

## OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: President Bob

Invocation: Judy Masserang

## GUESTS

None.

## VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

## BIRTHDAYS

John Minnis (4/26).

## ANNIVERSARIES

Joe Fikany, 37 years. Mark Weber, 28 years. Fred Ollison, 51 years.

## ROVING REPORTER

Susan Mozena

-- In a hot housing market, Paul Rentenbach's daughter, Erin, outbid 14 others on a Corktown home.

-- Steve and Sharon McMillan celebrated their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with the practical gift of a chainsaw for their cottage. Steve saws and Sharon moves the logs with a cant hook.

-- The Ford House's Mark Heppner thanked the volunteers who participated in the property clean up this past Saturday.

-- Sad news reported by Jackie Dale that frequent visitor (and potential member) Diane Simmons's son passed away recently. Our prayers are with her.

-- Congratulations to Ted Everingham on being elected president of the Albion College Alumni Board.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Judy Masserang is hoping for an uptick on food donations at the GP Memorial Church Food Drive from 10:00AM to 11:00AM on May 1.

-- Diane Strickler thanked all who participated in the Great Lakes Watershed Clean-up on 4/17. It was a great turnout of Rotarians, Interact students, WSU Rotaract students, and Boy Scouts.

-- Brilliant Detroit Book Collection. Over 100 books donated so far, and donations can continue to be made through the end of May at the homes of Diane Strickler, Jessica Keyser, or Lisa Gandelot. Money donations can be made on our website.

## OIL CAN

-- Suzanne Klein passed it to Mark Weber for making a major investment in our future in his work as the scholarship committee chair.

## SUNSHINE NEWS

-- No news.

## PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

-- Congratulations to Roger Hull (PH+7) and Mark Wilson (PH+6) for their service to the Club and their continued financial commitment to Rotary International.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Virtual District Conference: 7:00PM to 8:30PM on May 4 & 5.

Register at [www.rotary6440.org](http://www.rotary6440.org). No Club meeting on 5/5.

-- Fundraising Appeal. 43 members have donated just under \$18,000. The Appeal will remain open until June 30.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Todd Scott, Executive Director of the Detroit Greenways Coalition.

The Coalition's vision is for a strong, healthy, vibrant City of Detroit and region where a seamless

network of greenways, green spaces, blueways, and complete streets is an integral part of people's active lifestyle including day-to-day transportation and recreation. It was able to sell this vision to the city with the improved health of its population and the resulting economic development. The data has helped convince Mayor Duggan

There are over 250 miles of bike lanes, routes, and trails in Detroit. Mr. Scott talked about bike lanes on Jefferson and Livernois and how the Livernois lanes have brought traffic speeds back to posted limits and expanded traffic for local businesses. There is a grant request being sought to completely renovate Jefferson, making the lanes more permanent.

Greenways have been greatly expanded. They include RiverWalk, the Dequindre Cut, Southwest, Joseph Campau, and Joe Louis. The Joe Louis Greenway will extend the Dequindre Cut to an over 27-mile loop around the city. The hope is for all of these greenways to continue and/or expand on their construction in 2021.

The Coalition has also been instrumental in allowing for bike and foot traffic on the Gordie Howe Bridge and for the building of a bike trail between the road and the water on Belle Isle. To learn more, go to [www.detroitgreenways.org](http://www.detroitgreenways.org).

## CALENDAR

Apr 28: Eric Oberg – Rails-to-Trails

May 05: No meeting