

# ROTARpinte

News & Information from the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe

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## OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: President Gary

Invocation: Steve McMillan

## GUESTS

Scott Matthews, guest of Richard O'Neill. Matthew Pingel, guest of John Mozena. Thomas Van Tiem, guest of Vince Van Tiem.

## VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

## BIRTHDAYS

Neil Sroka (4/17), Ted Hadgis (4/16), Jim Everett (4/16), Mike Carmody, (4/17), and John Sheoris (4/18).

## ANNIVERSARIES

Richard O'Neill, 1 year. Michelle Roberts, 8 years. Richard Ferrara, 26 years.

## ROVING REPORTER

Lisa Gandelot

-- Richard Yeager-Stiver says that construction has begun on the GP Congregational Church renovations and that all donations are welcomed.  
 -- Gary Niehaus was on WDET radio with Stephen Henderson to talk about the state of the GP School District.  
 -- It is Mike Carmody's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday today! Kim Towar and Dave Colton brought a cake to celebrate.  
 -- Kim and Dave were recently in Chicago visiting with Rotarians who were in charge when Kim was District Governor. They will also be visited in August by Prissy Calderon, a 2012-13 Ecuadorian exchange student with our Club.  
 -- The Grunyons (with Phil MacKethan) will be performing its Spring Concert at 7:30 PM on 4/25 at the Birmingham Unitarian Church.

It's free and all are welcome.

-- Johann Finkelmeier viewed GP from his plane as he flew over Lake St. Clair today.

-- The rescheduled progressive dinner will take place on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars.

## SUNSHINE NEWS

-- No report.

## OIL CAN

-- Phil MacKethan passed it to Irena Politano for her involvement in the Club. After joining in 2018, she is already serving on the fundraising committee and will be a Club Board member next year.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Thank you to all who volunteered at Forgotten Harvest on 4/13.

-- Defer Elementary gardening and weeding from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 on 4/27. Any questions, please contact Dick Allison.

-- Upcoming fundraising walks: (1) Out of the Darkness Walk for mental health at 10:00 AM on 5/5 at GP North. (2) CROP Hunger Walk at 12:00 PM on 5/11 at GP United Methodist Church.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The Cruise for a Cause fundraiser will take place on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Invitations to members only will go out next week to register by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

-- GP Rotary is re-establishing its involvement with the GP Library tool collection. \$1,000 was donated, with future donations in the works, and each tool will be affixed with a GP Rotary/GP Library label.

-- Fellowship Dinner: Coopers Hawk in Clinton Twp. on 4/18. RSVP to Bill Scott before noon on the 18th.

-- 20 Euchre players will be trying to win the prizes purchased by Liz Vogel immediately after this meeting.  
 -- Club Board meeting at 7:30 AM on 4/18 at the Farms Pier.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Ernestine Lyons – Harper Woods Soup

Harper Woods Soup is a spin off from Detroit Soup which was founded 5 years ago as a micro-granting dinner celebrating creative projects. The concept – people make a \$5 donation to listen to four individuals make a four minute pitch of a business idea and then ask questions. They then vote on the best idea while enjoying donated soup, salads, and other foods and there is typically entertainment. The winner takes home the donated money and then reports on his/her progress at the next event.

The inaugural Harper Woods Soup takes place on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Eastland Center (Burlington). The hope is to conduct one on a quarterly basis. [www.harperwoodssoup.com](http://www.harperwoodssoup.com).

## FLOWER RAFFLE

\$318 in the pot with \$159 going to the winner. Gary Niehaus didn't have to go far to pick a card but couldn't find the joker. Thank you to Charvat The Florist for the beautiful flower arrangement.

## CALENDAR

Apr 24: No meeting.

May 01: Chris Walker & Elain Weeks – 5,000 Ways to Know You're From Detroit