

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Invocation: Richard Yeager-Stiver

GUESTS

None.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Johann Finkelmeier, 3 years.
 Richard O'Neill, 4 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Vince Van Tiem
 -- Dave Colton and Kim Towar met up with their first exchange student, Daniel Vega, in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. He is now an orthodontist, with three children.
 -- Congratulations to Fiona Lacroix for receiving a Good Citizens Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution.
 -- Steve and Sharon McMillan celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary simply, with a home cooked meal, fresh-cut flowers, and an evening walk. Congratulations.
 -- Per Richard Yeager-Stiver, District 6400 Peace Chain Awards were presented to Mill Hurley for the Moross Greenway Project and to GP Congregational Church for feeding the hungry. They were nominated by the GP Sunrise Club

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

SUNSHINE NEWS

Steve McMillan
 -- No news.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Thank you to all who participated in the Moross Greenway clean-up this past Saturday.
 -- The North and South Interact Clubs have a snack packing event at 3:20pm on 4/27 at GP South. All are invited to help.
 -- Earth Day shoreline clean-up at the Ford Estate beginning at 10:00am on 4/22 (Friday). Being a weekday, please recruit volunteers.
 -- The community service committee will be meeting at 10:00am, on 5/7, at Bob Lucas's office (83 Kercheval, GPF).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- There is a fellowship happy hour at Atwater in the Park on 4/20 at 5:30pm. Jessica Keyser sent out an e-mail with a link to sign up.
 -- Fellowship events are scheduled the third Wednesdays of May (dinner at Whiskey Six) and June (Passing of the Gavel). Mark your calendars.
 -- The District Conference will have Canadian and American hospitality suites with Kim Towar and Dave Colton hosting the American one. They are looking for donations of USA/Detroit decorations (to be returned) and financial donations are also welcomed.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Dr. Ricardo Gazel, Economist --
 Adapting Throughout life

Dr. Gazel, the father of Nina Gazel, has worn many hats. His personal and work life have taken him to many different careers in locations around the world. Growing up in a small town in the northeastern part of Brazil without electricity and indoor plumbing, Dr. Gazel's dad, a dentist without a university

education, would read the classics out loud to his children every night. At age 11, he moved to the capitol to further his education, having to adapt to a new environment that included electricity, indoor plumbing, and learning how to take a bus to school.

After receiving a B.A. in Economics from University of Minas Gerais, Brazil, Dr. Gazel worked in the Amazon for a year, where he met his future wife, Chris Horak. He soon followed her to the United States not knowing how to speak English. He adapted to this challenge by learning through watching multiple episodes of Sesame Street and eventually received a M.A. and a Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Illinois.

Dr. Gazel then taught at the University of Nevada Las Vegas and has held positions at the Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City, the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington D.C., and the World Bank in Angola and Mozambique. Each move required adapting to new cultures, going from the conservativeness of Kansas City to the cosmopolitan nature of Maryland, to the poverty in Africa. For the past few years, he has had many ventures in Brazil.

With the upcoming birth of Nina's baby in June, Dr. Gazel is looking forward to receiving his "highest degree" – first-time grandfather.

CALENDAR

May 04: Beth Vernon & Carolyn Gross – Choir One Voice: A Choir for Young Women.