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OPENING

Time: 6:00

Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation: Susan Mozena

GUESTS

Jackie Dale's mother, Barb. Alex Beauchamp.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Jessica Keyser (4/7), Neil Sroka (4/14), and Mike Hollerbach, 4/15).

ANNIVERSARIES

Johann Finkelmeier, 6 years. Paul Rentenbach, 20 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Johann Finkelmeier

- -- Mark and Holly Cory travelled to the Dominic Republic with members of GP Memorial Church to spend a week building a Habitat for Humanity house. Kudos!
- -- John and Susan Mozena just returned from an extensive trip through Pennsylvania, many southeastern states, and Louisiana.
- -- Congratulations to Beth Konrad-Wilberding and Frank Wilberding who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

OIL CAN

Sandy MacMechan passed it on to our intern, Julia Roeder, for her creativity and dedication this past year.

SUNSHINE NEWS

Jackie Dale No news.

ROTARY BUSINESS

- -- The next Club Board meeting will be via Zoom at 5:00 pm on 4/17 Contact President Neil if you would like to attend.
- -- Rotary Garage Sale. Mark your calendar for our 2nd annual garage sale at Dino Valente's home from 8/14 to 8/17. Consider making donations and helping on those days.
- -- On 5/8, J McLaughin in the Village will donate 10% of all purchases to our Rotary Foundation.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Volunteer Opportunities

- -- Moross Greenway Clean-up. This volunteer event takes place at 9:00 am this Saturday, 4/12. Contact Roger Hull with any questions.
- -- The Second Mile Center spring clean-up will take place at 9:00 am on 5/3.
- -- Mutt March on 5/17 at the Ford House. Please contact Bob Lucas if you would like to help.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- -- Next week's speaker is Alex Allen, President & CEO of the Chandler Park Conservancy, who will talk about all of the great things happening at Chandler Park, such as outdoor sports venues and stormwater systems to community gardens and environmental education.
- -- Lunch Bunch: Noon on Friday at Alma Kitchen. Please RSVP Mike Carmody by 11:00 am that morning.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Diallo Smith, CEO of Life Remodeled.

Life Remodeled was formed in 2010 to help rebuild Detroit neighborhoods by constructing homes and this progressed to the purchasing of Durfee Elementary School and transforming it into the Durfee Innovation Society. The Society's tenants consist of nonprofits that provide youth programs, workforce development, and human services and the organization helps them collaborate and create far greater life transformation together than was previously possible alone.

In 2023, Life Remodeled purchased the former Dominican High School to renovate and repurpose into its next Opportunity Hub. The project, called Anchor Detroit, began construction in the summer of 2024 and is set to open this fall. It's projected, along with a yet to be built technology center, to serve 18,000 Detroiters annually through afterschool programs, workforce development, health & wellness, tech, arts & culture.

This year's Six Day Project, 9/29 to 10/4, will be cleaning up the neighborhood surrounding Anchor Detroit. www.liferemodeled.org.

MEETING RAFFLE

\$294 in the pot. Cissie Cappola purchased the winning ticket but did not pick the joker.

CALENDAR

Apr 16: Alex Allen -- President & CEO of the Chandler Park Conservancy

Apr 23: Mary Howlett – Detroit Riverfront Conservancy

Apr 30: Tracey Webb – Founder of We Fixin' To Fish