

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: President Bob

Invocation: With India in mind, Susan

Mozena gave the invocation.

GUESTS

Jennifer Kricks

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Ron Vitale (4/29).

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Everett, 37. Susan Mozena, 6 years.

ROVING REPORTER

John Mozena

-- Dick Allison will be discussing (virtually) his latest book, Pacific War Stories, from 7:00PM – 9:00PM on 4/29. You can register on the GP Public Library's website calendar.

-- A slow news day, John came armed with interesting tidbits, statistics, and jokes.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- GP Memorial Church Food Drive from 10:00AM to 11:00AM on May 1, this Saturday. Items to purchase are in Judy's Monday e-mail. Powdered milk is not on the list but is needed.

-- Brilliant Detroit Book Collection. Lisa Gandelot requested that everyone e-mail 5 friends and ask that they donate new (or like new) books. They can be dropped off at the homes of Diane Strickler or Jessica Keyser. Financial donations are also accepted.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- Steve McMillan, half-way through his treatment, and Murray Davis are both doing well in their cancer battles.

-- Ted Everingham fell off a ladder but is doing fine. Please keep in your thoughts for the next few days. He has thrown the ladder away.

OIL CAN

-- Mark Weber passed it to Vince Van Tiem for always putting service above self and for making us laugh at our weekly meetings.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

-- Beth Konrad is the head of Konrad Communications and a GP Farms City Councilperson. Besides an impressive list of past and current designations, she is also the spouse of Club member, Frank Wilberding.

-- Cindy Eggleton is the CEO of Brilliant Detroit and a resident of Pleasant Ridge. Cindy chose to join after sitting in on a few meetings, including her presentation, and seeing all of the good that the Club does and the camaraderie of the members.

-- Please make both feel welcome, especially when in-person meetings become the norm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The Virtual District Conference takes place next Tuesday and Wednesday, May 4 & 5, from 7:00PM to 8:30PM. Register at www.rotary6440.org. There will be no Club meeting on 5/5.

-- Fundraising Appeal. Over \$18,000 raised so far. The Appeal will remain open until June 30th.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Eric Oberg, Director of Trail Development at Rails-To-Trails Conservancy.

The Rails-To-Trails Conservancy's mission is to build a nation connected by trails, reimagining public spaces to create safe ways for everyone to walk,

bike, and be active outdoors. Since 1986, it has worked to bring the power of trails to communities and there are now more than 40,000 miles across the country.

As an advocacy group, it works with states and the federal government to include trails and greenways in their budgeting. The organization has expanded its role from simply promoting individual trails to having states collaborate and build comprehensive trail systems.

Three main components of this organization are: 1) the Great American Rail-Trail that would cover 3,700 miles, connecting Washington DC to the State of Washington and is over 50% complete; 2) Trail Nation, which brings to life their vision of trails at the heart of healthy, thriving communities; and 3) TrailLink, which, on your desktop or through an app, can help find trails around the country. Links to all three can be found on www.railstotrails.org.

There is an inherent legacy in trails, one that honors the past, enriches the present, and provides a gift to the future.

CALENDAR

May 05: No meeting

May 12: Dez Squire, LLMSW, JD – Race2Equity Initiative