

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Judy Masserang

GUESTS

None.

VISITING ROTARIANS

Doug Horst, Buckhead, GA Club.

BIRTHDAYS

John Minnis (4/26) and Ron Vitale (4/29).

ANNIVERSARIES

Steve McMillan, 35 years. Dino Valente, 37 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Jackie Dale

-- Julie Jorgensen's daughter has started her first post-college job as a Kent County, MI dispatcher. Congratulations!

-- Doing research for the meeting's topic, Jackie provided a list of famous people who have committed suicide or who have gone public with their mental disorder to show how prevalent both are in society.

OIL CAN

Postponed.

SUNSHINE NEWS

Jackie Dale, with good news.

-- John Maliszewski's wife, Carrie, is out of the hospital, after two months, and they are making plans to return to Grosse Pointe.

-- Gary Niehaus is still taking oral antibiotics to battle his virus, but his stamina has greatly improved and hopes to be golfing in two months.

-- Steve Cornillie's nephew, Henry, is out of the NICU and his feeding

tube has been removed. The hope is to bring him home soon.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

-- Dio Rockers has recently moved to Grosse Pointe and is looking to become involved in the community. He is a retired widower with a love of travelling, having been to all 50 states and 35 countries. Please make him feel welcome.

CLUB SURVEY OVERVIEW

-- Ted Coutilish provided a broad overview of the club survey. A link to see the results and analysis was emailed by President Mark on 4/25. Please take the time to view the work. Thank you for your hard work, Ted.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Volunteers are needed for Forgotten Harvest from 1:00pm to 4:00pm this Saturday, 4/29. Please contact Paul Rentenbach if you would like to help.

-- Food Drive at Memorial Church. The next food drive for the Second Mile Center will take place from 10:00am – 11:00am on 5/13.

-- Second Mile Center spring clean-up. This will take place from 9:00am-11:00am on 5/20.

-- Volunteers will be needed to help register at the MI Humane Society Mutt March as the Ford House on 6/3. Details to follow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Lisa Gandelot approached Trek Bicycles on Mack about providing bikes to the ARC, (last week's speaker). They will be reconditioning 4 and will put together a three-wheeler that Club members purchased on the spot for \$500.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Gail & John Urso, Founders of Kevin's Song

Kevin's Song was formed after the Ursos' 41-year-old son took his life in 2013. It's a charitable organization dedicated to generating public awareness about the causes of suicide, its prevalence in our society and possible preventive measures. Its mission is to empower communities to prevent suicide and offer hope and healing to survivors.

It's important to recognize the factors of those possibly contemplating taking their life. Do they feel like a burden, are they isolating themselves, and do they have the commitment to carry it through? Don't be afraid to ask "are you thinking of suicide?" as a planting of the idea in the person's head but knowing that are exposing a possible secret.

Suicide is a public health crisis with a far-reaching impact, as each one affects at least 100 people. The organization's ultimate vision is to have a world without suicide.

www.kevinssong.org

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$88 in the pot. Judy Masserang purchased the winning ticket but was unable to find the joker.

CALENDAR

May 03: Kim Towar: "Rotary – Doing Good in the World"

May 10: Mary Butler-Moore, Forgotten Harvest