

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: David Eardley

GUESTS

Cindy Willcock, Executive Director at Main Street Grosse Pointe

VISITING ROTARIANS

Doug Horst, Buckhead (GA) Club.

BIRTHDAYS

Neil Sroka (4/14) and Mike Carmody (4/17).

ANNIVERSARIES

None.

ROVING REPORTER

-- The Grosse Pointe Congregational Church will be hosting a Heat and Light Artists Reception this Sunday, 3:00-6:00pm, at their Art Gallery Fellowship Hall.

-- A Rotary International global grant application was approved for a project in Egypt, totaling \$32,400 (grant and donations). Thank you to Eva Habib, Paul Rentenbach, and Dino Valente for their work on this. More information will be provided when Eva is in attendance.

OIL CAN

Postponed.

SUNSHINE NEWS

Jackie Dale

-- Continue to keep Steve Cornillie's nephew, Henry, in your prayers. He is improving but still in the hospital.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- The Moross Greenway clean-up takes place at 9:00am this Saturday, 4/15.

Please contact Diane Strickler with any questions.

-- There is a volunteer opportunity at Forgotten Harvest from 1:00pm to 4:00pm on 4/29. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Please contact Paul Rentenbach with any questions.

PAUL HARRIS

-- Kim Towar, who does a great job of explaining how our donations to the RI Foundation help fund projects - globally and locally -, presented a Paul Harris +7 pin to Ted Hadgis. Congratulations Ted!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- You can still sign up for the District Conference from 5/5 – 5/7 at Caesars Windsor on the District website www.rotary6400.org.

- Euchre night following the meeting.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Meet the Merchants of Grosse Pointe. Store owners in The Village.

Lanna Young is the owner of Savvy Chic Boutique which has been at its current location since October 2021. It's a women's clothing store that offers trendy, and affordable clothes in a smaller setting. A GP resident since 2011, she enjoys The Village for offering a combined city/neighborhood feel. www.cavvychicgp.com.

Mary and Maddie Mancus are a mother and daughter team that co-owns Glitter & Scotch. They opened in 2021 and described their clothing as "shopping in your best friend's closet". Growing up in GP, they have a family history of working in retail (Hudson's, Pointe Pedlar). www.shopglitterandscotch.com

Joe Binkowski is the owner of Ridge Crest Outfitter, which offers men's and women's clothing that can be worn in the office or while walking in the woods. His store is trying to fill a niche that Moosejaw can't provide. He grew up in Grosse Pointe and has a history in retail, working at Hickey's and Jacobson's.

www.ridgecrestgp.com

Kasey Malley is the co-owner of Small Favors Gift Gallery. The store has been in business since 2003, at many different locations. They sell gifts that celebrate "everything" and enjoy knowing that they will be given by the buyer to someone else.

www.shopsmallfavors.com.

The common theme of the store owners is the desire to fill a need (possibly unique) at a local level for shoppers. They consider their customers to be friends/family and enjoy being able to provide this service. Being locally owned, the money spent at their shops goes back into the community.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$62 in the pot. Dave Colton purchased the winning ticket but was unable to find the joker.

CALENDAR

Apr 19: Deborah Moffat – The Arc

Apr 26: Gail & John Urso, Founders of Kevin's Song

May 03: Jay Lytle, Urban Science