

# Rotary



## CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

### *Rotary Club of Mount Clemens ~ The Spokesperson ~ July 27, 2023*

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**  
Secretary

**Stephanie Mirabile**  
Treasurer

**Jessica Johnson**  
President Elect

**Kathleen Best**  
President Nominee

**Julie Miller**

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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 -

TBA

Membership - Kim Jarvis

Minutes by Larry Neal ~ Photos by Eric Pierson

### Opening Activities



**Sam Wireman** called the Mount Clemens Rotary Club to order at 12:15 p.m. at the Italian American Cultural Society and Banquet Center.

**Tom Welsh** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and national anthem and **Kim Jarvis** led us in "The Four-Way Test." **Sarah Lee** gave the benediction.

The day's menu featured green beans (surprise!), chicken marsala, roasted potatoes, Caesar salad, and vanilla ice cream.

President Sam noted that a fundraiser committee is being formed to help finish raising the funds for a water project in Guatemala. Anyone interested in joining should let him know.

**Julie Miller** deferred to President Sam introduce the guests as the only ones were our two online speakers.



**Bob Lee** sold flowers. **Ed Mastry** bought one for Sam. **Ken Steele** bought one for **Ellen Lysik and Julie Miller**. **Gary Felts** bought one for Tina and Ed Mastry. Sam Wireman bought one for Ken "man of Steele hips." **Sarah Lee** bought one for **Larry Neal** to add more color to his multicolor shirt. Larry Neal bought one for **Nancy Dedenbach** for being "awesome" (and the person doing recognition today).

**Nancy Dedenbach** led the club in "music" with her ongoing exploration of western-themed selections. "Home on the Range" was the first song with the little known, "Rotary Bonds" being the second.



- **Sarah Lee** reported that her husband had collapsed for the third time, this time being taken to the hospital for a cardiac catheterization. At 94 he's still ticking, please keep him in your prayers for a quick recovery!
- **Eric Pierson** announced he is taking reservations for the annual Dick Pierson Rotary Golf Outing to be held on Thursday, September 14. Lunch will be free, dinner is \$30.

**Nancy Dedenbach** was back, this time for recognition. She had several items to fine people for but none of the fines were available so she had to default to obscure Rotary trivial questions with some tables answering correctly and avoiding fines and others not so lucky.



President Sam introduced speakers Candis Krummel and Dr. Jessie Kind who both reside near Santiago Atitlán in Guatemala.

The Tuik Ruch Lew (TRL) project sustainably provides, installs, and maintains energy-efficient cookstoves in the Lake Atitlán Basin, Guatemala. “Tuik Ruch Lew” means “Helping the Earth” in the Mayan language. The replacement of open cooking fires reduces wood fuel demand to limit greenhouse gas emissions and benefit the local Tz’utujil Maya communities by improving household air pollution, protecting kids from dangerous fires and saving time and money.

In addition, the TRL Improved Cookstove Project distributes water filters and LED lightbulbs to households to deliver expansive sustainable development benefits for people and the planet over the project’s lifetime.

The Onil stoves use 70% less wood than open fires, eliminate 99% of the inside smoke and cut carbon emissions by 34 tons over 10 years. Stoves cost \$178 plus \$183 for the training and education program, which also includes maintenance and repairs over the 10-year expected life of the stove.

More information is available at: <https://www.trlearnth.org/>



President Sam was the lucky winner of \$35 in the 50/50.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.