

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Steve McMillan

GUESTS

Mary Mobley, guest of Judy Masserang.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Cissie Cappola (4/1) and Jessica Keyser (4/7).

ANNIVERSARIES

John Dewald, 36 years. Rick Ferrara, 29 years. Joe Fikany, 38 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Vince Van Tiem

-- Slow news day so Vince discussed some of the videos he has checked out of the library and a few books he has read (some pop-up), including Life is Messy, which resonated with him.

OIL CAN

-- Jon Gandelot give it to Fred Ollison for all that he has done for the club, including his work as a Roving Reporter. He compared him to Miggy at the plate with men on base as there is always a chance of a home run story when Fred's at the lectern.

SUNSHINE NEWS

Steve McMillan

-- Fred Ollison sent a thank you email to President Liz for the flowers and cards that he has received. He looks forward to being able to attend a meeting in person.

-- Bill Scott's wife, Jackie, has to undergo double knee replacement surgery soon and recently took a fall, injuring her face. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

-- There will be a memorial service for Dick Dunlap at 11:00am on April 23 at GP Memorial Church. (Per an email from Tom Youngblood).

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Diane Strickler thanked everyone who took part in the Food Drive at GP Memorial Church last Saturday. The collection vehicles were packed with food and clothing.

-- Moross Greenway Community Clean-up, this Saturday, 4/9, from 9:00-12:00. Meet at the Love Rising Lutheran Church (corner of Moross & Chester). Bring gloves and dress for the weather.

-- Mark your calendar for an Earth Day project the morning of 4/22. Details to follow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Sofia Farah – Global Partners in Peace. Ms. Farah is a member (and Rotary foundation chair) of a new club, chartered in February 2022, called the Club of Global Partners in Peace. It is based in District 7730 out of North Carolina and started with 27 members from 18 countries. It consists of peace practitioners and Rotary Peace Fellow alumni mobilizing at all levels – in local communities, on national programs, and at global policy tables.

Rotary has a long history of peacebuilding, doing so since before WWI. This club's vision is to create

community as a place of support, comfort, learning, and safety and its goal is to partner in Rotary to amplify peacebuilding around the world.

As a new club, it is trying to build a solid foundation where different time zones and access to resources don't prevent anyone from taking part. Ms. Farah shared a video where members from around the world gave their vision as to how to build peace. This included Laurie Smolenski, a former Grosse Pointer, who has a rich Rotary history.

rotaryglobalpartnersinpeace.org

Ms. Farah is the executive Director at the American Federation of Ramallah, Palestine. The organization's goal is to connect Ramallites across the country and educate the American public about the rich Palestinian culture. She was born and raised in Chile to a Palestinian father and Spanish mother. Her family has always fought for human rights, which led her to a Masters in global studies at the University of North Carolina, where she also received a Certificate in International Peace and Conflict Resolution.

CALENDAR

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

May 11: Carolyn Cassin – Michigan Women Forward