

# ROTARpinte

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## OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: John Chambers

Invocation: Peter Henry

## GUESTS

Richard O'Neill, guest of Judy Masserang.

## VISITING ROTARIANS

Governor-Elect John Chambers, Detroit AM and Trey Greene, Detroit.

## BIRTHDAYS

Jessica Keyser (4/7), Gaylord Creedon (4/11), and Neil Sroka (4/14).

## ANNIVERSARIES

John Dewald, 32 years. Gary Niehaus, 2 years. Lina Bowman, 9 years. Paul Rentenbach, 13 years.

## ROVING REPORTER

None – Reporter Conflict.

-- From the floor, Simon announced that he will be in a fashion show on May 26<sup>th</sup> and was just fitted for his suit at Jos. A. Banks. He is ready!

## SUNSHINE NEWS

-- No news.

## OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

## SERVICE PROJECTS

Diane Strickler

-- There are still a few spots available for Gleaners this Saturday (4/14) from 1:00 to 3:30. Please let Phil MacKethan know if you can help.

-- Moross Greenway on 4/21. Bring your work gloves and rakes to Grace Church at 9:00 AM.

-- Diane passed out sign-up sheets for a Windsor Rotary tree planting on 4/28 and Forgotten Harvest on 5/5.

-- The NE Guidance Center is having a volunteer appreciation breakfast on 4/18 while also providing attendees with tips on pruning bushes and plants.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Trey Greene announced that WSU Rotaract will be hosting *Detroit Peace in the Streets* on 4/21 and 4/22. [www.detroitpeaceinthesteets.org](http://www.detroitpeaceinthesteets.org).

-- DIA Executive Director David Flynn left a book called *Treasures of the DIA* with our Club. There is a silent auction open through the 4/25 meeting to purchase the book with proceeds going to the Club foundation.

-- Setting your June Calendar: Passing of the Gavel on 6/18 at the War Memorial. No meeting on 6/20 or 6/27.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Tim Killeen, Wayne County Commissioner, provided an update on three issues impacting the County. (1) The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority, (2) The seawall along Lakeshore in the Farms and Shores, and (3) The Wayne County Jail.

The Commissioner is on the DWMHA Board and is proud of the work it does to help those with mental illness. It is focusing on integrated care (offering different types of treatment at one location) which can help cut costs and provide better outcomes. It is a constant struggle to find funding through the state and federal governments. Right, now \$700 million in federal

money goes to the facility. He is not in favor of privatizing the services offered.

The seawall is in need of repair but is still in the pricing stage to conduct a study. Mr. Killeen was told it would cost \$1,200/square foot, making it incredibly expensive. Ideas have been floated to remove the seawall between the Farms Pier and Crescent Yacht Club to allow for a natural shoreline as well as possibly building a walk/bike path. Grant money is being pursued.

Mr. Killeen is voting yes to the Wayne County Jail agreement with Rock Ventures. He does not believe it's a good deal but it is the best available because the cost of building on the site where construction began four years ago is no longer cost effective. Like any of the County's projects, the cost and finding the funding needed to make it happen are the driving forces.

To learn more or to meet our Commissioner for coffee, go to [www.waynecounty.com/elected/mission/district1](http://www.waynecounty.com/elected/mission/district1).

## FLOWER RAFFLE

No raffle today so Neil Sroka was the lucky winner of the "birthday flowers" from Charvat The Florist.

## CALENDAR

Apr 18: Lynn Komasa & Christine Green – Star Commonwealth

Apr 25: Judge Thomas Cameron, Michigan Court of Appeals