

Rotary



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Rotary Club of Mount Clemens ~ The Spokesperson ~ February 1, 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

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2023-2024
President

Sam Wireman
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Director at Large
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Scott Chabot

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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 Eric Pierson ~ Photos by Kathleen Best

The meeting began at 12:15 p.m. and was led by **President Sam Wireman**. **Glenn Burton** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by the national anthem. **Ted DeVantier** led us with "The Four-Way Test" and President Sam recited the prayer sent to him by **Sarah Lee**. Lunch today was chicken piccata, the always-delicious roasted redskins, the always green "green beans," garden salad, and chocolate cake.

- Sam reminded us that our meeting on **April 4** will be an offsite meeting at MacLaren Macomb.
- He also let us know that there are some volunteer opportunities coming up. First and foremost, our fundraiser on **April 26** which requires efforts from all members.
- The other opportunity is to volunteer for the Selfridge Air Show which will take place on **June 7 – 9**.



GUESTS

Ed Mastry introduced our guests of which there were two.

Jennifer Parison, our speaker and guest of the club.

Malachi Taylor, guest of **Dave Gerlach**



FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS

I failed to write down the birthday and anniversaries, but I did get some of the flower action down. **Gary** of course bought one for Tina, **Scott Chabot** bought one for **Ed Mastry**, **Dave Gerlach** bought one for his guest, **Larry Neal** bought one for President Sam.



MUSIC

Kim Jarvis led us in song and chose as her first song, "Stodola Pumpa." It was clear Kim knew not how this song went as she led from a seated position and sang at a volume below a whisper. No one else really knew how this song went either, the horrid result was, in the least, predictable. A wise choice of "R-O-T-A-R-Y" with its raucous rhythm and lyrics with which we are all familiar would seem enough to save this duo of songs; however, Kim chose to have everyone sing the second verse with which no one was familiar; but, at least the chorus sounded good.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For announcements, **Bob Cannon** stood to tell us that the State of the Township went well. And then started talking about the Hopcat and Andiamo coming to Partridge Creek, and then went on to discuss several other things coming to Clinton Township. I did not time this announcement, but let's say that it was at least a \$4.99 announcement, and that would be a bargain.

As stated earlier, April 26 will be our fundraiser and it will be a Casino Night at the Italian American Cultural Center. As always, the team is looking for help. Reach out to Kathleen Best to see what you can do.



Recognition was done today for the first time, by **Tom Welsh**, and I will say this guy has the chops for fundraising. No one left without losing dollars. He first fined **Doug** for having so many hats. Then out of nowhere he fined all the Lions fans \$1. I mean, us Lions fans have done nothing but treat this Packers fan with the utmost grace and this is the thanks we get. I guess it is true what they say about Packers fans, they are cheesy. He then fined everyone who did not read the "Rotary" Magazine \$1. He then fined everyone who constantly sits with the same people \$1. He then fined our table \$1 because we were sitting with him. He fined **Glenn Burton** for troubles with the Pledge and then fined **Kim** for the disaster that was songs.



50/50 was won by **Dave Gerlach's** guest Malachi.



Our speaker today was Jennifer Parison, an Estate Law Attorney, and a friend of our own Melissa Morabito. This was a good presentation on what is normally quite dull subject matter. A big part of the presentation was regarding what to do with Jointly owned assets. There are three ways in which property may be owned, they are: Joint tenancy with rights of survivorship, tenancy in common and tenancy by the entireties.

A Joint tenancy with rights of survivorship is joint ownership that is non severable meaning that as some of the joint owners pass, they cannot pass their ownership on; rather, that individual's portion is split amongst the surviving owners. Once all but one owners have passed; that last owner becomes the sole owner of the property and may do what he or she pleases with it.

A tenancy in common is joint ownership where each of the owners owns a portion and may pass that portion down, sell it, etc. Tenancy by the entireties is simply joint ownership by a married couple.



Jennifer then went on to discuss options to avoid Joint Assets, these are: Estate Plans, Beneficiaries and Lady Bird Deeds. Estate plans are simply wills and trusts and would detail what is to happen with your property upon your death. Beneficiaries can be added to most assets and would dictate to whom said asset should be transferred upon death. Ladybird deeds are a little different in that they allow the property owner to transfer the property before death and retain all the rights of ownership until the owner does pass. This is called a life estate in property.

Finally, Jennifer explained the differences between a general power of attorney and a general health care power of attorney; the latter covers only being able to make health care decisions on behalf of the grantor when said grantor is incapacitated, these decisions can include refusing further medical care allowing the grantor to die rather than exist in a vegetative state. The General Power of attorney can be used for just about everything else or whatever reason is spelled out on the POA. Both POAs carry with them a fiduciary duty on behalf of the person who holds the power.