

## OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: President Judy

Invocation: Steve McMillan

## GUESTS

None.

## VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

## BIRTHDAYS

Ron Vitale (4/29) and Roger Hull (5/3).

## ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Everett, 36 years. Susan Mozena, 5 years. Dean Valente, 34 years.

## ROVING REPORTER

Liz Vogel

-- Paige Neihaus's, daughter, Abbie, just completed her nursing program at Marian University in Nashville and will be attending a virtual nursing pinning ceremony on Thursday. Congratulations.

-- Judy Masserang's mom's stimulus check was automatically deposited into her bank account. This led Judy to wonder about our government's efficiency as her mom passed away last September.

-- George McMullen's chemo treatment is 3 days on and 2 ½ weeks off. With Julie Baumer as his dietician, George has gained 10lbs this month. That's great news!

-- Roger Hull is close to completing a 1,500-piece puzzle. Any dissectologists (which Liz says is the term for jigsaw puzzle lovers) interested in a 1,000+ piece puzzle exchange, let Roger know.

## OIL CAN

-- John Minnis praised George McMullen's courage and dignity, as evidenced in his cancer battle

presentation. He then passed the oil can to Julie Baumer for her "strength" in caring for George.

## SUNSHINE NEWS

-- Good news as Liz Vogel's grandmother's coronavirus is still asymptomatic and Jon and Lisa Gandelot's son, Michael, has recovered.

-- Paul Rentenbach is in the hospital after having a defibrillator installed and plans to be home tomorrow.

All are in our thoughts and prayers.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- No report.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- None.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Laurie Smolenski, the Outreach and Development Officer at the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP).

A former Grosse Pointer, Laurie's Rotary background is extensive, as her parents hosted 17 exchange students and she was an exchange student herself. She has since received a Master of Arts in Peace and Conflict Resolution from the University of Queensland in Australia as a Rotary Peace Fellow and a Master of Arts in International Relations from the Autonomous University of Madrid in Spain as a Rotary Global Grant recipient.

The IEP is a global think tank that uses data to better understand and communicate the drivers of peace. Laurie is responsible for managing IEP's partnership with Rotary International, disseminating IEP's research through diverse public

channels, and supporting IEP's educational programming.

The IEP's Global Peace Index is an annual measuring tool at the global and national levels. The index allows it to assess the social, political, and economic factors that create peace. The IEP also produces the Positive Peace Report that studies the factors – attitudes (social views), institutions (governments), and structures (equal distribution of resources) -- that sustain peace.

Analyzing these factors, there are 8 pillars: a well-functioning government, equal distribution of resources, the free flow of information, good relations with neighbors, high levels of human capital, acceptance of the rights of others, low levels of corruption, and a sound business environment. The IEP is partnering with Rotary to be proactive in bringing balance to these pillars. In doing so, they are training "activators", both young and old, to help bring peace to communities. The goal is to train 150 people, in 6 regions, to initiate 1,000 projects by 2024.

For a deep dive into the numbers, go to [www.economicsandpeace.org](http://www.economicsandpeace.org).

## FLOWER RAFFLE

Postponed.

## CALENDAR

Apr 29: Lena & Bettina Gaechter: How is Switzerland handling Covid-19? (go to Up and Coming Speakers on the website for a great summary).