

Mount Pleasant Rotary Club
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Rotary Roundup

December 12, 2016

Recap of December 5, 2016 Club Meeting

Robin Duthie called the meeting to order and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Dave Keilitz

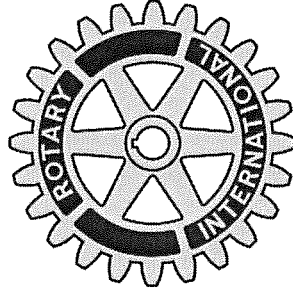
Guests: Kayla Campbell, Sana Gala & Josephine Swaney of Interact; Tony Delellis guest of Bob Wheeler

Greeters: Torrey Laffoon & Paula Arndt

December Birthdays: Krystal Campbell-6th, Torrey Laffoon-7th, Kate Marsh-10th, Bruce Rohrer-11th, Bob Rulong-15th, and Danielle Petersen-21st.

Announcements:

- Paul mentioned that Pure Isabella County Gift Boxes are \$35 and there is no limit as to how many we can sell. There are separate sheets for ordering and mailing. We have sold 230 so far.
- Kate Marsh indicated that we are also selling the boxes of gift cards benefiting Polio Plus for \$12.
- Eileen Jennings announced that Christmas Cards to widows and Jack Anson are being distributed. Ken Schaeffer provided the cards.
- Tom Gross Auctioned two items unclaimed from the Radio Auction: a certificate to neuter or spay a dog or cat from Dr. Pohl and 10 yards of screened topsoil from Isabella Corp. Both were picked up by Rotary members.
- Jennifer Churchill was recognized as our newest member.
- Peggy Pickler announced that she and Paula are still matching Polio Plus donations up to \$500 each. Actually she meant \$5.00 each but we appreciated her generosity!



- Perfect Attendance award was presented to Tom Miles who was absent when the other members received theirs!
- Next week, December 12th will be our holiday party since the student of the month will be held on the 19th. If you want to bring a guest, let Eileen Jennings know so she can increase the food count.
- We have the opportunity to host an inbound youth exchange student next fall. If you are interested, let Siv Narayan know.
- Our 2017-18 slate of Officers and Directors will be presented for a vote on December 12th, to take effect in July 2017. Pres. Robin will email to the club this week.
- Bob Wheeler's retirement party will be held at Mercantile Bank on December 16th from 4-6. Everyone is invited to attend for cake and punch!

Music: Eileen led us in "Let there be Peace on Earth" and was surprised at our good singing. Where is the Sgt. At Arms when you need her!

Sergeant-at-Arms: Carol Santini

Fines:

- Bob Wheeler was fined because he introduced Tony Delellis as a friend, and the Sgt. questioned if Bob has a friend, and for retiring.
- Amy Powell was fined for having her picture in the paper (a rotary one no less.)
- The Sgt fined anyone who did not have their Christmas tree up yet.

Braggs:

- Lisa Hadden bragged that 85 riders took part in the La Frost Bicycling Event in Mt. Pleasant over the weekend. It was very successful with lots of mud, water, dirt and obstacles.
- Kate Marsh bragged about her Nephew.

Program

Rotary was doubly blessed today with a two part program featuring the classification talks of two of our Members, Amy Powell and Danielle Petersen.

Amy talked about her life and said she has worked hard her whole life. Working in the past at newspaper delivery, a shoe store, food service, banking (collections), Aquinas Collage fund raising, a temporary staffing company, Commission on Aging-Volunteer Coordinator and now at Art Reach of Mid-Michigan as their Executive Director. Prior to working at Art Reach she got her Masters from CMU and worked there also.

Her family consists of her husband and two daughters: Abby (10) and Sophia (7). Her husband works at the CMU Library. Amy was introduced to Rotary by Kathy Hill, the former Art Reach Executive Director.

Our second speaker was Danielle Petersen, who in spite of being uncomfortable in front of the group was very "cool under pressure". Danielle comes from Auburn, New York (near Syracuse). She is married and lives in Midland with three children: Keith (10), Stanley (8) and Oliver (7). Her husband teaches political science at Delta College. Her hobbies include cycling, kayaking, skiing and watching movies on Netflix when the kids go to bed.

Danielle has a Master's Degree in Linguistics (Spanish) and BS in English and Philosophy with a minor in Spanish. She works at Mid-Michigan Community College as the Learning Services Coordinator and is in charge of coordinating tutoring, international students, testing, and more. She was sponsored for membership by Carol Santini.