Rotarians nodded in agreement, Tom grinned in pride that his recognition skills were held in such high esteem.

Joseph went on to talk about how he got into politics. He mentioned some of the bills he is working on, including directing road fees from car registrations to the district of the person paying the fees. He is also a proponent of larger townships being treated like cities when it comes to appropriating funds, and used the example of DNR trust fund dollars being allocated to some local parks (i.e. the recent approval of a kayak launch).

After a robust Q & A session Joseph selected Julie’s 50/50 ticket as the winner. The \$60 will help cover the fines assessed in today’s meeting.

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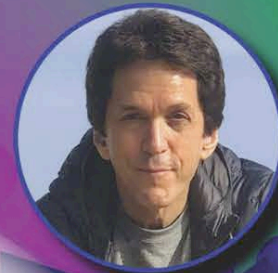


SPEAKERS

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Jennifer Jones
RI President



Mitch Albom
Author, Philanthropist



Alberto Cecchini
President's Rep

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Tom Gump
Rotary Membership



Traci Sincock
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Bala Murthy
DG District 6380



Kirk Langford
Youth Exchange



Mitty Chang
Social Entrepreneur

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Jennifer Jones, RI President

Jennifer Jones, from the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, in Windsor Ontario, is founder and president of Media Street Productions Inc., an award-winning media company in Windsor. She was chair of the board of governors of the University of Windsor and chair of the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce. She has been recognized for her service with the YMCA Peace Medallion, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and Wayne State University's Peacemaker of the Year Award, a first for a Canadian. As the first woman to be elected president, Jones understands how important it is to follow through on Rotary's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Statement. "I believe that diversity, equity, and inclusion ... begins at the top and for us to realize growth in female membership and members under the age of forty — these demographics need to see their own reflection in leadership,"

Mitch Albom Author, Philanthropist

MITCH ALBOM is an internationally renowned and best-selling author, journalist, screenwriter, playwright, radio and television broadcaster and musician. His books have collectively sold more than 40 million copies worldwide; have been published in 49 territories and in 47 languages around the world; and have been made into Emmy Award-winning and critically-acclaimed television movies.

Albom has founded nine charities in the metropolitan Detroit area: SAY Detroit, an umbrella organization for charities dedicated to improving the lives of the neediest, including the SAY Detroit Family Health Clinic, Detroit Dream Scholars, and A Time To Help, and . In January 2015, Albom announced the launch of the SAY Detroit Play Center at Lipke Park, an innovative motivational learning program equipped with state-of-the-art athletic facilities, digital learning center and tutoring program. A Hole in the Roof Foundation helps faith groups of every denomination who care for the homeless repair the spaces in which they carry out their work. The seed that gave root to the Foundation — and also inspired its name—was the hole in the roof of the I Am My Brother's Keeper church in inner-city Detroit, written about in Have a Little Faith.

Tom Gump Rotary Membership

Tom Gump is a member of Rotary International's Membership Growth Committee (2022-25) and former Rotary Coordinator.

He is passionate about growing Rotary Membership through forming new and creative Rotary, Rotaract and satellite clubs. He founded, co-founded, helped form and/or inspired dozens of new and creative clubs around the world. Tom also formed a Rotary Community Corps for Refugees, which serves hundreds of refugees in Minnesota, USA.

Mitty Chang Social Entrepreneur

Over the past 15 years Chang has been in the Rotary family — from Interact to RYLA to Rotaract to Rotary — He has spoken to thousands of Rotarians and visited over 100 Rotary clubs.

Currently the President and CEO of Candeavor, a digital marketing and web development agency. Chang spends his Monday-Friday workdays switching between business operations, project management, and web development. After hours and on weekends, Mitty spends his time consulting with non-profit organizations and speaking at conferences.

Alberto Cecchini President's Rep

He began his experience in the Rotary family in 1988 as a founding Rotaractor of the Anzio-Nettuno club of which he was President in 1991/92, he was then District Representative of the Rotaract District 2080 in 1992/93.

He joined the Rotary Club Golfo d'Anzio, Anzio-Nettuno in 1994; from 01/07/2015 he is a member of the Rotary Club Roma Nord Est.

Past District Governor District 2080 — year 2008/09

Kirk Langford Youth Exchange

Kirk Langford has been involved with Rotary for many years—all thanks to Rotary Youth Exchange! His Rotary journey began as an exchange student to Brazil wayyyy back in 2005-2006, then as an Interactor, Rotaractor, RYLA participant, Rotex member, and finally, a Rotarian since 2016! He currently serves as the Public Image and Social Media Chair and Rotary Youth Exchange Outbound Coordinator for District 6330.

Traci Sincock DG District 6400

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