

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Invocation: Steve McMillan

GUESTS

None.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

None.

ROVING REPORTER

John Mozena
 -- Phil MacKethan will be heading to Maine this weekend to participate in the 75th annual Spring Sing. His a Capella group, The Grunyons, have attended 74 of them.
 -- John and Susan Mozena's daughter, Beth (and family), spent 10 days travelling in Europe and, while in France, stayed at the home of 1980s exchange student, Jerome Dinocheau.
 -- Jon Gandelot recently enjoyed being a spectator all four days of the Masters in Augusta, GA.
 -- John described Dick Dunlop's funeral as special and one of the best he's attended. Our thoughts and prayers are with Connie.
 -- Welcome back to Ron Vitale after his winter absence.
 -- From information gathered in the Rotary Magazine, John provided a history of Rotary in Ukraine.

SUNSHINE NEWS

Steve McMillan
 -- Although Fred Ollison was unable to attend the meeting, he has started to exercise again. This is great news.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Fiona Lacroix, her father, and Jackie Dale joined the Ford Estate staff cleaning up its shoreline. Be sure to look for pictures on the Club's Facebook page.
 -- After school today, the North and South Interact Clubs packed 100 lunches, along with kindness notes, for the homeless.
 -- The community service committee will be meeting at 10:00am, on 5/7, at Bob Lucas's office (83 Kercheval, GPF).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Six students from North and six from South have been nominated by counselors for Sladen Scholarships. Mark Weber will attend the awards ceremonies at both high schools to present them.
 -- Kim Towar and Dave Colton will be hosting the American hospitality suite at the District Conference and are looking for donations of USA/Detroit decorations (to be returned) and financial donations. This is a really fun part of the conference so please help if you can.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Jessica Keyser – Library Reimagined Update. In 2017, the GPPL engaged in a strategic planning process with a mission to expand learning, inspire creativity, and connect our community. One of its key initiatives was to complete a capital and space needs assessment.

In 2019, there was a capital planning assessment with eight key recommendations for the Central

Branch. They included preserving its historical value, utilizing the outdoor space, adding an elevator to better use the second floor, and providing more meeting space. Construction soon began at all three branches, focusing on the Ewald Branch, and phase 1 was completed in 2020.

Phase 2 is currently underway with construction starting at the Woods Branch in late 2021. When completed, there will be a new service desk, a first-floor lounge, and a maker (technology) space in the lower level. Construction at the Central Branch will begin in June with an addition being built. The work will include an expanded children's area, an elevator, and a drive-through pick up window. The branch will be closed until September 2023 with an annex being set up at the Northern Trust building in the Hill.

Jessica sees the future of the library as being a place where the community meets and where there is social discourse. Even with all of today's technology, she doesn't see its importance fading.

The GPPL is hosting an Author Event with Andrey Kurkov, a Ukrainian author, at 7:00PM on 5/11, at the GP Unitarian Church. You can register at www.grossepointelibrary.org.

CALENDAR

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

May 11: Carolyn Cassin – Michigan Women Forward