**Mount Pleasant Rotary Club**

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**Rotary Roundup**

**November, 6th 2017**

##### Recap of October 30th, 2017 Club Meeting

***Carol Santini*** called the meeting to order and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Invocation:*** Tom Miles

***Greeters:*** Stephanie Hope

***Guests:*** John Hocrauf from MID and Julie from the Rotaract club

**Announcements:**

* The Interact students were able to raise $455 through the purple pinkie project. They added to it by selling hot chocolate to students as well. $305 was made in school, $150 from the club.
* Next Monday they will be auctioning off the final items that did not get purchased at the auction.
* Paul said his work on the Zambia project is finally done! He mailed the check to Chicago! The project raised a total of $55,500. $10,241 was contributed from our club.
* Julie shared information on the statewide conference that the Rotaract student participated in and some of the other events they have going on currently.
	+ They have helped with parks and recreation, worked with women’s aide as well – partnering with them on different events throughout the year. They currently have their Superbowl tickets for sale. 1 for $5 or 5 for $20
* Bob let everyone know that the bills for the 3rd quarter are out – please pay him!
* Carol reminded everyone that the slate for new officers needs to be in by December.

**Music:**  John Jensen – Take me out to the ball game

**Sergeant-at-Arms**: Bob Wheeler

**Fines & Brags:**

* John got to talk about his Hawaiian trip in 20 words
* Bob had Rebecca and Rich’s name badges, they had to buy them back for $1.
* Tom Olver talked to us about the 6th annual Dance United taking place November 16th.
* Tom also bragged that he ran a half marathon with his girlfriend on Mackinaw Island over the weekend.
* Alysha bragged about her 9 years old son who is trying to earn money for his travel baseball team – he raised over $200 this weekend returning cans. If anyone would like to get rid of their cans – he can take them off your hands!

**Program:** Cindy talked about the Saginaw Children’s Zoo

Facts about the Zoo:

* Established in 1929
* They are a not for profit organization, providing a fun and safe place for children and families to visit.
* They were accredited by the AZA in 2009 & 2014.
* They focus on conservation, education, science and recreation.
* They house over 100 animals.
* They are held to the highest stand in animal care.
* The Zoo has spent close to $170 million on research and conservation .
* In 2016 they had over 100,000 visitors – a record breaking year.
* In 2017 so far; guests have visited from over 48 states – investing about $37 million into the local economy.
* Their staff consists of science professionals – providing the best personal care available.
* They are also invested and committed to a global breeding program – a species survival plan.
* Future: based on the needs of the community, members and volunteers:
	+ Plan to re-introduce their train – refurbished - handicapped accessible!
	+ Create learning centers, expand their concessions, create more interactive areas.
	+ ****Create a ‘Family Nature Club’ – free program reaching out to the underserved community.
* Largest demographic: Tuscola, Isabella, Saginaw, Midland and Bay counties.
* Their official close date is Oct. 6 – staying open 3 weeks longer for Zoo Boo
* In November you can go back and see the Holiday Lights – free to the public.